

## Grove Veterinary Centre Client Information Sheet on long term drug dispensing and patient monitoring

### Felimazole® or Vidalta®

#### Introduction

Your cat has been prescribed Felimazole® or Vidalta® to treat the endocrine (hormonal) condition Feline Hyperthyroidism. It is intended that this medicine or an equivalent will be used for an extended period.

This information sheet will detail the minimum level of examination needed to allow us to continue to dispense the drug safely.

#### Using the drug

Please read any leaflets we may have given you about the condition we are treating and following dosage instructions carefully. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns about the effectiveness of the medication or any ill-effects your cat may experience.

**Side effects can include loss of appetite and vomiting. Do not hesitate to contact the surgery if these or any other effects occur.**

#### Dispensing Quantities

Dispensing quantities are at the discretion of the supervising veterinary surgeon. A maximum of THREE month's tablets will be dispensed at any time.

#### Examination

To meet legal and clinical obligations, one of our vets needs to see your cat at least every THREE months. **We may not be able to dispense any further medication if this period has been exceeded.**

#### Blood testing

To ensure that your pet's health is not compromised during the treatment we will need to test your cat's blood every THREE months after starting the medication. At each appointment we will also monitor the level of the medication using a blood test the same as that used in diagnosing the condition. If dose is changed this level will also be measured 4 weeks after the dose change. **We may not be able to dispense any further medication if this period is exceeded.**

When you are coming for any blood test, please starve your cat for twelve hours prior to the test unless we indicate otherwise but give medication as normal that day.

#### Other investigations or diagnostic tests

Provided there is a good clinical response and no ill effects there are no other investigations that would be required on a regular basis.