

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

Heart Disease Medications

Introduction

Your pet has been prescribed one or more medications to treat a heart disorder. 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 pet 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 pet 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 pet's blood THREE months after starting the medication and thereafter every TWELVE months. **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 pet for twelve hours prior to the test unless we indicate otherwise.

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. Repeat xrays or ultrasound may be indicated if there is evidence of a deterioration.