

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

### **Blood pressure medication**

#### Introduction

Your pet has been prescribed one or more medications to treat hypertension (raised blood pressure). This may be part of another disease process eg heart or kidney disease. 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.

#### 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

Regular blood testing is not required when using these medications although your pet may require blood tests for other concurrent medications.

#### Other investigations or diagnostic tests

Blood pressure should be measured every THREE months whilst under treatment and more frequently if dosage is altered. This will usually require your pet to be admitted for the morning as several readings are taken over a period of time. Please give medication as normal on the morning of the tests. Starvation is not required prior to blood pressure measurement.