



# SEADOWN

VETERINARY GROUP



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## Video Endoscopy

We have a Karl Storz video endoscope with flexible and rigid scopes. An endoscope is a tiny camera which can be used to view usually inaccessible areas of the body such as the nose, throat, stomach and joints. It is most commonly used in dogs, cats and horses.

These images are projected onto a television screen in real time, allowing the vet to make a full assessment of the area of interest. Endoscopy is a minimally invasive procedure, meaning any incisions required are usually small and recovery is generally quicker than with more traditional surgical techniques.



However general anaesthesia or sedation is usually necessary because the patient must be still and sterility maintained. It is also possible to obtain biopsies, retrieve foreign bodies and carry out some surgical procedures with an endoscope. The endoscope is an expensive, delicate piece of equipment, requiring specialist cleaning between every use and regular maintenance.

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