

# SURGERY



SEADOWN  
VETERINARY SERVICES



Our vets have a wide variety of surgical knowledge and experience. We are a fully equipped hospital, with 2 air-conditioned operating theatres with piped-gas. Digital xrays, ultrasound and endoscopy, together with pre-operative blood tests allow for preparation of surgical cases.

The main theatre is equipped with an air drill and ASIF kit for external / internal fixation of fractures, plus cupboards full of specialised orthopaedic tools and soft tissue instruments ...all labelled so as to be easily located in an emergency.

Vets attend CPD courses to learn new soft tissue and orthopaedic surgery techniques. We are able to treat dogs, cats, ferrets, rabbits, guinea-pigs and other small furries, birds, tortoises ... and other exotics!

#### Examples of soft tissue surgeries:

TECA (total ear canal ablation), laryngeal tie-back, BAOS (brachycephalic airway obstruction syndrome, soft palate and nose), intra-thoracic surgery, skin grafts, nephrectomy, intestinal foreign body removal, liver biopsy, exploratory laparotomy, urogenital surgery (eg. colposuspension) and routine neutering. Many "lumps" in older animals can be removed under local anaesthetic.

#### Examples of orthopaedic surgeries:

Fracture fixation, spinal surgery\*, patella luxation, cruciate ligament repair and excision arthroplasty (for hip dislocation / arthritis).

\*We are happy to liaise with specialists and offer referral where indicated, particularly in spinal cases, or if requested by an owner.

A modern dental machine is used to descale and polish / extract teeth in cats and dogs under anaesthetic.

Surgical procedures are performed under strict sterile conditions: surgeons and nurses wear scrub suits and shoes, gowns, gloves, hats. Animals are closely monitored during and after all surgeries.

The injectable / gas anaesthetics and sedatives we use are similar to those used in human medicine.

All patients are given pain relief (analgesia).

We treat your pets as if they were our own, providing close monitoring and comfort for them.



Delivering first-class veterinary care to the New Forest since 1923