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**Your vet has referred you to see one of the cardiologists at
Southern Counties Veterinary Specialists**

Meet the cardiology team.....

Stephen Collins BVetMed CertVC MRCVS

Stephen qualified from the Royal Veterinary College in 1991 and has worked for many years in mixed and small animal practice. He gained his RCVS Cardiology Certificate in 1997 and is currently working towards RCVS Diploma in Veterinary Cardiology. Stephen is one of the Directors at Southern Counties Veterinary Specialists.

Stephen is a full time veterinary cardiologist. He has been taking local referrals for over twelve years and offers considerable experience in cardio-respiratory medicine and surgery.



Mark Patteson MA VetMB PhD DVC CertVR MRCVS

RCVS Specialist in Veterinary Cardiology

Mark is a nationally and internationally recognised specialist in Cardiology. He obtained his RCVS Diploma in Veterinary Cardiology in 1991 and a PhD for his work in equine cardiology in 1993. Since then, Mark has worked in referral practice as a RCVS Recognised Specialist in Veterinary Cardiology. He works with Southern Counties Veterinary Specialists as a consultant.



Jo Pearce BVSc CertVC MRCVS

Jo qualified from University of Bristol in 2000 and joined the referral team as a Cardiology Resident in March 2007. Jo recently gained her RCVS Certificate in Cardiology (with VCS prize for highest examination marks). Jo now works as a full time cardiologist covering clinics at SCVS, Exeter and Gloucestershire.



We have a very strong team of nurses, who assist the Cardiologists. Jo Blanchard leads the team. She holds the Royal Veterinary College veterinary nursing degree, having graduated with honours in July 2006. She is currently working towards her veterinary nursing diploma.



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You will find enclosed:

- Directions to find Southern Counties Veterinary Specialists
- A price list of typical charges for the cardiology service
- A referral client agreement (*which you must sign and return on the day*).

We would ask that you do not feed your pet after 10.00 pm the evening before your appointment, but please do give any current medication and water as normal (even if that means medicating on the morning of the appointment). Please let us know if your pet is taking steroid medication.

We are always very grateful if you can arrive a few minutes early to allow your pet to be registered and weighed.

Please remember to bring any referral letters, x-rays, ECGs, blood test results etc. that your vet may have supplied you with. A urine sample from your pet is always useful if you can get one, either the night before or the morning of your appointment.

After your consultation your pet will usually be admitted for diagnostic investigation. Animals are usually discharged between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm. at which time the cardiologist will discuss the diagnosis, prognosis and treatment with you. Your own vet will receive a full written report detailing all findings.

There is often a waiting list for this referral service. If you are unable to keep your appointment for any reason then please contact our reception team who can re-arrange it for you.

We accept most methods of payment including Visa, Mastercard and Switch.
We respectfully ask for payment on the day of consultation please.

We look forward to seeing you soon.





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Guide to fees

It is difficult to provide an accurate estimate of cost before examining your pet and deciding what investigations will be required, but you may find the following guidelines useful.

Cardiac patients will almost always require echocardiography (ultrasound examination of the heart). You should anticipate a *minimum* cost therefore of approximately £410 - £465 including VAT, which would include consultation, echocardiography and sedation (if needed).

However patients with heart disease will typically need further tests such as blood pressure measurement, ECG (recording of the electrical activity of the heart), x-rays and blood tests.

Therefore a cardiac investigation will usually cost between £650 - £900 (including VAT).

All of the above tests are usually carried out on the same day as consultation.

More complex cases, for example collapsing animals, or patients with a long history of cough, will require additional tests such as 24 hour ECG or bronchoscopy.

Investigation of collapse can cost up to £1200 (including VAT).

Investigation of chronic coughing can cost up to £1400 (including VAT)

Occasionally we need to keep animals in overnight if they have had a general anaesthetic, but the large majority of our patients go home the same day.

If you require a more detailed estimate, then please contact us for advice.

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Insurance: Insurance companies usually will pay for all investigation and treatment. However, your insurance company will not discuss your policy with us, so it is your responsibility to check your pet is covered before he/she has treatment.

We regret that we are unable to settle directly with your insurance company, and will require our fees to be paid in full when you collect your pet.

Please bring a completed/signed claim form with you on the day, and we will undertake to complete and forward within 5 working days.

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From the East: Approach via M27 Southampton and then the A31.

- Go past the Picket Post underpass (with the Shell garages either side of the motorway).
- Continue down the hill and take the next slip road left signposted to **Poulner**.
- At the mini roundabout turn right and go over the motorway bridge.
- Take the next exit right (sign-posted for Southampton).
- Go straight over the next mini-roundabout and re-join the A31
- Continue approximately 500 yards up the hill and take the next slip road left (signposted to Hangersley, immediately after the Hotel on the left and just before In-Excess garden centre).
- Continue approximately 200 yards to the bottom of the hill and take the first right turn into Forest Corner Farm (small sign for SCVS on the fence).
- Go over 2 speed bumps and turn left where you will find our car park directly in front of you, with the entrance to reception on the left.

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From the North: Approach via the A338 from Salisbury.

- At the Ringwood roundabout take the 1st exit left onto the A31, signposted to Southampton.
- Continue approximately 1 mile up the hill (passing the Poulner exit) and take the next slip road left (signposted to Hangersley, immediately after the Hotel on the left and just before In-Excess garden centre).
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• **From the West:** Approach via the A31 from Dorset.

- Go past the Ringwood/ A338 junction to Salisbury / Fordingbridge travelling towards Southampton.
- After this junction continue approximately 1 mile up the hill (passing the Poulner exit) and take the next slip road left (signposted to Hangersley, immediately after the Hotel on the left and just before In-Excess garden centre).
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