

Dear Colleagues.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the radioactive referral service at our St Albans clinic. . We will soon be making some changes to our radioactive iodine service.

- **All** radioactive iodine treatment will be performed at our new practice in Riccarton/Ilam. We have four cages (compared with two at St Albans) for hospitalising I131 cats so will be able to accept more referrals and have shorter waiting times.
- The last I131 treatment will be given at St Albans on the 8th of June 2015. Any cats treated after this will be treated at Riccarton. We will contact owners to make them aware of the new arrangements.
- We still recommend that cats are stabilised medically prior to I131 treatment to fully assess renal function.
- I have attached a new referral form for veterinarians to fill in. Please use this when referring cases to us as well as sending through a full clinical history.

Please send these to the Riccarton clinic e-mail address: ri.counter@ourvets.co.nz marked for the attention of Sonia or Morna.

- If owners wish us to care for their cat after the initial 5-7 days hospitalisation then the cat can remain in the clinic for a further 2 weeks. This applies to owners who feel unable to follow the instructions in the client handout (attached). There will be an extra charge of \$24 per day.
- Our prices have not changed but as a reminder current pricing is as follows:
 - 80MBq dose (5 day stay) \$536.71
 - 100MBq dose (7 day stay) \$664.44
 - These prices include hospitalisation

If you have any other questions regarding the above or treatment, please call us on

03 348 4885 or e-mail ri.counter@ourvets.co.nz

Thank you.

Kind regards,

The team at OurVets Riccarton.