

Information: referral for management of CCUS (Canine Chronic Ulcerative Stomatitis)

**Price: £1430 (+£150 for histopathology if necessary) for initial assessment/surgery
(including VAT, February 2025)**



CCUS (Canine chronic ulcerative stomatitis) can be a frustrating condition to control. The exact cause is unknown, but it is thought to be an over-reaction of the dog's immune system to normal levels of plaque in the mouth (i.e. an 'allergic reaction' to their own plaque). Small sized, terrier breeds are more commonly affected, although Springer Spaniels, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Greyhounds, and Labrador Retrievers are also seen to have this condition.

Unfortunately, because this condition has no definitive cause there is no way to effectively prevent it from happening.

Note: This is a chronic condition that requires management for life, therefore it requires a lot of commitment and follow-up visits.

Managing Canine Chronic Gingivostomatitis:

- The first line treatment for this condition involves a thorough dental assessment under general anaesthetic, with possible tooth extractions.
- Rigorous home care and regular follow-up checks to assess the long-term response to treatment.
- Regular scale and polish under general anaesthetic.
- Medications: Some cases may require long-term medical management with immuno-modulatory medication.
- Please note that over time, dogs with this condition may require multiple additional dental procedures with/out extractions due to the nature of this chronic condition.



Patients fitting the criteria for CCUS, require a general anaesthetic and a thorough oral assessment which includes probing, charting, scaling and dental x-rays. Any teeth with advanced periodontitis require extraction, and **biopsies are taken** of lesions to rule out other autoimmune disorders, as these are treated differently.

For more information or to discuss this surgery in more detail with our dental veterinary surgeon, please contact us at the practice on 015394 88555 or visit the referrals section of our website at www.oakhillvetgroup.co.uk

What is included?

At Oakhill Vets we strive to ensure our surgeries are 'all inclusive' and so the initial assessment and surgery INCLUDES the following:

- Referral consultation
- Pre-anaesthetic blood screen
- General Anaesthesia
- Thorough oral assessment
- Biopsy and Histopathology (if not already done at referring vet practice)
- Intravenous fluids during the anaesthetic and surgery
- Dental x-rays
- Surgical extractions
- Hospitalisation (up to two nights total in the 24-hour pre/post-op period)
- Post-operative medication (for up to two weeks)
- Post-operative examinations for 2 follow-up appointments

Complications and what is not included?

Because this condition is lifelong, if there is any **long-term** medication required, this will not be included in the above price.

Post-operative complications are not common but are possible. While we endeavour to give you an up-front, all-inclusive estimate, when it comes to pets recovering from surgery there is unfortunately an element of unpredictability. Complications, which may incur additional costs include (but are not limited to):

- Tooth root fracture
- Post-operative wound breakdown
- Delayed haemorrhage
- Jaw fracture
- Nerve damage

Payment Options

Payment is expected in full at the time of consultation or upon discharge from Oakhill Vets. If your pet is insured, we would request that you pay for their treatment and claim the funds back from your insurance company. Once you have settled the cost of any treatment, we can help you complete your insurance claim form(s) at no additional charge. Direct claims may be arranged with some insurance companies and are subject to a check with our referral coordinators prior to your appointment. An administration fee is chargeable each time a direct claim is carried out by our referral coordinators.

Most insurance companies have exclusions for routine dental treatment; however many dental conditions have an underlying cause which may be claimable. Examples of these are: Immune-mediated disease such as FCGS and **CCUS**, accidental injury (e.g. fractures), odontoclastic resorptive lesions (sometimes called tooth resorption or FORLs), tumours, dentigerous cysts and persistent deciduous teeth. Always check with your insurance provider regarding what dental cover they provide.

If you have any questions about payment, then please contact us prior to your consultation.

Why choose Oakhill Veterinary Referrals?

Oakhill Vets is based in Windermere in the beautiful Lake District. We are happy to take referrals from clients further afield. Let our friendly, highly skilled and experienced team of Veterinary Surgeons and Registered Veterinary Nurses look after your pet while you relax and enjoy a short break in The Lakes. For more details, please phone the practice and speak to one of our helpful referral coordinators on 015394 88555.