

Information: Referral for Oronasal Fistula repair

Price: £1430 (including VAT, February 2025)

If an extraction site does not heal properly, sometimes animals can be left with a permanent hole where the tooth used to be in the upper jaw. This sometimes communicates with the nasal passages, which can cause chronic infection. These holes need to be surgically repaired, and depending on the size of the hole, can be quite challenging.

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



Dog with oronasal fistula

What is included?

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

- Referral Consultation
- Pre-anaesthetic blood screen (not deciduous tooth removal, this is optional)
- Hospitalisation (up to two nights total in the 24-hour pre/post-op period)
- Intravenous fluids during the anaesthetic and surgery
- General Anaesthesia
- Thorough oral assessment
- Dental x-rays
- Surgical treatment (fistula closure)
- Post-operative medication (for up to two weeks)
- Post-operative examinations for 2 follow-up appointments

Complications and what is not included?

Cases involving other pathologies of the gingiva, such as tumours, will need to be discussed prior to or during surgery (sometimes we cannot see a lesion in the mouth until the animal is anaesthetised). Our 'all inclusive' pricing does not include costs associated with biopsy/removal of lesions or laboratory fees (such as histopathology) which are often necessary if an oral mass is found.

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 (reformation of the fistula)
- Delayed haemorrhage
- Jaw fracture
- Nerve damage

With oronasal fistulae, because this is an area that has already undergone wound breakdown, it does increase the chances of further wound breakdown compared to the initial surgery.

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.