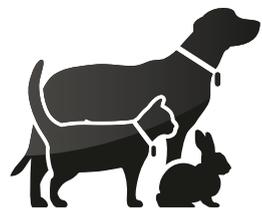


State-of-the-art technology comes to Blacks Vets, Dudley



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Dr Girish Thakral tells us how Blacks Vets are making further investment in first class care, with the addition of a new CT scanner.



When it comes to your pet's healthcare, the team at Blacks Vets are committed to providing a first-class service. We know that when we treat a pet, we look after a much-loved family member and their comfort and care is always our number one priority. We are therefore delighted to announce that from Summer this year, our Accredited Veterinary Hospital in Dudley, will be equipped with an on-site CT scanner, providing some of the latest imaging technology available today.

CT is an abbreviation of Computed Tomography and is ranked as one of the most significant medical diagnostic developments of the last 50 years. Whilst both X-ray and CT scanning take pictures of internal body structures, with X-ray, the structures overlap. CT scanning takes pictures using multiple planes to create a cross sectional effect which helps

vets easily identify different tissue types. In short, CT scanning provides far more detailed imagery than X-ray which makes diagnosis more accurate and reduces the need for exploratory surgery.

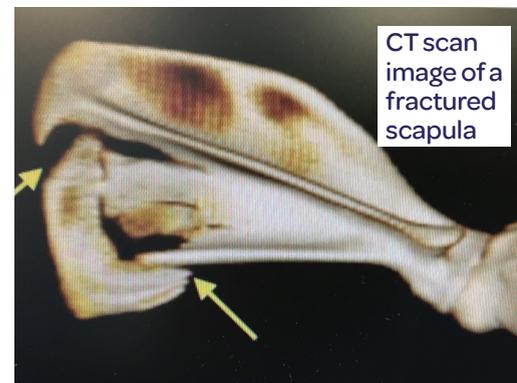


There are numerous benefits to having this technology on-site. Primarily, it means that pets can be scanned quickly and without the need to transport them to another site when they are unwell or injured. The process is also very effective at detecting subtle lesions and tumors which improves outcomes for serious diseases such as cancer.

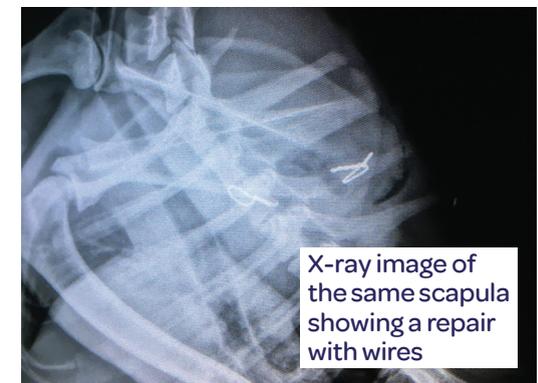
Orthopaedic procedures benefit enormously from CT scanning thanks to the heightened detail they provide which is often not as easy to detect with conventional X-ray. The process also lends itself well to cases where pets have swallowed

something they shouldn't have, making the identification and location of foreign bodies, easier to determine. When we can plan our surgical approach in advance through examination of clear imagery, we also minimise surgical time and risk.

We are pleased to confirm that we will also be accepting referrals from other practices, meaning that pets from across the region can benefit from having this facility within close proximity. Fast and informed diagnosis improves outcomes for all kinds of medical issues and we are extremely proud to be able to offer this service to Black Country pets.



CT scan image of a fractured scapula



X-ray image of the same scapula showing a repair with wires

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