



SERVICES WE OFFER:

Bronchoscopy

What is it?

Bronchoscopy is an examination of the major passages and structures of the animal's respiratory system using a piece of equipment known as a bronchoscope. It is a procedure used to investigate things such as persistent coughs, respiratory noise, suspected foreign bodies, tumours of the respiratory system.

The bronchoscope is made up of small glass fibres which transmit light. The scope is then attached to a camera which displays the image onto a monitor so that the veterinary surgeon can get a good view of your pet airways.

A small channel in the scope allows us to take small tissue samples during the procedure – these include washings, brushings and biopsies.

What is Involved?

Due to the invasive nature of the procedure it will involve your pet having a general anaesthetic and so this is a procedure where you will have to leave your pet with us.

Your pet will be admitted to the surgery and you will be asked to sign a consent form, the full details of which will all be explained to you at the time. We do not expect you to sign anything that you are not completely happy with.

Your pet will then be given a general anaesthetic and while he/she is anaesthetised the bronchoscope will be passed via the mouth into the trachea (wind pipe) and down into the passages of the lungs. During the examination we should be able to detect any problems, defects or abnormalities and take any samples that may be needed to help with further diagnosis.

Once the examination has been completed your pet will be brought around from the anaesthetic and returned to finish recovering in one of our kennels. You will be contacted with a time to collect your pet and discuss any findings with Sarah.



A bronchoscope.