

## Mobile MRI/CT Scanning Service: Preparing for your first visit

### Prior to arrival:

Please ensure the following actions have been completed before our first visit to your site (please tick):

- For the scanner to be positioned correctly please ensure the area where it will be sited is clear for ease of access and egress. Please note: the surrounding area must always be a sound surface to provide good access to the trailer.
- If we are connecting to your 3-phase power supply (Marechal connection) please ensure this has been installed and tested prior to our first visit.
- Access has been granted for Burgess Diagnostics staff to use the facilities.
- All staff who will be coming on board the scanner must complete and sign the 'MRI Safety Questionnaire' or read and sign the 'CT Site Staff – Local Rules', depending on modality. For both modalities staff are not deemed safe until the questionnaire has been checked and counter signed by a member of Burgess Diagnostics staff.
- Previously completed MRI safety questionnaires must be provided at the start of each scanning session.
- Please ensure you have set-up an account with your radiological reporting house at least 3 days prior to our first visit.
- Please ensure any MRI/CT contrast agents are ordered in readiness for the arrival of the scanner.

### What will happen during our site visits:

1. We will undertake an initial **Health & Safety Briefing** (approx. 1 hour) with your relevant practice staff and further briefings when required for new staff members.
2. Our mobile CT or MRI scanner and Burgess Diagnostics radiographer will arrive on-site and set-up ready for scanning (the scanner may arrive overnight).
3. An **oxygen cylinder** (size E or F) will need to be brought on board together with any other drugs which are required for the patient.
4. **Isflurane anaesthetic** will be needed on board, to top-up the supply as required.
5. A fully completed **Imaging Request Form** should be brought on board for each patient to be scanned during the day.
6. All scanners are equipped with mobile connectivity and patient scan images are sent electronically to an integrated PACS (Picture Archiving & Communication System). This allows all scan images to be stored electronically allowing you direct access online (over multiple devices) and easy sharing with other practices/clients. If required practices can provide their own USB stick (3.0 USB 64gb stick) to download scan images.

### Patient Care:

A veterinary surgeon must always be available and the clinical care of the patient (including transportation of the patient to/from and when on the mobile unit) will remain with, and under the responsibility of, the veterinary surgeon at all times. The clinical care of the patient also includes:

- provision, management and monitoring of anaesthetic requirements, including both sedation and general anaesthesia
- monitoring and supply of oxygen to the patient
- care and management of the patient in any emergency situation
- all other areas of clinical care for the patient whilst onboard

If you have any queries please see the '**Who should I contact?**' reference sheet included in this pack.