

## **Policy on post-operative antibiotic usage, 2021**

Excessive antibiotic use is a known contributing factor to the development of increasingly problematic bacterial resistance to antibiotics. In line with current thinking, we have decided to stop dispensing post-operative antibiotics for routine uncontaminated surgeries like cruciate and patella surgeries unless we have concerns (eg underlying skin issues etc). We do however still give intra-venous broad spectrum antibiotics to cases while they are under undergoing the actual surgery. We continue to regularly monitor and audit our infection rates.