

Croft Vets enhances facilities with CT scanner

New SOMATOM Spirit provides detailed scans of domestic pets

Croft Vets, the North East's leading veterinary practice, recently opened its state-of-the-art flagship hospital in Cramlington, Northumberland to provide a centralised service. The new hospital is part of a £3 million investment by the organisation with a 24 hour emergency and surgical facility. Included in the range of technology at the new site is an advanced CT scanner from Siemens Healthcare. Since the centre opened, the SOMATOM® Spirit CT has been used for general diagnostic imaging as well as orthopaedic referrals and neurology scans.

Before the installation, Croft Vets had the use of a visiting mobile MRI unit at the old site. The SOMATOM Spirit is the first CT for the practice and will provide a permanent imaging service for domestic pets. The system is a multislice CT scanner that offers an efficient and reliable solution. It also features outstanding image quality and short examination times to enhance diagnosis.

“Before the installation we had MR and X-ray facilities, but the new CT has allowed us to offer an advanced onsite facility for the range of domestic pets we treat at the practice,” said Joanne Jobling, Practice Manager at Croft Vets. “We recently treated a guinea pig for a fractured jaw but the diagnosis was not picked up with X-ray imaging. Using the Spirit CT meant we could take the image and then rotate it to get a more comprehensive view of the structure as well as soft tissue information. The images it produces are amazing and allow us to diagnose with far greater accuracy.”

“The SOMATOM Spirit is a reliable and highly versatile choice, which makes it a great asset to a veterinary practice branching out into CT imaging for the first time,” said Neil Lincoln, Regional Sales Manager at Siemens Healthcare. “The system is also adaptable enough to successfully image Croft Vets’ range of animal patients. We hope the new SOMATOM Spirit will enhance the great work being

carried out at the centre, improving diagnosis and, as a result, the treatment provided for domestic pets.”

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Picture caption: The SOMATOM Spirit at Croft Vets. (Left to right): Neil Lincoln, Siemens Regional Sales Manager and Louise McLean, Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.



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