Birmingham Dogs Home

Healing Hearts Appeal

Helping Pawly Pooches

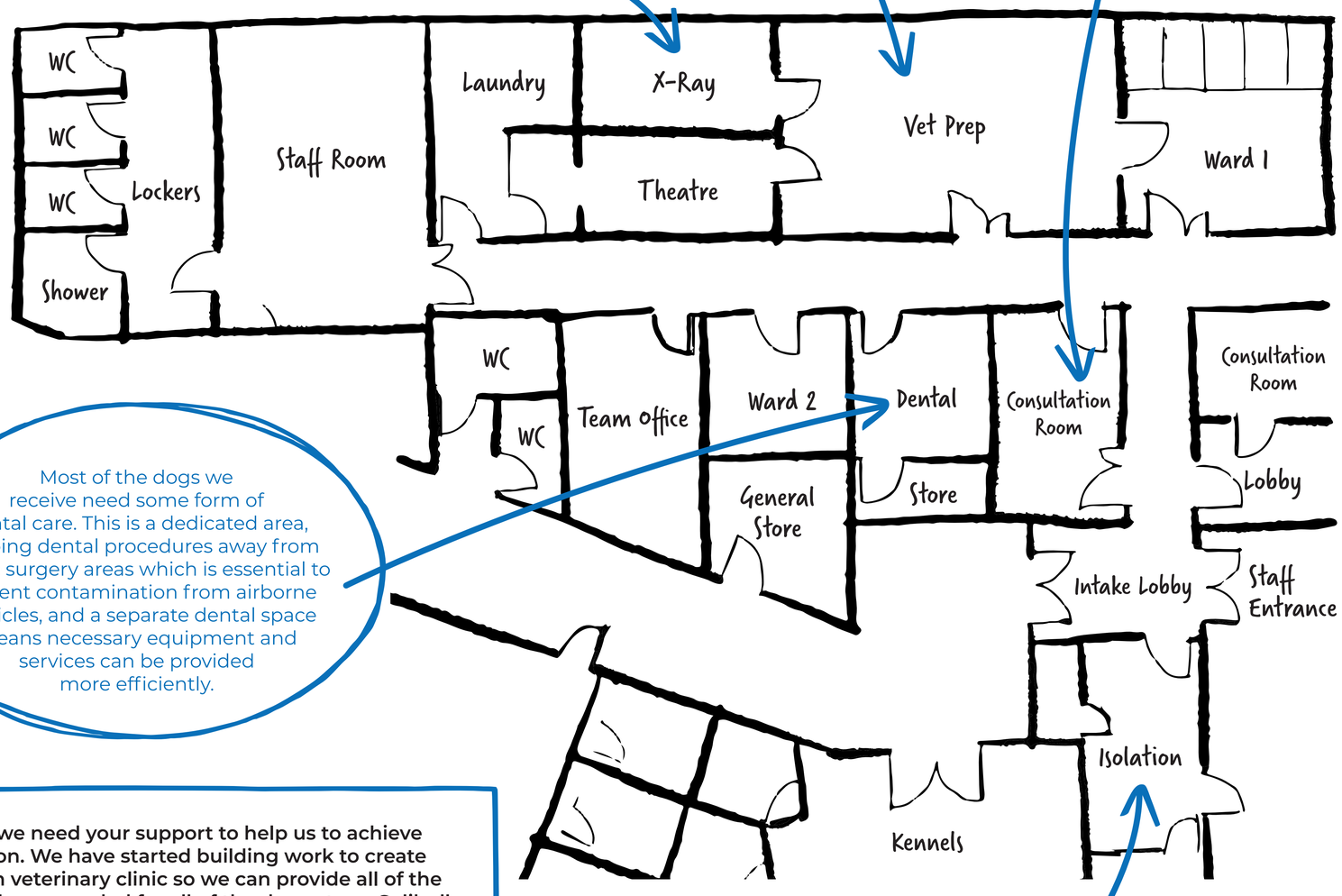
Veterinary Clinic – our vision

Building work is now underway.

The Vet Prep area is where dogs are prepared for surgery before going into theatre and it is the hub of the clinic.

These spaces are where vets will carry out assessments and examinations as well as medical care for the 2,500 dogs we see each year.

X-rays are one of the most important diagnostic tools to identify a whole range of problems, from broken bones and injuries to finding tumours, intestinal blockages and foreign objects. They are a vital tool for vets to identify the best course of treatment.



Most of the dogs we receive need some form of dental care. This is a dedicated area, keeping dental procedures away from sterile surgery areas which is essential to prevent contamination from airborne particles, and a separate dental space means necessary equipment and services can be provided more efficiently.

This room (although it sounds unfriendly!) is one of the most important caring areas of the clinic. Many of the 2,500 dogs we see each year arrive having never received veterinary care, with viral, parasitic or bacterial infections, or complex and multiple conditions. We require a separate, safe and hygienic working space to effectively care for dogs with diseases that spread easily, while protecting our other animals from infection.

In 2021 we need your support to help us to achieve our vision. We have started building work to create our own veterinary clinic so we can provide all of the medical care needed for all of the dogs at our Solihull and Wolverhampton rescue centres, as well as helping as many dogs and cats as we can from charities in the surrounding area.

Our new veterinary clinic will include an X-ray room, operating theatre, two wards, two consultation rooms, a dental room and an isolation ward.

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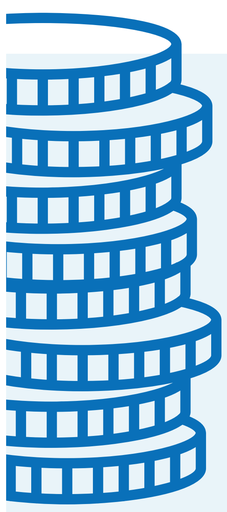
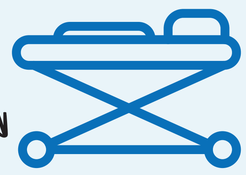


We need your help to raise £100,000 to help us to equip the veterinary clinic with all of the equipment needed to provide life-saving care.

£8 can pay for antibiotic ointment, gauze wipes and towels.

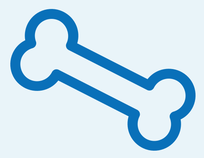
£44 can pay for an orthopaedic recovery bed to help keep dogs comfortable after surgery.

£135 can pay for theatre table heat reflective mats to maintain body temperature during operations.



£500 can pay for an examination table.

£1,495 can pay for a medical anaesthetic system.



£9,000 would pay for advanced orthopaedic equipment to mend broken bones.

Teddie's story

Teddie's Vet Bill

Brachycephalic obstructive Airway Syndrome operation (to help Teddie breath)

Intensive Physiotherapy

Splints

CT Scan

Bill to date £3,800

Cost of likely future surgery £1,200

When two month old Teddie was handed to us in October 2020 it was clear that he had a severe disability and was in need of urgent medical attention. Teddie's front legs were completely splayed, meaning he was unable to walk or stand. Teddie has "swimmers syndrome", a development deformity and as a consequence of lying on his chest for prolonged periods had severe breathing problems too.

Many dogs find themselves without homes through no fault of their own, often because the cost of their medical treatment is too much for their owners.

Our charity accepts every dog that needs us, no matter their condition. We are trusted by nine local authorities to receive strays which means that more than half of the dogs are malnourished or have suffered some form of neglect or abuse including multiple injuries or untreated medical conditions.

This means that our veterinary costs have been increasing year on year which has led us to make one of the most important decisions in our charity's history and build our own veterinary clinic.

We care for over 2,500 dogs and last year we spent over £230,000 on essential medical care. This level of veterinary costs is not sustainable for our charity. We do not receive any government funding and are entirely reliant on the generosity of our supporters to care for the dogs that need us.

By running our own veterinary clinic we will be able to significantly reduce the costs of essential medical care and better manage both emergency cases and the ongoing physical health of dogs on their road to recovery.

Bentley's story

Bentley is a six year old mastiff who has been at Birmingham Dogs Home for some time. Bentley has severe eye problems and has had his left eye removed while in our care because of severe glaucoma. The cost of this treatment was £1,080. Investigations are being carried out to discover if he has a tumour behind the right eye and we hope that with the right treatment it will be possible to save his sight.