



# Transition Veterinary Physiotherapy

## TVP Method Statement, COVID 19 Protocol

Please find the below method statement regarding treatment protocols for home visits carried out during the COVID-19 outbreak.

*Please note that only BACS/online payment method is accepted during this time.*

Prior to visit (maximum 24 hours prior);

- Telephone consultation, discussing patient's progress, I ask that only the pet being treated and owner are present in consultation area during treatment, risk assessment of the environment where consultation is to take place (covering social distancing, the non-contact of home environment other than to sit and treat patient, and ensure you the owner are happy to not have physical contact with the pet once your consult has begun and check the access to hand washing facilities).
- Your vet will be contacted to update them prior to visit to ensure this is still an essential part of their treatment that cannot be postponed further than the lockdown period.

*If the property is not suitable for a home visit TVP is working to create a clinic environment for patients to attend, those who have had appointments postponed will take first priority should they require essential treatment.*

During the visit;

- I will call upon arrival at the property.
- I will put my own PPE on and sanitise my hands, clients are asked to wear a mask/mouth and nose covering during treatment sessions.
- I will ask the patient to be walked securely outside whilst keeping 2m distance for gait analysis.
- I will then enter the premise, garden outside area (preferably with shelter). If weather changes TVP will rearrange the appointment if it cannot be safely carried out as planned.
- Secure treatment area.
- Your pet should not be wearing their collar or other items during their treatment.
- I will then assess the patient through palpation and provide treatment.
- Following this the animal will be back with the owner, I will discuss the treatment plan fully with you prior to leaving.
- I will then ask to be provided with a bucket of warm water in order to wash my hands, (I will be bringing my own soap and towel)
- The pet is to be secured and I will then leave the premise.

After visit;

Send over treatment plan and update your Veterinary Care Provider.

***All clients are to receive a copy of the Method Statement prior to visit and must provide written evidence confirming they agree to the new terms and conditions set out within this method statement as well as meeting all the criteria during the risk assessments.***