



## The cat's whiskers for Veterinary MR Imaging!

### APERTO Lucent – Open MRI Installed at Northwest Surgeons Veterinary Practice

#### Small animals with complex disorders

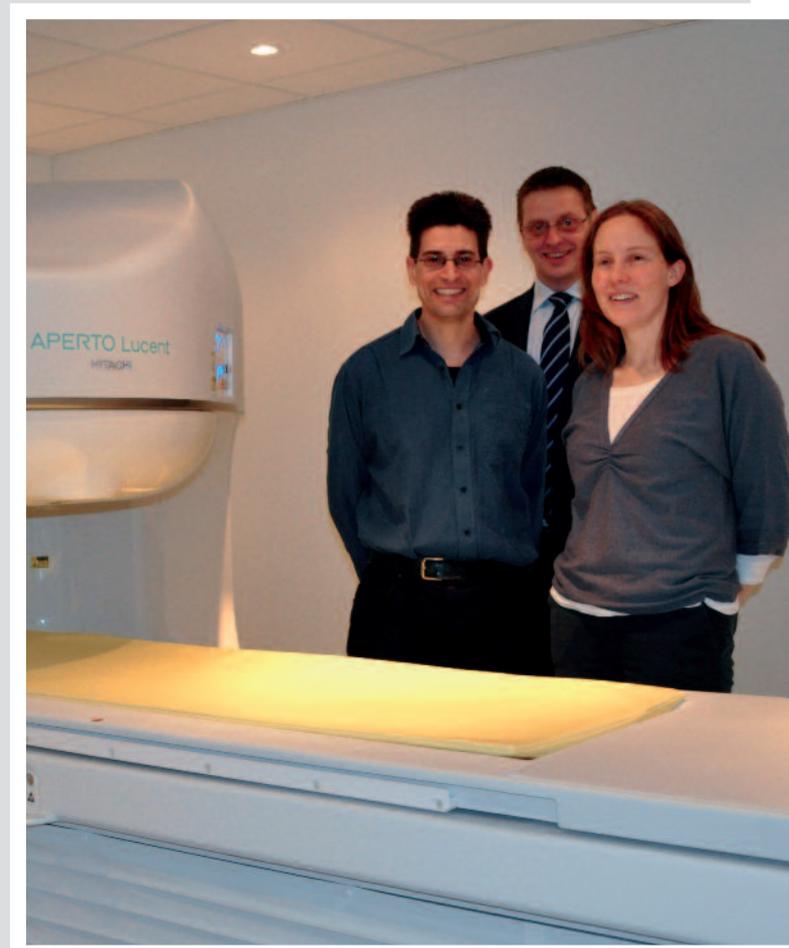
Northwest Surgeons, Runcorn, Cheshire, is a specialist clinic dedicated to small animals with complex medical and surgical disorders. Offering a range of imaging modalities this prestigious centre has recently installed the Hitachi Aperto Lucent Open MRI ensuring an essential onsite MRI service. Providing the highest standard of veterinary care at Diplo-mate and RCVS Recognised Specialist levels in multiple disciplines; the addition of Open MRI further enhances the quality of service and specialist care at Northwest Surgeons.

#### Chosen for its new and stylish open-sided design

The Aperto Lucent provides mid-field MRI with high-field application clarity for accurate diagnosis with the highest image quality. The single pillar design embraces open space ergonomics for a panoramic view of the patient throughout the examination.

#### High quality MR images with cost control

Chris and Chrissi May are the owners of Northwest Surgeons. They selected the APERTO Lucent for its outstanding image quality and short examination time combined with relatively low running costs and minimal



installation area of only 25 sq m when compared to high field systems. This combination of very high quality MR images with cost control is a powerful one which delivers value-for-money cutting-edge imaging service to the pet owning public whilst simultaneously meeting the business needs of the practice.



To strengthen and consolidate the MRI service even further, Jerry Shimali and Anna Newitt both European Recognised Specialists in Diagnostic Imaging, have joined the veterinary team at Northwest Surgeons, guaranteeing specialist MRI imaging diagnosis with a rapid turn-around time at this influential practice.

## MRI Clinical Case Study

Poppy is a young active Lhasa apso. Over a 10 day period she became reluctant to exercise and seemed very lethargic to her owner. Her vet detected severe pain upon palpation of her spine and she was immediately referred to Northwest Surgeons. With onsite MR imaging our diagnostic imaging specialists were able to diagnose intervertebral disc degeneration within hours of Poppy arriving at Northwest Surgeons and she was scheduled for surgery that day to relieve the spinal compression. Within 48hrs she was far more comfortable and has made a great recovery.

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“At Northwest Surgeons we constantly strive to improve the service we provide to the animals under our care, to their owners and to those veterinary surgeons that refer cases to us. We have been delighted to work with Hitachi Medical Systems to make MRI an on-demand facility at the practice.”

### Catherine Sturgeon BVetMed(hons) CertSAS DipECVS MRCVS

“Spinal emergencies, foreign body penetrations, ‘lumps and bumps’ in any anatomical location – at Northwest Surgeons we can now say ‘yes’ to patients in urgent need every day. The on-site MRI facility is available for use 24/7 with immediate interpretation – facilitating rapid diagnosis of conditions and allowing precise surgical planning. As a European & RCVS Specialist in Soft Tissue Surgery onsite MR allows me to offer gold standard diagnostic imaging to our clients.”

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