



THE IRISH BLUE CROSS
ANIMAL WELFARE CHARITY

WELCOME TO OUR
Charitable Veterinary
Services



PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY

Registered Charity
Number 20007959

Eligibility Guidelines

Our services are for pet owners genuinely in need. You must be in receipt of one of the following means tested benefits:

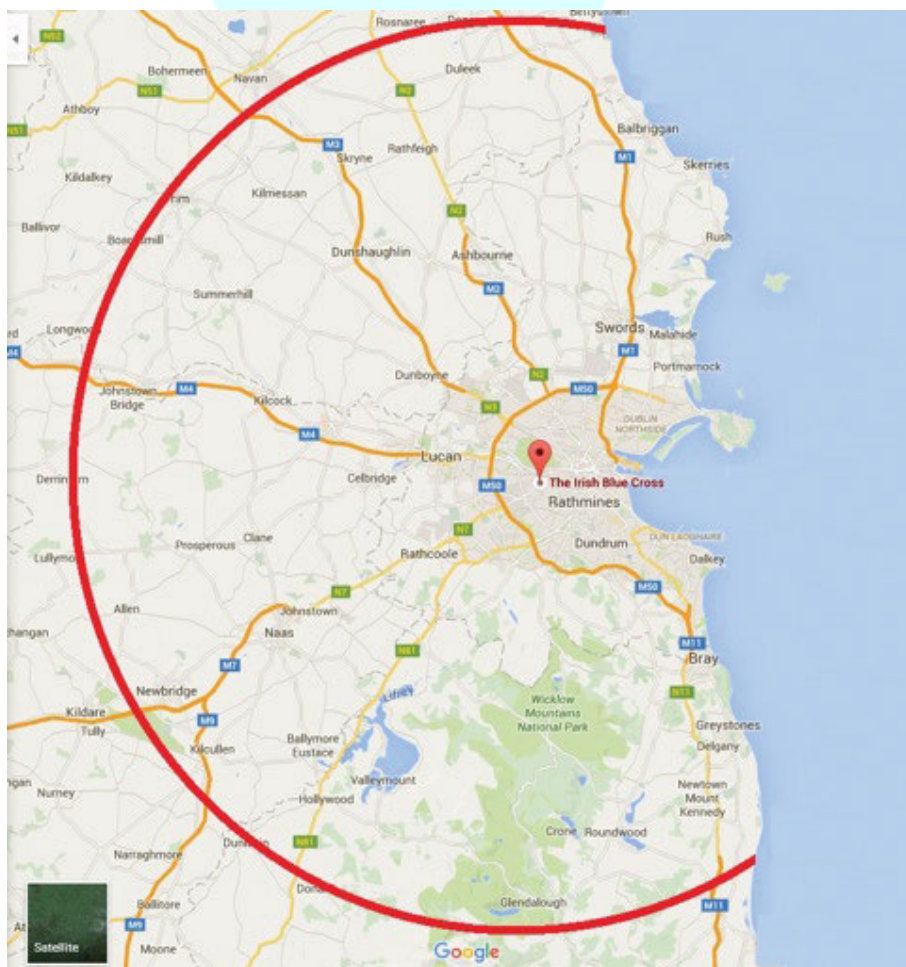
- Job-Seeker's Allowance or Benefit
- Supplementary Welfare Allowance
- Disability Allowance
- Blind Pension
- Deserted Wife's Allowance
- One-Parent Family Allowance
- Farm Assistance
- Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
- Qualified Adult Allowance
- Pre-Retirement Allowance
- Non-Contributory State Pension
- Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Non-Contributory) Pension
- Carer's Allowance
- Medical Card

Please note that proof of any of the above benefits and dog ownership (dog licence or microchipping cert) is required to avail of our charity services.

Any information you share with us is treated in confidence. Our services are strictly for those who are genuinely in need and unable to afford private veterinary fees.

Our Clinic Catchment Areas

We can only accept patients from within a **40km Radius of our Inchicore Clinic**. If you are living outside our catchment area we would advise you to seek treatment from a veterinary practice local to you. It is essential that you use veterinary services within a reasonable distance of your home, should you require emergency treatment for your pet/s. It is not in the best interests of a sick pet to travel very far for veterinary treatment.



Microchipping & Proof of Ownership

Microchipping is compulsory for all dogs from 1st April 2016. Microchipping is carried out at The Irish Blue Cross Inchicore Clinic for just €10 if you meet our eligibility criteria listed on page 2 of this booklet. Once your dog is microchipped, you will receive a microchipping certificate, which is proof of ownership. This certificate should be kept safely. You must update it should you change your address or transfer ownership of your dog.

To book a Microchipping appointment, contact our reception on **(01) 4163030**. In order to microchip your pet you **must** bring the following to your appointment:

- **Photo Identification**
- **A Recent Utility Bill**
- **Proof of Means Tested Benefit**



Our Neutering Policy

As an animal welfare charity our policies focus on **animal health, welfare and population control**. As such we expect clients to have their dogs and cats neutered, whether male or female. This can be arranged at our Inchicore Clinic or at a local veterinary practice that offers discounted neutering.

Under our policy, owners must neuter their pets at the earliest opportunity and within 6 months of registering at our clinic, unless our vets advise otherwise.

If your pet has a hereditary condition and you refuse to have it neutered, you will be asked to seek veterinary services elsewhere.

The benefits of having your pet neutered:

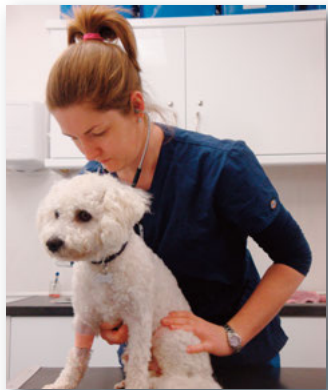
Reduces the incidence of life-threatening conditions such as:

- Mammary cancer
- Womb infections
- Prostate disease
- Testicular cancer
- Serious contagious viral infections

Prevents hereditary disorders such as:

- Umbilical or inguinal hernias
- Airway surgery on short-nosed dogs
- Eye conditions such as entropion, cherry eye, PRA, tear duct stenosis, etc
- Retained puppy/kitten teeth
- Orthopaedic conditions such as luxating patella, cruciate ligament ruptures, hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia

Neutering controls the dog and cat population, with fewer unwanted litters of puppies and kittens in existence.



Our Breeding Policy

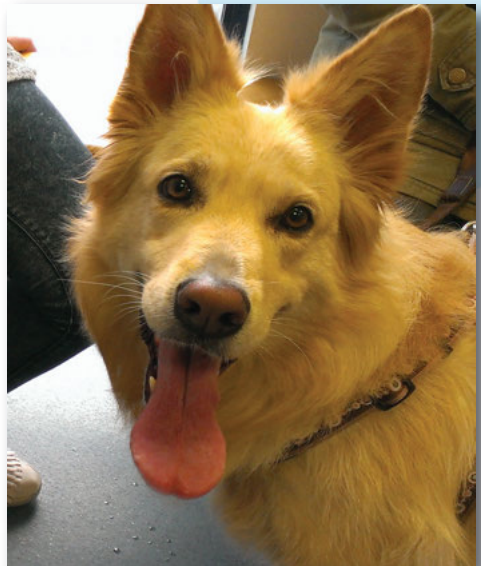
The Irish Blue Cross will not support owners who intend to breed from their pets for financial gain.

The charity does not offer treatment if:

- Your pet is mated intentionally
- Your pet is mated unintentionally with a male of the same breed and there is reasonable expectation that the offspring could be sold for financial gain
- Your pet is mated unintentionally and you refuse our vets' recommendations (e.g. neutering)

If your pet is mated or becomes pregnant due to any of the above, you must seek veterinary services elsewhere and cover for all veterinary costs relating to your pet and her offspring.

We do not expect to be requested to treat complications arising from matings or pregnancies when resulting litters could be sold.



Our 2 Pet Policy

The Irish Blue Cross clients can register up to 2 pets only to avail of our veterinary services. This is because as a charity we would like our services to reach as many pet owners as possible. If you presently have more than two pets registered with our clinics, we will continue to treat them for now. However, when you no longer have more than two, it will not be possible to register additional pets in place of those you no longer have.





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A N I M A L W E L F A R E C H A R I T Y

The Irish Blue Cross has limited resources to meet the high demand for those seeking our charitable veterinary services. We always strive to help as many eligible pet owners as possible, unfortunately we are not always in a position to do so.

Your support to cover the costs of our veterinary services is vital.

Mobile clinic locations:

Monday

Cabra -

Tallaght -

Faussagh Avenue, near the Catholic Church.

The Square Shopping Centre, 3rd level car park.

Tuesday

Crumlin -

Blanchardstown -

Armagh Road, outside the school.

Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, yellow car park.

Wednesday

Ballyfermot -

Ballybrack -

Smithfield -

Rossmore Avenue, outside the Garda station.

Tesco Shopping Centre car park.

On the cobblestones, close to Smithfield Luas stop.

Thursday

Walkinstown -

Finglas -

Walkinstown Green, outside the shops.

Glasson Road, just off Ballygall Road West near Supervalu.

Friday

Donnycarney -

Collins Avenue East, near Scoil Chiarain.

Clinics operate from approximately 6:30PM to 8PM

For further information on times and locations
please see our website: www.bluecross.ie

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