Appendix 2: List of body system categories used to classify common conditions or complaints seen in practice. Adapted from Robinson 2013.

Skin Any disease, injury or set of clinical signs primarily

affecting the integumentary system including Otitis

externa

Musculoskeletal Any disease, injury or set of clinical signs primarily

affecting the skeleton or skeletal muscles

Neurological Any disease, injury or set of clinical signs primarily

affecting the central or peripheral nerves including

conditions of the brain and spinal cord

Ophthalmology Any disease, injury or set of clinical signs primarily

affecting the eyes, eyelids (including third eyelid), tear

ducts and other associated structures

Urinary Any disease, injury or set of clinical signs primarily

affecting the lower urinary tract including bladder and

urethra

Renal Any disease, injury or set of clinical signs primarily

affecting the upper urinary tract including the kidneys and

ureters

Reproductive Any disease, injury or set of clinical signs primary affecting

the male or female reproductive tract, including prostate, testes, penis, uterus, ovaries, vagina, vulva and mammary

glands, and encompassing problems of pregnancy,

parturition and lactation

Gastrointestinal Any disease, injury or set of clinical signs primarily

affecting the gastrointestinal tract, liver, gall bladder and

pancreas (excluding Diabetes Mellitus)

Cardiovascular Any disease, injury or set of clinical signs primarily

affecting the cardiovascular system, including the heart,

pericardium and blood vessels

Respiratory Any disease, injury or set of clinical signs primarily

affecting the respiratory system including lungs, trachea

and nasal passages

Haemopoetic/Lymphatic Any disease, injury or set of clinical signs primarily

affecting the haemopoetic or lymphatic system including

blood cell disorders, bone marrow disorders and

problems of the lymph nodes

Endocrine Any disease, injury or set of clinical signs primarily

affecting the endocrinological system including disorders of the pituitary, thyroid, adrenal or endocrine pancreas

which results in a hormone imbalance

Dental Any disease, injury or set of clinical signs primarily

affecting the teeth, gums or related structures

Preventive Medicine Any consultation where an animal perceived by its owner

to be healthy is presented primarily for measures taken to prevent problems for that animal, for example relating to

disease or injury

Behaviour Any activity judged to be outside the normal behaviour

pattern for animals of that age, where no underlying medical or physiological abnormality can be found

Client careAnything relating to client issues, or client care within the

veterinary practice e.g. relating to euthanasia

Non-specific Any disease, injury or set of clinical signs which cannot be

fitted into one of the above categories