



GIRBAU

LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT



BLUE CROSS HOSPITAL



ANIMAL HOSPITAL RENEWS LAUNDRY

Equipment reliability essential for intensive-use laundry

Blue Cross pet charity has been caring for sick, injured and homeless pets since 1897. Its animal hospitals provide much-needed veterinary treatment for pets when their owners are unable to afford private fees.

The Blue Cross Victoria animal hospital in central London treats thousands of pets every year, with treatments ranging from routine neutering to complex operations. The hospital is thought to be the oldest of its kind in the world. It opened in 1906 and has never closed its doors to needy animals since. In 2001 it was rebuilt and has state-of-the-art veterinary facilities. Its patients are predominantly dogs, cats, rabbits and guinea pigs.

Large quantities of towels and animal bedding need to be washed and dried every day, meaning the hospital's laundry is in use 24 hours a day throughout the year. Reliability is therefore extremely

important and laundry downtime has to be kept to a minimum.

"Our existing laundry equipment had reached the end of its working life, so we approached Girbau for advice on new machines," says **Steven Broomfield**, Hospital Manager at the Blue Cross Animal Hospital. *"We have*

worked with other suppliers, but chose Girbau again both for the proven reliability of their machines and our many years' of positive experience from their service and support operation. As a charity, value-for-money was also an important consideration."

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To replace its previous equipment Blue Cross chose three new Girbau HS-6008, 9kg capacity washers

and three Girbau 18lb Eco-dryer tumble dryers. As space is very much in short supply, each dryer is stacked on top of a washer in an ergonomic and space-saving layout.





BLUE CROSS CHOSE GIRBAU UK BECAUSE:

- Proven reliable, long-life of machines
- Robust washers and dryers for intensive use
- Successful long-term relationship with Girbau
- Reliable service and support
- Energy efficiency

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The Girbau HS-6008 high-spin model has been top-rated for energy efficiency by US body Energy Star and while the gas-fired dryers are fast-drying and economical to run.

"The installation all went very smoothly and the new laundry equipment was up and running within one day," Steven Broomfield confirms. This was an important consideration that helped to ensure the ongoing smooth running of the hospital.

The hospital also has a service agreement, which ensures a Girbau UK engineer can respond the same day in the event of any servicing or repair needs in the future.

"Girbau engineers respond very quickly and have the parts they need with them, so they can fix things there and then, which is very important for us," Steven Broomfield concludes.

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