# PATIENT MANAGEMENT

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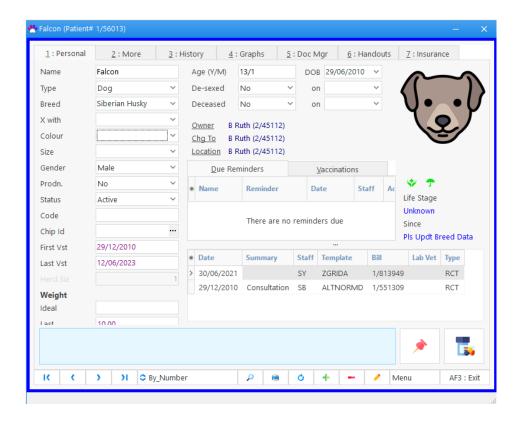
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# **OVERVIEW**

The Patient module is used for entering and editing all information about Patients.

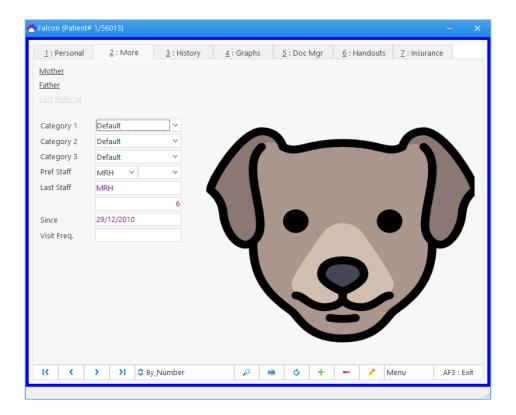
### **Personal Tab**



Name	The name of the Patient.
Type	The Patient type, e.g. Dog, Cat, Cattle Beef etc
Breed	The Patients breed.
X with	The breed the Patient is crossed with, if any.
Colour	The colour of the Patient.
Size	The size of the Patient, e.g. Large, medium, small.
Gender	The Patients gender, e.g. male or female
Prodn.	This refers to whether the Patient is a production Patient, i.e. produces food for human consumption. This needs to be set to 'Yes' for PAR tracking to be enabled for this Patient.
Status	Should be set to 'Active' as long as the Patient still actively deals with the business. Once this is set to 'Inactive' you will no longer be able to put through any transactions for this Patient. You would normally set to 'Inactive' in cases where the Patient is deceased or has moved away with their family.
Code	The code that you can assign for the Patient.
Chip ID	The unique identifier of the embedded chip.

First Vst	This refers to the date of first visit of the Patient.
Last Vst	This refers to the last time they came to see the clinic.
Herd Size	If a single Patient record is used to store information for a group of Patients, you can enter the size of the group here. For example, the size of a herd of cattle or a flock of sheep.
Ideal	This refers to the ideal weight assigned by the Doctor for this Patient based on breed and conditions.
Last	This refers to the Patient's last recorded weight.
On	This refers to the date of the Patients last recorded weight.
Age (Y/M)	This refers to the age of the Patient in years and months. The date of birth is actually stored, and the age is calculated so it is always correct at the time of viewing.
DOB	This refers to the date that the Patient was born. If this is unknown an approximate should be entered. If a date of birth isn't known, but an approximate age is, you can enter the age in the next field, and VetlinkPRO will approximate a date of birth.
Desexed	This refers to the date the Patient was spayed/neutered on. If a de-sexing service is sold within VetlinkPRO then this date is set automatically.
Deceased	This refers to whether the Patient is deceased or not. If 'Yes' is selected, the Patient is automatically marked as inactive.
Owner	This refers to the name and client number of the owner.
Charge To	This refers to the name and client number for the "Charge To" client. This should be set only if the bill should go to a different client than the owner. Single click on "Charge To" to change the client.
Location	This refers to the name and address of the client where the Patient is currently located. Single click on "Location" to change. E.g. John Smith might own a horse, but the horse may reside at CFL stud. A client record for CFL stud will have to be setup in the system.
Due Reminders	This panel shows reminders that are due or overdue. Your selections in setup determine how far into the future reminders will show along with the colour of the reminder.
Vaccinations	This panel lists all the vaccinations that have been performed on this Patient.
History Summary	All previous clinical histories for this Patient will be shown in this panel.
*	Shows if the patient has a health plan. Icon changes colour based on status of plan.
7	Shows if the patient has insurance. Icon changes colour based on status of plan. This is an optional module, please contact <a href="mailto:sales@vetlinkpro.com">sales@vetlinkpro.com</a> if you would like this module.
Life Stage	
Since	

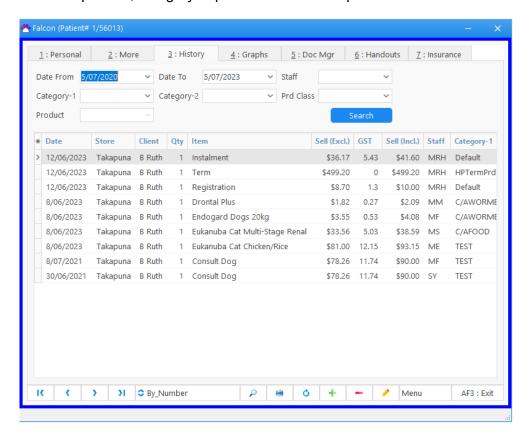
### **More Tab**



Mother	The Patient's mother.
Father	The Patient's father
Last Referral	N/A
Category 1/2/3	This refers to the category for grouping Patients for reporting purposes.
Pref Staff	This refers to the staff member that the owner would prefer the Patient to see, as well as the second most preferred operator, if the preferred staff member is not available.
<b>Last Staff</b>	This is the staff member that saw the patient last.
# Visits	This refers to the number of visits since the 'Since' date described below.
Since	This refers to the date of the first visit.
Visit Freq	The frequency of visits since the date referred to in the 'Since' field.

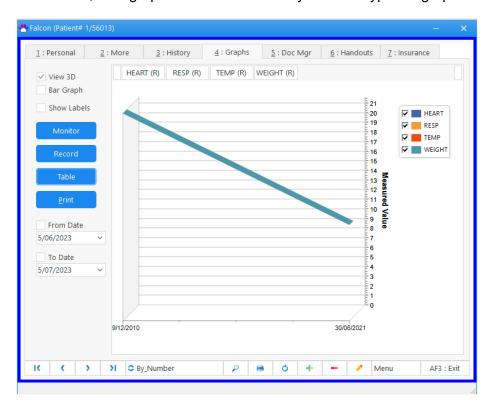
### **History**

The History tab allows you to search for specific transactions using the filters provided. You are able to search for transactions in a certain date range, by a particular staff member, or for transactions that contain a certain product, category of products or class of products.



### **Graphs**

This tab shows you progress of the Patient's weight, temperature, respiratory rate etc., over a period of time. This comes from admitting the Patient in the diary, where it asks you for the weight. The information is shown here, as a graph. You can have many different types of graphs.

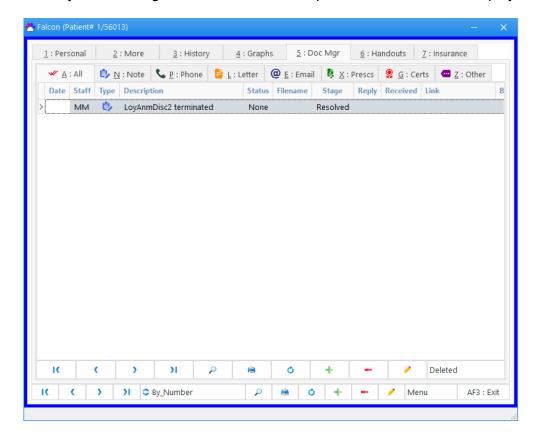


### **Doc Mgr**

The document manager is for recording any sort of communication that you have that relates specifically to this Patient. This is broken down in to eight sections:

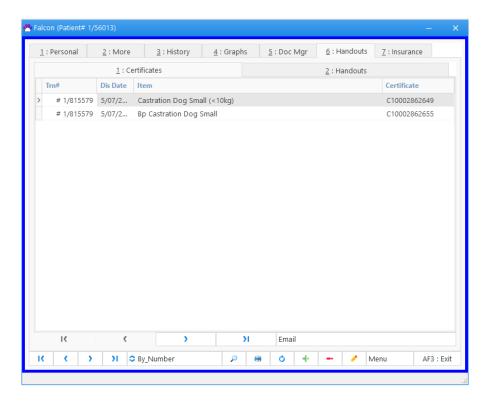
- A: All
- N: Note
- P: Phone
- L: Letter
- E: Email
- X: Prescs
- G: Certs
- Z: Other

By clicking on each tab, you are given a filtered list of all entries made under each type of communication. For example: Clicking on 'All' may display two entries, one phone entry and one note. Clicking on the 'Note' tab will display just the note entry, clicking on the phone tab will display just the phone entry, and clicking 'Letter', 'Email', 'Prescriptions' or 'Other' would display no entries.



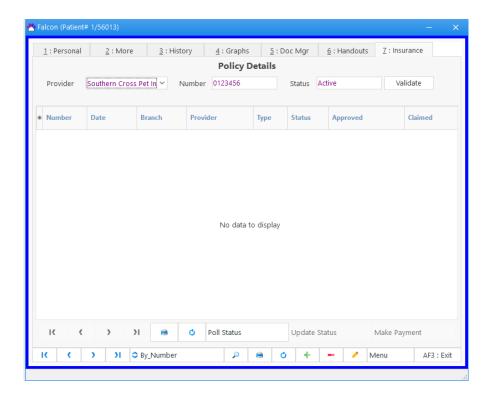
### **Handouts**

The Handouts tab is used to store all the Certificates and Handouts that have been generated from a bill. To re-print a certificate or handout double click on the certificate to preview it and then click on the print button.



### Insurance

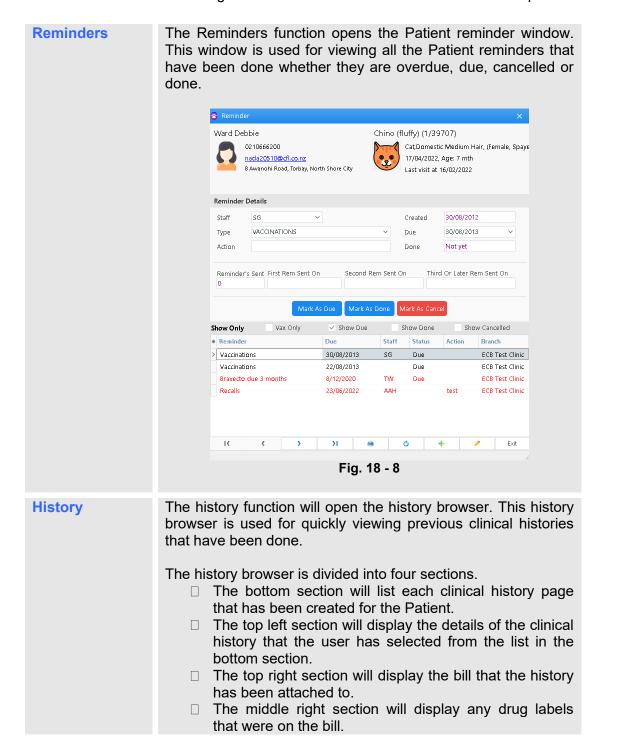
The Insurance tab is used to store all the Insurance Claims that have been submitted for the patient. You can check and manually update the status of any claim using the 'Poll Status' and 'Update Status' buttons. Making GAP payments against claims can be done by selecting the relevant claim and clicking the 'Make Payment' button. For GapOnly and PetSure insurance integration, please contact <a href="https://example.com.au">hello@gaponly.com.au</a> and see the insurance chapter of the VetlinkPRO manual.



### **Actions Menu**



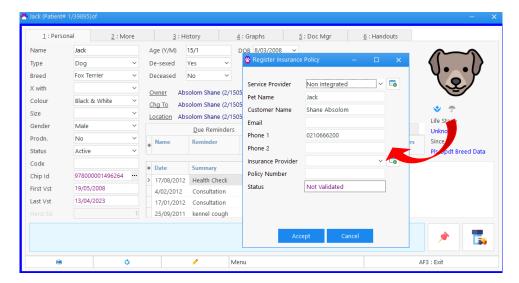
The actions menu is found on the common toolbar at the bottom of the Patient record. It lists some unique functions that are available only to the Patient record. The handiest functions are listed below. To access these functions single click on the actions button and a menu will open.

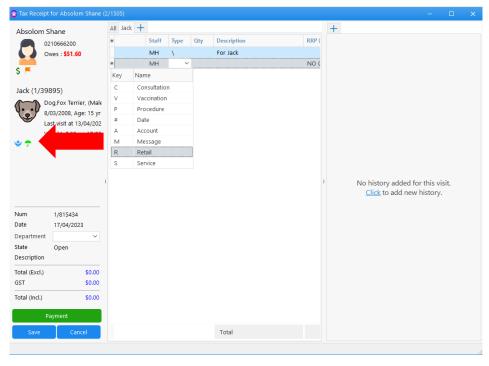


# PATIENT INSURANCE DETAILS

Patient Insurance details can be added from the patient record. To add the details:

- 1. Open the patient record.
- Click the Insurance icon on the right-hand side of the record or go to Actions -> Insurance -> Register.
- 3. Select the insurance provider from the list or type in a new provider name if it doesn't exist already.
- 4. Enter the policy number.
- 5. Enter other details as required.
- 6. Accept the details to save to the patient.
- 7. The Umbrella icon will turn green to indicate the animal is insured.
- 8. On the billing/history form the green umbrella will show to indicate the patient has insurance.



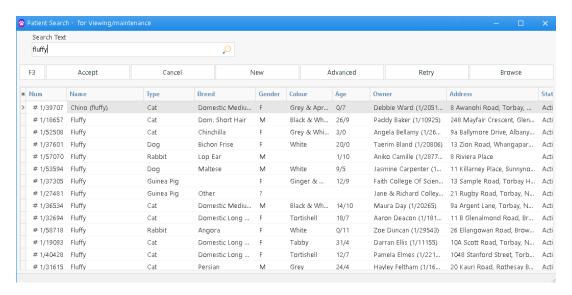


### SEARCH FUNCTION

The Patient search function is used in many areas of the program, for example when making appointments, making bills or simply looking up Patient details. Regardless of what you are doing, when searching for an Patient the same search options and dialogue boxes are used.

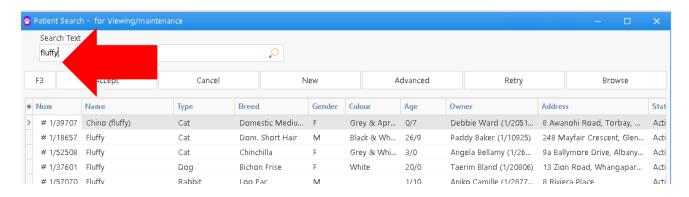
#### How to Perform a Basic Patient Search

- 1. Click on the 'Patient' button.
- 2. This will display the 'Patient Search Window'.
- 3. Enter information about the patient you are searching for such as name or ID number.
- 4. Click 'Search' to begin the search.
- 5. The search results are now displayed. To navigate through the list, use the keyboard cursor keys (the up and down arrows) or use the scroll bar at the right-hand side of the window.
- 6. To make a selection double-click on a line in the results window, or, using the keyboard, press the 'F12' or 'Enter' key on the line you wish to select.



### Most Recently Used List

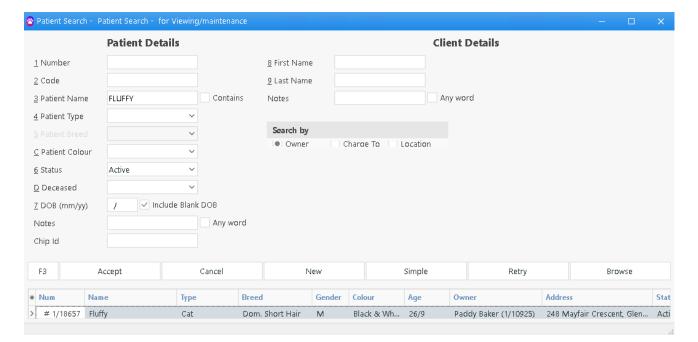
The F3 button will show the most recently searched list. For example, if you are looking at a Patient record and accidently close it, then can't remember who you were looking at, just click the star icon to find the most recently used records.



### **Using Advanced Search Options**

If you cannot find the Patient you need, or if there are too many results to search through, you can narrow your search by using the advanced search function.

- 1. Click on the 'Patient' button.
- 2. This will display the 'Patient Search Window'.
- 3. Click on the 'Advanced' button.
- 4. The 'Advanced Search Form' will now open.
- 5. This form provides more options for you to search by, such as Patient number, microchip id and status etc.
- 6. Enter your search criteria and click 'Search'.
- 7. Select the Patient and choose 'Accept' to open the client record.





<u>TIP:</u> You may set up your preferred method of search under <u>Options | Setup | Patient | 1: Options tab | Search Dialog | then</u> select 'Simple' or 'Advanced' from the drop down list.

TIP: The advanced search screen has the 'Contains' field for 'Patient Name'. This field provides a word within a word search. For example, when 'Contains' is checked and you search for 'Boots' in the Patient name field, VetlinkPRO will find 'Boots' and 'Pussinboots'. If the 'Contains' filed was left unchecked it would only find 'Boots'.

# **HOW TO ENTER A NEW PATIENT**

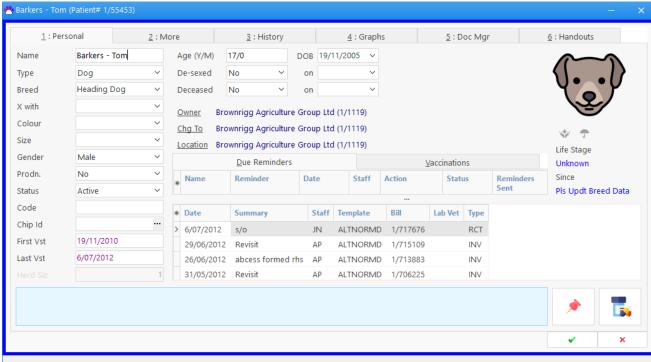
- 1. Click on the 'Patient' button.
- 2. The 'Patient Search' window will open.



- 3. Click on the 'New' button to enter a new Patient.
- 4. A client search window will open. Select an existing client or create a new one to add the Patient to.
- 5. A 'New Patient Record' will open.
- 6. Enter the new Patient details onto the form.
- 7. Click on the tick button to save.

# **HOW TO CHANGE PATIENT DETAILS**

- 1. Click on the 'Patient' button.
- Search for the Patient whose details you wish to edit.
- 3. Open the Patient record.
- 4. Edit the details you wish to change or add.
- 5. If you are unable to edit the details click on the 'Edit' button on the bottom of the Patient window.
- 6. Once the Patient details have been modified save the changes by clicking on the green tick in the bottom right-hand corner.





### **BREED**

The Breed pick list shows all the Patient breeds that are in the system. Each Patient in your database is linked to a breed in this list. If you edit the breed details, all the Patients that are linked to that entry will change as well.

### Adding a New Breed

- 1. Click on the 'Options' menu and select 'Picklists Setup'.
- 2. Expand the 'Patient' menu and double click on 'Breed'.
- 3. The Breeds pick list will open. Click on the green plus button at the bottom of the form to add a new item.
- 4. The Patient breeds form will open. Enter in the name of the breed and the type of Patient. Also make sure the status is set to 'Active'.

### **Editing an Existing Breed**

- 1. Click on the 'Options' menu and select 'Picklists Setup'.
- 2. Expand the 'Patient' menu and double click on 'Breed'.
- 3. The Breeds pick list will open. Double click on the breed you wish to edit.
- 4. The Patient breed window will open. You can now change the name status or Patient type as long as no Patient records are using that breed.

# **COLOUR**

The Colour pick list shows all the Patient colours that are in the system. Each Patient in your database is linked to a colour in this list. If you edit the colour details, all the Patients that are linked to that entry will change as well.

### **Adding a New Colour**

- 1. Click on the 'Options' menu and select 'Picklists Setup'.
- 2. Expand the 'Patient' menu and double click on 'Colours'.
- 3. The Colours pick list will open. Click on the red plus button at the bottom of the form to add a new item.
- 4. The colours form will open. Enter in the name of the colour and the make sure the status is set to 'Active'. You can also select the closest colour from the palette, although these are not used anywhere else in the program.

### **Editing an Existing Colour**

- 1. Click on the 'Options' menu and select 'Picklists Setup'.
- 2. Expand the 'Patient' menu and double click on 'Colours'.
- 3. The Colours pick list will open. Double click on the colour you wish to edit.
- 4. The colour window will open. You can now change the name or status of the colour.
- 5. You will be warned not to edit the details if any Patients are using that colour.

### **NOTES**

The notes system is used to display pop-up or printed notes at various user defined stages in VetlinkPRO. For example, you can automate the system to display a note when a certain Patient is added to a bill. These notes may be prompts to advise staff members of important information they need to know about a Patient. Notes can be added for patients, clients, products, staff members and suppliers. The process for adding these reminders however is the same throughout the program.

### **SETTING UP PATIENT CATEGORIES**

Categories group clients, products, suppliers or Patients together for reporting purposes. You can then generate a report for a particular category to see their sales figures or profitability. See below for instructions on creating a new category.

- 1. Click on the 'Options' menu and select 'Picklists Setup'.
- 2. Expand the client, Patient, product or supplier menu depending on what type of category you are setting up.
- 3. Double-click on category 1, 2 or 3. If you are creating a product category you have an extra two categories to choose from.
- 4. If you are creating a new category, click on the red plus button at the bottom of the form. (If you are editing a category name, just click on the name with the mouse and type in the new name.)
- 5. A blank line will be added at the bottom of the grid. Type in the name of the category and click on the red plus button to save.
- 6. When creating a new client, Patient, product or supplier record, or when editing an existing record, you should now be to assign that record to a category.

### **SETTING UP PATIENT PROFILES**

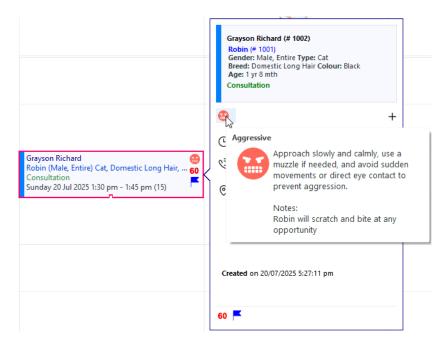
When a new client, product or Patient is added to your database, a profile is requested. Examples include Adult, Member, etc. The profile acts like a template and is there so that users in your business do not have to make decisions on a number of client configurations when setting up new client, product or Patient records. These settings include what mailing list they will be automatically subscribed to, the report category that they will be assigned to, the discount levels that they will be given or the batch group they will go to for statements. You can create new client profiles with preset criteria and train your staff to select the correct ones when adding new clients. This 'standardisation' within your organisation will benefit the clinic as data entry will be faster and more accurate as a number of options will not have to be selected each time a new record is added to the database.

- 1. Click on the 'Options' menu and select 'Picklists Setup'.
- 2. Expand the client, Patient, product or menu depending on what type of profile you are setting up.
- 3. Double-click on profile. And the client profile form will open.
- 4. To edit an existing profile, double-click on the profile name. To create a new profile, click on the red plus button at the bottom of the screen.
- 5. The client, Patient or product profile form will open. Select the options you wish to use in the profile. Depending on the profile selected a number of different options will be available.
- 6. Once you have set the fields for the profile click on the 'Accept' button to save and exit.

# **PATIENT TAGS**

#### **Patient Demeanours**

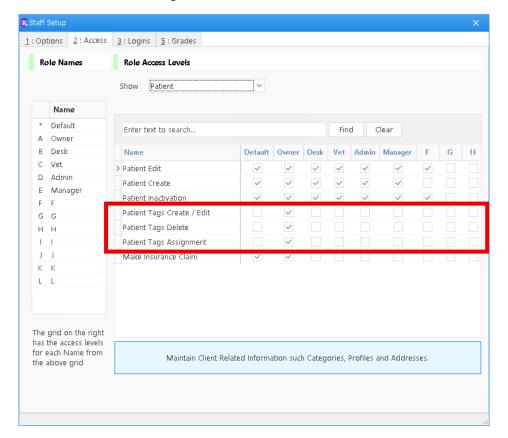
Patient Demeanours are used to add an icon to an animal indicating its Demeanour, eg Aggressive, timid, scratches etc... As well as the icon an additional note can be added to provide more information. Demeanour names, icons and where the icon should appear can all be customized.



#### **Access Levels**

Patient Demeanours and Major Diseases use the same access levels (patient tags) that control who can create / edit tag names in picklist setup, who can add tags to patients records and who can delete tag's from patient records. To configure please follow steps below;

- 1. Go to Options -> Setup
- 2. Staff button
- 3. Access tab
- 4. Change Show to Patient
- 5. Set Access Level group that can do each of;
  - a. Patient Tags Create / Edit (this refers to setup of patient tags in Picklist Setup)
  - b. Patient Tags Delete (refers to who can delete tags from patient)
  - c. Patient Tags Assignment (who can add Patient Tags to patient)
- 6. Save and exit Setup
- 7. Check that Staff are then assigned to correct access level in their staff record in Staff tab.



#### **Configuration of Demeanours Display and Actions**

- 1. Go to Options -> Picklists Setup
- 2. Expand Patient -> Double click Tags -> Select Demeanours



- 3. Configure how Demeanours show in Vetlink
  - a. Enable Toggling of Demeanour Displays

Enabling this just allows you to hide Demeanour icons with shortcut key combination of (Ctrl + Shift + H). This might be used is clients can see your screen and you don't want them to see icon associated

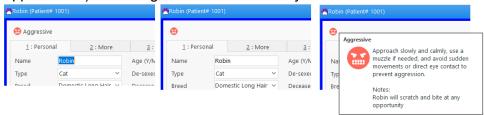


b. Display Demeanour Details on;

Demeanours can display on any of Diary, Patient Record, Billing Arrivals Just tick locations to display tags. (See section How demeanours will display for More information.

c. Display tag names along with tag icons

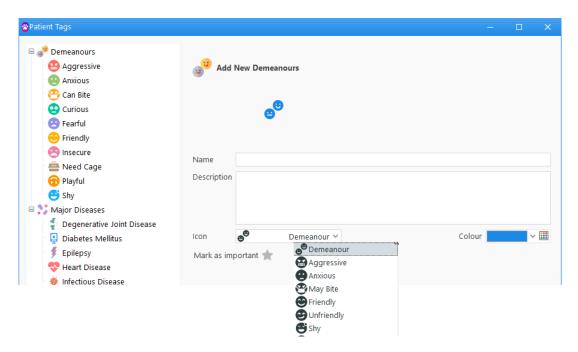
Ticking this option will show the Tag name next to the icon (apart from on appointment). Unticking will hide it. If hidden you can still view the name in the tooltip



d. Use important tags

#### **Adding New Demeanour Type**

- 1. Go to Options -> Picklists Setup
- 2. Expand Patient -> Double click Tags -> Select Demeanours
- 3. You may need to Log in with ID and password depending on Access Level setup
- 4. Click + to add new Demeanour
  - a. Add Demeanour name
  - b. Add a default Description
  - c. Select Icon from List
  - d. Choose colour for the icon
- 5. Click Tick to Save

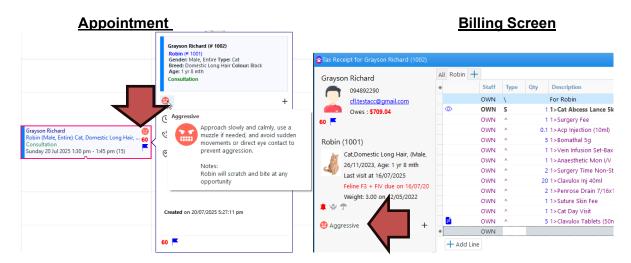


### **Editing Existing Demeanour**

- 1. Go to Options -> Picklists Setup
- 2. Expand Patient -> Double click Tags -> Select Demeanours
- 3. You may need to Log in with ID and password depending on Access Level setup
- 4. Select Demeanour to edit
- 5. Edits details as required
- 6. Click Tick to Save

#### How will Demeanours display

Demeanour will display on the on the records you have selected in Picklists. You can have your mouse over the icon to display the tool tip and see any additional notes







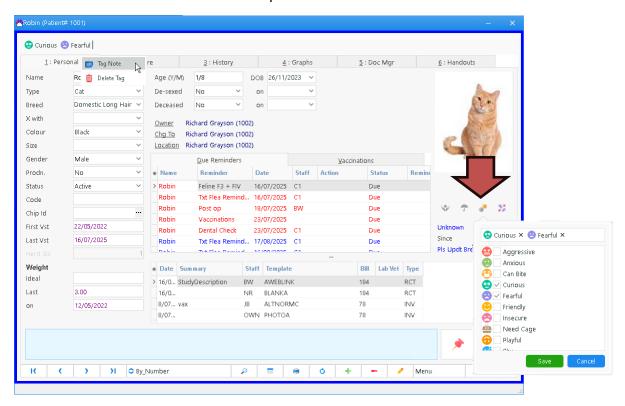


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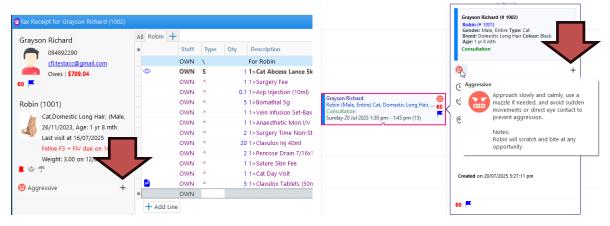
#### How to add a Demeanour to Patient

To add a Demeanour;

- 1. Open Patient Record
- 2. You may need to log in depending on access level setup
- 3. Click the **Demeanour icon**
- 4. Tick Demeanours to add to this patient



Note: From the tool tip on appointment or billing screen you can click + button to quickly add Demeanours as well.

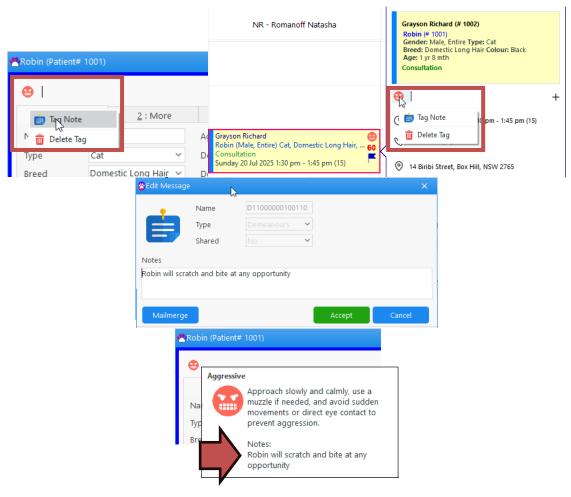


#### How to Add Additional Note to Patient Demeanour

You can add an additional note to Demeanour to display give more information. This will display in the tooltip when you hover over the icon.

To add additional Note

- 1. Click the **Demeanour icon** in any location it displays
- 2. Click Tag Note
- 3. Enter Note and Save

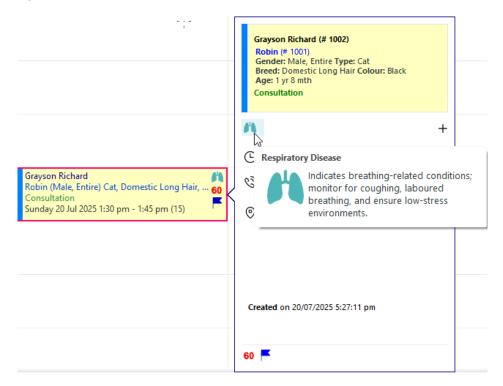


#### How to delete Demeanour from Patient

To delete a Patient Demeanour icon Click the Demeanour icon in any location it displays then select **Delete Tag.** 

### **Patient Major Diseases**

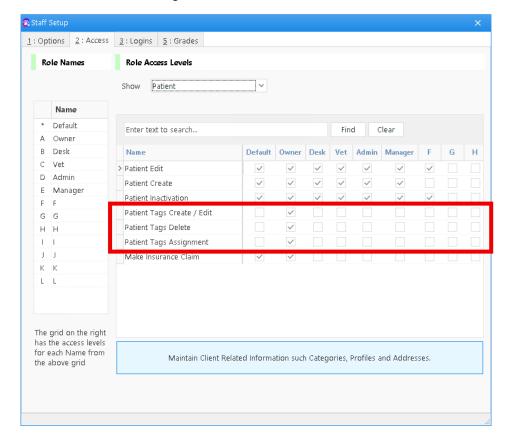
Patient Major Diseases are used to add an icon to an animal indicating it's a Major disease or Condition for the patient. As well as the icon an additional note can be added to provide more information. Major Disease names, icons and where the icon should appear can all be customized.



#### **Access Levels**

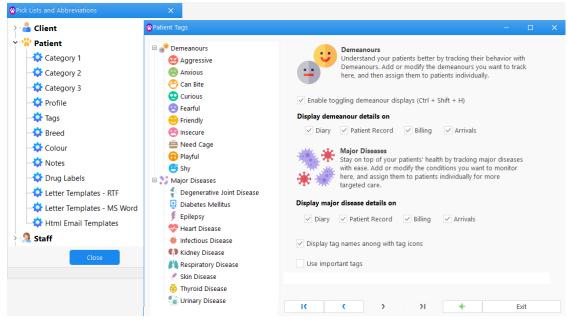
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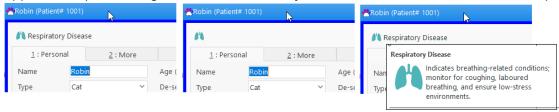


#### **Configuration of Major Disease Display and Actions**

- 1. Go to Options -> Picklists Setup
- 2. Expand Patient -> Double click Tags -> Select Major Diseases



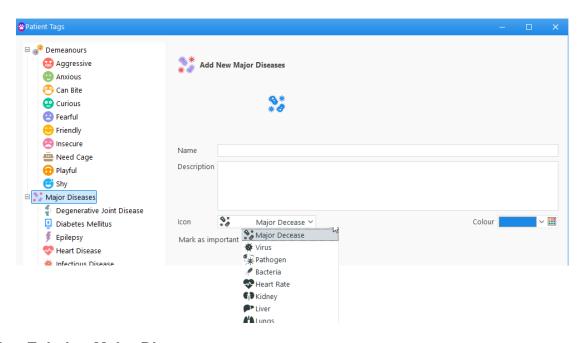
- 3. Configure how Major Diseases show in Vetlink
  - a. Display Major diseases on;
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    Just tick locations to display tags. (See section How Major Diseases will display for More information.
  - b. Display tag names along with tag icons
    Ticking this option will show the Tag name next to the icon (apart from on appointment). Unticking will hide it. If hidden you can still view the name in the tooltip



c. Use important tags

### **Adding New Major Disease Type**

- 1. Go to Options -> Picklists Setup
- 2. Expand Patient -> Double click Tags -> Select Major Diseases
- 3. You may need to Log in with ID and password depending on Access Level setup
- 4. Click + to add new Major Diseases
  - a. Add Major Disease name
  - b. Add a default Description
  - c. Select Icon from List
  - d. Choose colour for the icon
- 5. Click Tick to Save

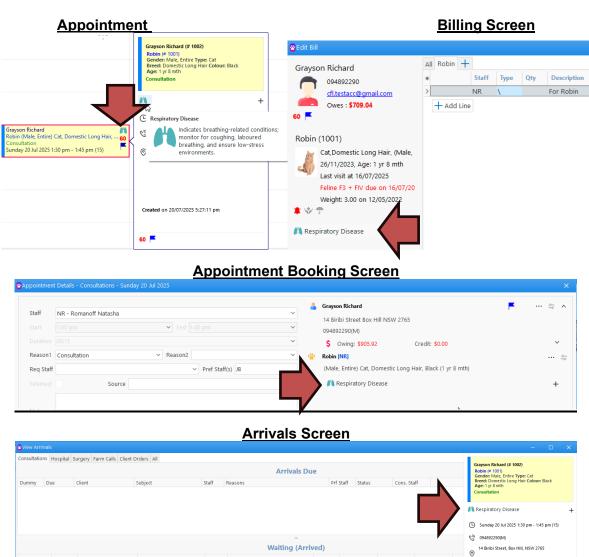


### **Editing Existing Major Disease**

- 1. Go to Options -> Picklists Setup
- 2. Expand Patient -> Double click Tags -> Select Major Disease
- 3. You may need to Log in with ID and password depending on Access Level setup
- 4. Select Major Disease to edit
- 5. Edits details as required
- 6. Click Tick to Save

### **How will Major Diseases display**

Major Diseases will display on the on the records you have selected in Picklists. You can have your mouse over the icon to display the tool tip and see any additional notes.





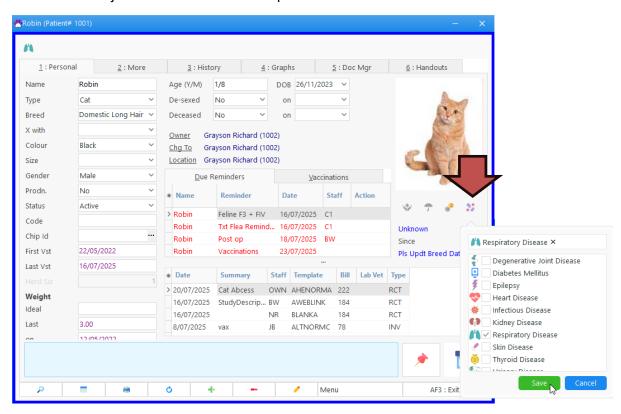


### Adding, Editing and Deleting Major Diseases for Patient

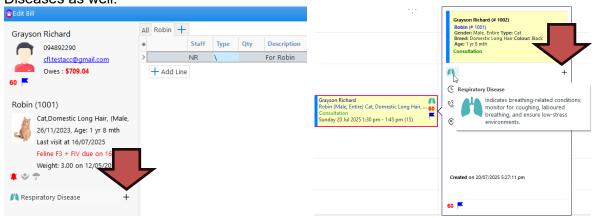
#### How to add a Major Disease to Patient

To add a Major Disease;

- 1. Open Patient Record
- 2. You may need to log in depending on access level setup
- 3. Click the Major Disease icon
- 4. Tick Major Disease to add to this patient



Note: From the tool tip on appointment or billing screen you can click + button to quickly add Major Diseases as well.

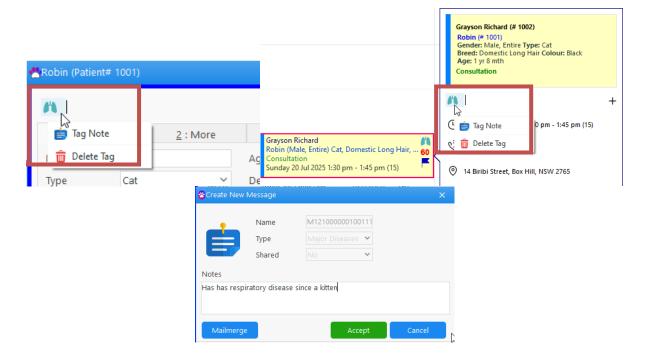


#### How to Add Additional Note to Patient Major Disease

You can add an additional note to a Major Disease to display more information. This will display in the tooltip when you hover over the icon.

To add additional note

- 1. Click the Major Disease icon in any location it displays
- 2. Click Tag Note
- 3. Enter Note and Save



#### **How to delete Major Disease from Patient**

To delete a Patient Major Disease icon click the Major Disease icon in any location it displays then select **Delete Tag**.

