

Abbey Vets MONTHLY MIRACLES

Puppy springs back to health after life-saving op

Each month Abbey Vets highlight a pet that's made a good recovery after going through a difficult time. Our AUGUST MONTHLY MIRACLE is Gibson, an 11-month-old Springer Spaniel.

Claire and Andrew Hedison knew there was something seriously wrong with Gibson when he was violently sick, lethargic and refusing to eat or drink.

They brought him into our Barnsley surgery and x-rays showed an accumulation of gas and fluid in his bowels.

We took Gibson into surgery and found that he had mesenteric torsion, twisting of the intestines around the mesenteric axis – the suspension system for the many feet of intestines. Occasionally, this can twist on itself causing serious and often fatal consequences.

Vet Nuno Neves said: "Mesenteric torsion is a relatively uncommon condition and the twisting of the intestines stops the blood flowing, causing



tissue to die. In Gibson's case half of his intestines had died and during a one-and-a-half hour operation we removed two-and-a-half feet of dead tissue.

"The key to a successful outcome is to act quickly and to ensure that all abnormal tissue is removed during surgery. We were all hoping for a good outcome

for Gibson, but the speed with which he recovered amazed us all."

Claire Hedison was equally amazed: "The vet who checked Gibson's wound a few days after he was discharged had seen him on the operating table having masses of dead tissue removed and said it was a miracle that he had survived.

"His wound has healed beautifully and he's back to his normal self, jumping and running all over the place. I can't praise Abbey Vets enough, they saved Gibson's life and were absolutely brilliant, keeping us informed every step of the way throughout his treatment."