

Abbey Vets

MONTHLY MIRACLES

Cat's neck torn open by gun shot makes amazing recovery

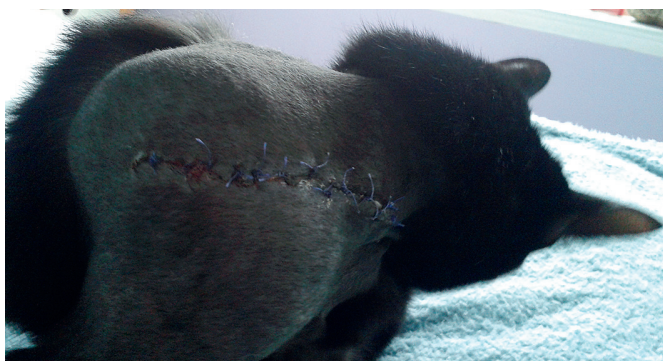
Each month Abbey Vets highlight a pet that's made a good recovery after going through a really tough time. Our JANUARY MONTHLY MIRACLE is Ivy, an 18-month-old cat.

Ivy was left fighting for her life after being shot – with the entry wound being only millimetres from her jugular vein.

Her owner, Cheryl Oldham, saw that Ivy was badly hurt but didn't realise that she had been shot. She rushed her to our surgery and we initially thought she might have been attacked by a fox. However, further examination and an x-ray revealed that a pellet from a gun had ripped the muscle in her shoulder and caused a large wound as it exited.

"Ivy was in a terrible state when I first saw her. She had managed to get into the kitchen through the cat flap and I found her cowering in the corner," said Cheryl.

"At one point it seemed likely that she would lose her front leg up to the shoulder but Abbey Vets did a marvellous job removing the pellet and stitching together the torn flesh and muscle. Incredibly the day after her operation she began to use her leg again," she added.



After spending three days at Abbey Vets, Ivy was allowed home to recuperate with her two feline friends, Kitty and Lucy.

"Apart from a slight limp after getting up after sleeping, Ivy has made a really good recovery. She has always been nicknamed 'Skippy' owing to her amusing sideways skipping, and we are happy to say she still holds this nickname post injury," said Cheryl.