

# Abbey Vets

## MONTHLY MIRACLES

### Life-saving operation for dog with punctured jugular

**Each month Abbey Vets highlight a pet that's made a good recovery after going through a really tough time. Our AUGUST MONTHLY MIRACLE is Freya, a three-year-old Malamute cross Husky.**

Freya lives with three other dogs, and a heated dispute within the pack left her with a life-threatening puncture to her jugular vein that needed emergency treatment.

Her owner said: "Freya was injured in an unfortunate freak incident with one of my other dogs. When I saw the arc of blood pumping from her neck I immediately applied compression to stem the bleeding.

"I telephoned ahead to let Abbey Vets know that I was bringing in an emergency case and they were ready and waiting for me to carry her into the surgery.

"I continued to apply pressure to the wound until Freya was in the operating theatre and the vet was ready to take over. Thankfully I know basic first aid because Freya would have certainly died had she continued to bleed."

"I can't praise Abbey Vets enough, they were so efficient and Freya was able to come home the very next day. She was a little subdued and groggy for a few days but now she's absolutely fine," she added.



Vet Stephen Capon said: "Freya's jugular vein had been completely severed and about 5cm of one end was sticking out of her neck. If Freya's owner had not stemmed the bleeding she would have died within minutes. We clamped and tied off the vein and pushed it back in place before stitching the wound to her neck."