

Abbey Vets MONTHLY MIRACLES

Springer Spaniel swallows dozens of loom bands

Each month Abbey Vets highlight a pet that's made a good recovery after going through a really tough time. Our DECEMBER MONTHLY MIRACLE is Milo, a two-year-old Springer Spaniel.

Milo, who is owned by Liz Scrivin, had to have emergency surgery after tucking into a packet of loom bands and swallowing several dozen of the tiny bands.

Liz said: "My nieces and nephews had been playing with the loom bands and they left them on the coffee table. Somehow Milo managed to open the lounge door whilst I was out and he then ate the bands. When I got home I noticed he had been sick and had brought quite a few of the loom bands up.

"I took him to Abbey Vets and they suggested I gave Milo time to see if nature would take its course. Unfortunately, the loom bands didn't pass through him and neither did any of his food because the bands were causing a blockage. His stomach became very bloated so Abbey Vets had to operate. He's now made a good recovery but I'm not taking any chances and have thrown all the loom bands away."

Tony Duffy of Abbey Vets said: "It is important to keep the rubber bands away



Milo with his owner, Liz Scrivin.

from pets and, indeed, young children and to keep them in containers with a secure lid. Do not leave the bands or the finished products anywhere where pets can easily get hold of them."

"The bands can get stuck in the stomach or the intestine, which can lead to a rupture. If you suspect your pet has eaten the rubber bands, it's important to call a vet right away and to know the symptoms of an obstruction, including loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhea," he added.