

# Abbey Vets

## MONTHLY MIRACLES

### Salmon paste lid causes big problems for Scratch

**Each month Abbey Vets highlight a pet that's made a good recovery after going through a really tough time. Our MAY MONTHLY MIRACLE is Scratch, a two-year-old Labrador.**

Scratch, who is owned by Stacey Parkyn, had emergency surgery after he ate a pair of pants and a salmon paste lid!

Scratch had been a little off colour for a few days before his condition suddenly deteriorated and he was sick and in pain. His owner brought him into our surgery and an X-ray confirmed that there was a foreign object in his intestines, so we operated immediately.

The pants were easily removed through a small incision in his intestines but the salmon paste lid had forced its way through the guts and caused huge amounts of damage. A 40cm piece of gut was too damaged to save, so

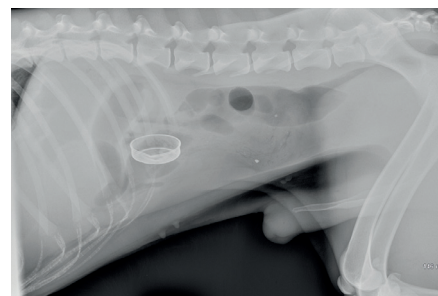


had to be removed. This meant that two ends of intestine had to be joined together – a much bigger procedure with higher rates of complication than simply removing an object from the gut.

Stacey Parkyn said: "When Scratch came out of surgery it was touch and go whether he would recover but within four days he was over the worst and was able to come

home. He is doing really well now and has regained most of the weight he lost. Abbey Vets have been amazing, and it's down to them that Scratch survived."

It isn't the first time that Scratch has had surgery after eating something he shouldn't have. When he was a puppy he ate a full corn on the cob, but fortunately the cob didn't get any further than his stomach so the surgery to remove it was relatively routine.



*Our X-ray clearly shows the lid.*