

Abbey Vets MONTHLY MIRACLES

Emergency operation for thong swallowing dog

Each month Abbey Vets highlight a pet that's made a good recovery after going through a really tough time. Our OCTOBER MONTHLY MIRACLE is Brian, a four-year-old Samoyed.

Brian, owned by Kaye Banks, hit the national headlines after he swallowed his owner's thong – plus two of her daughter's thongs for good measure.

He first raided an overnight bag belonging to Kaye's daughter, and the next day he struck again – taking the opportunity to pinch Kaye's thong from the bathroom floor whilst she was taking a shower.

His exploits resulted in an emergency operation at Abbey Vets. Although one thong had already passed through him, we had to remove the other one from his stomach in a two hour operation.

Freshly stitched and feeling perky after four days at Abbey Vets, Brian returned home only to steal yet another thong just days later – a pair that were in the laundry basket. Kaye rushed him straight back to us and because this time the thong had not travelled beyond his throat we were able to give him medication to make him vomit and bring up the thong.

Kaye said: "We just couldn't believe that



Brian with his owner, Kaye Banks, holding a thong he hasn't yet managed to steal!

after an operation and four days at the vets he comes home and does it again. From now on all underwear is put straight into the washing machine. He's a lovely dog but he's into everything."

Vet Tony Duffy said: "It never fails to amaze me what dogs will swallow, but swallowing three thongs in such a short space of time must beat them all."