

Abbey Vets MONTHLY MIRACLES

Hamster's fantastic recovery from life threatening infection

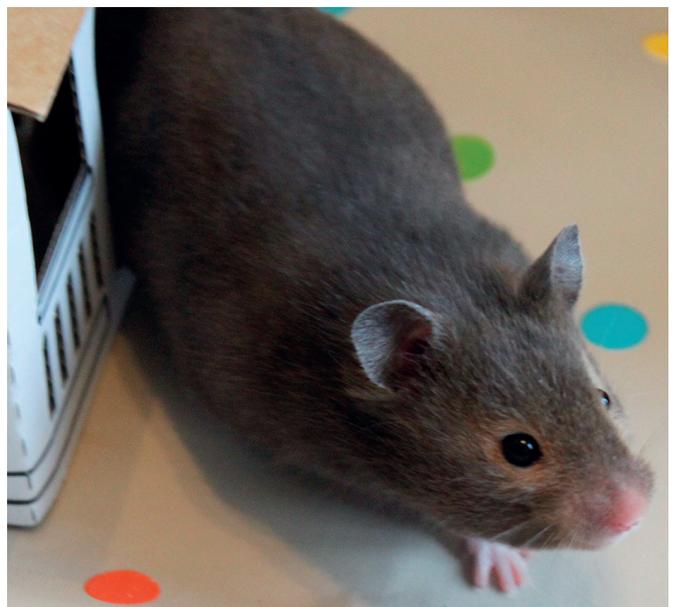
Each month Abbey Vets highlight a pet that's made a good recovery after going through a difficult time. Our AUGUST MONTHLY MIRACLE is Jasmine, a 17-week-old Syrian hamster.

The first signs that Jasmine had a problem came when she developed an unpleasant musky smell – this proved to be a symptom of Pyometra, a life threatening infection of the womb.

Her owner, Alexandra Griffin, brought her into our Cudworth branch as she knew that the smell wasn't normal. Our vet, Rebecca Penn, quickly diagnosed Pyometra and gave Jasmine antibiotics. However, when Jasmine's condition didn't improve we operated to remove her womb and ovaries.

Rebecca said: "Pyometra can follow on from an infection of the reproductive tract. As well as a foul smell, symptoms can include swelling of the stomach, increased drinking and urinating and a reduced appetite. If untreated it is usually fatal."

Alexandra said: "When I found out that Jasmine had Pyometra I didn't have any hesitation in going ahead with surgery as it was the only way to give her a fighting chance. Shortly after her operation, she was allowed home and I was amazed that she was so active and completely unaffected by the surgery.



"I had removed her toys and wheel from her pen to make sure that she got a good rest but she was having none of it and in the end I relented and let her have her exercise ball to run around in.

"She's made an excellent recovery and Rebecca from Abbey Vets was fantastic. I have three hamsters and four rabbits and take them all to her – she is the best around for small animals and has lots of experience."