

Abbey Vets MONTHLY MIRACLES

Little Betty shows true fighting spirit

Each month Abbey Vets highlight a pet that's made a good recovery after going through a really tough time. Our JUNE MONTHLY MIRACLE is Betty, a Chihuahua cross Papillon puppy.

Weighing less than a bag of sugar, Betty was left fighting for her life after being struck down with a condition that causes very low levels of glucose in the blood.

Within days of Betty being purchased by Jackie and Keith Rushton she began coughing, was wobbly, drowsy and weak.

Jackie said: "Betty's condition was deteriorating rapidly and when I picked her up she felt like a little rag doll. I was convinced she was dying and rushed her straight to Abbey Vets."

Vet Sharon English said: "Betty was very poorly and tests showed that her blood sugar levels were extremely low – this is called hypoglycemia, which can result in coma and death. It was vital that we restored her sugar levels quickly so we administered a glucose drip.

"Tests also revealed that Betty had several types of intestinal parasites that were depriving her of getting any benefit from her food. This was causing her blood sugar levels to drop so we treated the parasite problem immediately."



After spending four days at Abbey Vets Betty was sent home to recuperate with Jackie and Keith.

"It's been a long struggle to get Betty back to good health. When we brought her home she had to be fed by syringe every two hours throughout the day and night to build her up. The hard work has paid off though and she's now tipping the scales at just under 4lb," said Jackie.

"Fortunately, I was able to claim for Betty's treatment under the four weeks' free insurance I received through Abbey Vets when I took her for her first vaccination," she added.