

# Abbey Vets MONTHLY MIRACLES

## Megan recovers from life-threatening injuries

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

Megan had emergency surgery after a sharp object pierced through her right shoulder, causing life-threatening internal damage.

Although she only had a small puncture wound, when she arrived at our surgery she was very weak and lethargic. Her condition soon deteriorated, her breathing became laboured and her stomach began to swell. We scanned her abdomen and this showed that a large amount of blood was collecting there.

Megan was taken straight into theatre to investigate the cause of the internal bleeding. We discovered that a sharp object must have entered her body causing wounds to her chest, a



hole in her diaphragm and lacerations to her spleen. During a three and a half hour operation, we removed the spleen and repaired the damage to her chest and diaphragm. We also gave her two blood transfusions, one immediately after the operation and one the following day.

Megan's owner, Gary Child, said: "No one knows what

object caused Megan's injuries. We were on holiday in Spain at the time and the lady who was looking after her had taken her for a walk and she was off her lead in some woods when the accident happened.

"Although she was in intensive care attached to various drips and drains she still managed to wag her tail when she saw us. Six days after her operation Abbey Vets said that we could take her home."

"Megan has made a remarkable recovery and although her spleen was removed it hasn't affected her in any way. I'm very grateful to Abbey Vets who did a fantastic job by acting so quickly to save her life," he added.