

Abbey Vets MONTHLY MIRACLES

Jack Russell terrier's recovery is truly a miracle

Each month Abbey Vets highlight a pet that's made a good recovery after going through a difficult time. Our DECEMBER MONTHLY MIRACLE is Reg, a three-year-old Jack Russell terrier.

Reg, who is owned by Stewart and Tracy Cooper, was out for a walk in a local park when another dog ferociously attacked him.

Reg was in a bad way when he was brought to our Barnsley surgery so we quickly brought together a team of two vets and two vet nurses to treat him.

X-rays showed extensive internal injuries – he had a diaphragmatic hernia causing his stomach to move into his diaphragm – the sheet of muscle separating the abdomen from the rib cage area. The trauma from the attack had also caused his spleen to rupture in half and his internal abdominal muscle was severely shredded.

With no time to lose we took Reg straight to the operating theatre. Vets Rebecca Penn and Louise Mallinson carried out the five and a half hour operation.

Rebecca said: "It was by far the worst internal injuries I have ever seen. We removed Reg's spleen, repaired the extensive damage and created a new abdominal wall out of connecting tissue. It is truly a miracle that he survived such an ordeal."



Reg with his owners, Stewart and Tracy Cooper.

Stewart Cooper said: "Reg has made an amazing recovery and we're so grateful to Abbey Vets for everything they did for him. He has recovered so well that he has now been discharged but I'm sure he misses going to the surgery for his check ups as everyone makes such a fuss of him."

"Fortunately the attack hasn't changed Reg in any way, and he's just as keen as ever to go out for a walk. The whole team at Abbey Vets are absolutely fantastic and I can't praise them enough for their superb treatment and aftercare," he added.