



NEWSLETTER

Hello to all our clients

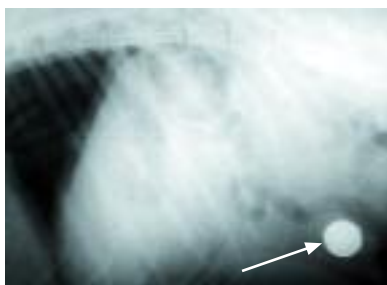
We enjoy bringing you our Kelburn Vet Centre news through our newsletter. If you would like copies of previous newsletters, ask at the front desk next time you are in. So on with the news...

Seton and the Kelburn Vet Centre team.

Meg - a Labrador with not-so-gourmet taste buds



Meg relaxing at home



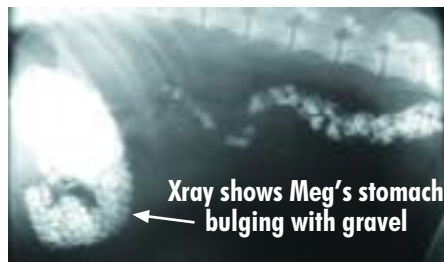
Sinker discovered during surgery

Luckily this time Meg did not need surgery, but was given pain relief medication, and other drugs to stop the vomiting and help the stones pass safely through. The area she was eating gravel from has since been concreted, and we hope not to see Meg back in the future following any other poor dietary choices!

Meg has come to the Kelburn Vet Centre since she was a pup, and in general keeps in good health, only requiring the usual vaccines and growth checks. However, the young black Labrador came to see us last year feeling very sorry for herself. She had been depressed and was crying at home, and in the clinic would not let us touch her abdomen without letting out a scream.

An x-ray revealed the problem - a foreign-body, but it wasn't until surgery that we discovered what this was. Meg's dad is a keen fisherman, and she had managed to steal and swallow the fish (bait), line and sinker! This was sitting in and weighing down the intestines, causing a lot of pain and damage. Once the sinker and line had been untangled and removed, it was a much happier Meg that woke up after surgery.

The second time we saw Meg in such a distressed state was much more recently. This time her family knew what the problem was, as a very depressed Meg had been vomiting up gravel all through the night. But we weren't prepared for the x-ray findings - a stomach bulging with gravel!



Xray shows Meg's stomach bulging with gravel

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Rumpelteazer's Column



We are having one of those issues where Vicki says that there is no room for me to write a lot.

I just wanted to tell you how much I enjoy all the builders being around the clinic. I inspect their work regularly, and enjoy walking around the scaffolding and other things they leave out for me.

The nurses have also asked you to check your car for me if you leave a window open parked outside the clinic - I have been for another ride in a van last week. They couldn't do without me, and I am too valuable to be inadvertently driven away.

Later, Rumpelteazer



Client surveys



Thanks again to everyone who completes our client satisfaction surveys. The information we gather enables us to continually improve our services.

Congratulations to the winner of this month's \$25 voucher, Coco Fairweather.

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