



# Hunters Lodge

## Veterinary Practice

### Pepper Makes a Knock Out Recovery



*Pepper: 5 days after her ordeal*

This is Pepper a 1 year old Jack Russell terrier. Pepper was involved in a disagreement with a horse on a Saturday morning. She was kicked in the head by the irritable equine and was rushed into the Ewhurst practice in a collapsed state. The owners thought Pepper had died as she was so limp and lifeless. Fortunately Grant the vet could see she was still breathing and had a very weak pulse. He gave her emergency treatment to stabilise the shock and admitted Pepper for further life saving care and monitoring. Miraculously she didn't have any damage to her skull or jaw. Pepper remained in a coma until that evening but was able to breathe by herself. By Sunday evening she had begun to come round a little more but was left blind and unable to sit up or stand. She was given further treatment for brain swelling and fluids to keep her organs from failing. Grant and Charlie the nurse looked after her all weekend. On Monday morning Pepper was slightly more responsive but was still blind and unable to walk. She could stand for

a few moments but needed lots of help. Her front limbs were very stiff and her back legs unable to support her weight. On Tuesday morning vet Helen was sure Pepper's sight was returning as she was able to blink when a hand was waved in front of her face. She was unable to keep food down and we suspected her oesophagus was not working properly due to the damage to her brain. By Wednesday she had come on leaps and bounds. She could now definitely see and she was able to walk a few steps. She was still unable to keep food down for long so we thought we would have to place a feeding tube into her stomach to bypass her damaged oesophagus. On Thursday Pepper was a different dog. We had to hold her back from jumping out of her kennel. She was able to walk and sniff around the garden without any help. She was also able to eat and keep her food down. Pepper went home that evening and we expect her to make a full recovery. Hooray! This was a very interesting case as her condition at first seemed so dire. The Surrey advertiser seemed to think so too as it was featured on their website. Yet the tough little terrier was determined to hang in there and make a startlingly quick recovery that took us all by surprise.

### The Albert Dilemma

Albert is a much loved 12 year old Airedale terrier. He came to see Helen as a second opinion from another practice. He had a tumour removed from his left hind limb a year ago but it had now returned and was causing Albert a lot of problems. The tumour had ulcerated and needed constant dressings and antibiotics to keep the wound from becoming infected.



His owners had been told the treatment

was either amputation or to put Albert to sleep. This decision was made more difficult by the fact that Albert has hip dysplasia and is more likely to have problems walking with only three legs. After several weeks of agonising over the decision Albert came to see Helen to find out if the tumour was operable or not. She confirmed that indeed the tumour was too large to remove so amputation was the only option in order to save Albert's life. After a lengthy discussion we decided to give Albert a chance and see how he would cope on three legs. We had nothing to lose by trying. The operation was done without delay as the tumour was getting larger by the day. Albert was sent home the day after his operation but he needed lots of help as he still thought he had four legs! Two days later Albert was able to stand by himself and making a good effort at getting around a few steps at a time. A week later this is what he could do.



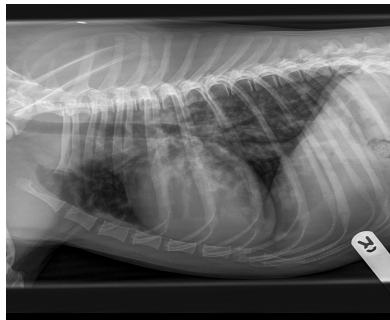
*Albert walking around his garden a week after his operation.*

Albert was doing fantastically well just a few days after his operation. He looked so much happier as the pain from the tumour had now gone and is growing stronger every day. Albert had exceeded everyone's expectations in his recovery and now has every chance to live a long and happy life.

### Lungworm Alert

We have recently had a suspected case of lungworm in a young

spaniel. She came in to see us with very fast breathing and had been unwell for a few days.



*Radiograph of chest*

We took some x rays of her chest and found a fluffy pattern in the lungs and the heart looked a little bit enlarged. All these signs suggested lungworm in such a young dog.



*Lungworm: Adult worm*

Lungworm is a parasite that is passed on to dogs through slugs and snails. The dog only needs to lick where the snail has been to pick up the parasite. Signs of lungworm can be very varied from coughing and breathing problems to severe blood clotting problems. The best way to prevent your dog catching lungworm is with monthly treatment of Advocate which will prevent an infection. Advocate will also protect your dog against fleas, fox mange and ear mites. There are also other treatments for lungworm if advocate does not agree with your dog. It is for this reason that we use Advocate in our Pet Care Plan package as it is always better to prevent than have to treat lungworm. We are pleased to

report our patient is currently doing well after treatment.

## SUMMER IS HERE!!



Here are a few tips for how to keep your pets healthy in the warmer weather.

**HEAT STROKE** : Be careful of exercising your dogs in the heat. They can quickly get overcome and collapse. Try to walk them in the cooler time of the day and near water if possible. If your dog does become overheated find the nearest hose pipe and hose him all over. Then get him to the vets straight away.

**HOT CARS**: Never leave your dog in the car when it's sunny even with the window open. Dogs need to be able to pant to lose heat and so a small opening of the window is not enough to get decent air flow into the car. Dogs can die within 20 minutes in a hot car.



## **FLY STRIKE IN RABBITS:**

This is when flies lay eggs around a rabbit's

bottom. The maggots cause horrendous damage to the skin. Check your bunny's bottom every day in warmer weather. It can take less than 24 hrs to cause a real problem. We recommend **Rearguard** which prevents fly eggs from hatching and lasts for 10 weeks.

## **FLEAS AND TICKS:**

They are also fans of the warmer weather. surprising number of



Ask about the **Seresto Collar** for cats and dogs. It protects your pet for 7-8 months. It is the newest tick treatment on the market and can be used in conjunction with Advocate for protection from lungworm.

## Practice News

Helen will be going off on maternity leave from mid September. She will be returning in May.



We would like to welcome our new vet Sarah Rothwell and her dog Wendy to the practice. You will be able to see her at Ewhurst and Guildford. That's Sarah not Wendy!



Congratulations to Nicki who is our new head nurse. Nicki is having a busy year as she will be getting married in September.



Gemma, our nurse at Guildford will not be returning to her role after maternity leave. She has decided to be a full time mum to her little girl Indie. The good news is Lucy, who was covering her leave, will be staying with us on a permanent basis.

Charlie has passed all her nursing exams with flying colours as we knew she would. She is now a fully qualified nurse.



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### **About Us**

Hunters Lodge is a well-established, independent mixed practice offering a high quality service for all small animals, farm animals and horses.

We understand that clients appreciate continuity of care and always endeavour to arrange an appointment with the vet you request. Our team consists of three veterinary surgeons and five veterinary nurses who aim to provide a caring and individual service to achieve the needs of you and your pet.

We have two fully equipped practices in Guildford and Ewhurst where we can perform all routine and more involved surgical operations.

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