



Hunters Lodge

Veterinary Practice

Chicken Wings

This is a hen that was brought in to see Grant. The poor thing had injured her wing after struggling when being taken out of a cage. The owner could see that the wing was badly injured and took the hen to her local practice. The vet was not sure if it was broken or dislocated so she was given pain relief and sent home.

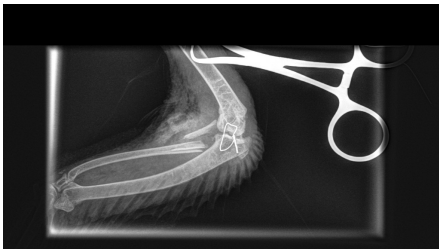


The owner came to see Grant as a second opinion.

Grant suspected the wing was probably broken so took a radiograph.



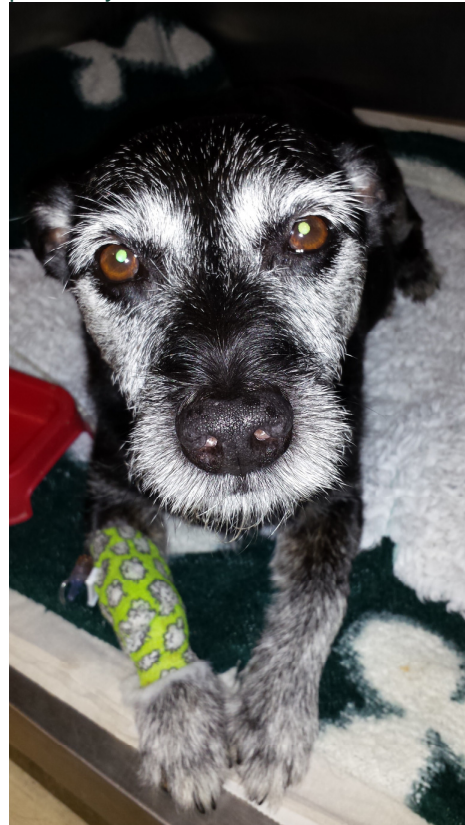
He found that the elbow was dislocated and the ulna was broken. The only way to save the bird would be to try and stabilise the dislocation and reduce the fracture. Grant attempted to replace the elbow but it continued to dislocate so surgical stabilisation was needed. He used a wire to replace and stabilise the dislocation.



The hen was fortunate that she had only broken her ulna rather than the radius so this will heal without wiring. Hopefully in a few weeks the wing should all be healed and she will be happily flapping away.

Diamond Diesel

This is Diesel a 10 year old male jack russel cross terrier. He came to see Helen after he started vomiting profusely.



He was drinking a lot but unable to keep anything down. On examination Diesel was a little bit depressed and dehydrated but there was nothing else abnormal. Diesel had lost 3kg in weight which was too much for a stomach upset so Helen suspected there might be another cause for Diesel's vomiting. He was admitted for a blood test and radiographs of his abdomen and chest to rule out a blockage. The blood test showed that Diesel was diabetic. His blood glucose was very high. This would explain the weight loss and why he was drinking so much water. Diabetics are not usually as sick as Diesel was so Helen tested Diesel's urine and found he was ketotic. This is a complication of diabetes which can make the patient very sick indeed. Diesel was put onto a drip and

started on insulin. He was then hospitalised for 2 days until he started eating. Diesel has now gone home but he will be back for regular visits until his diabetes has stabilised. Diabetes is something we see quite often in cats and dogs. In cats the main reason for causing the disease is obesity and they can suffer type 2 diabetes just like humans. Diesel will be on insulin injections twice a day for the rest of his life which is a big commitment for any owner. Fortunately, Diesel has a devoted dad who is happy to take on the challenge.

Old Timer

Working at Hunters Lodge we are used to treating all sorts of animals. Recently we had a 16 year old retired racing pigeon come into the practice with an eye problem.



The eyelid was swollen due to a large

tumour of the lower eyelid. The tumour was so large that it was difficult to see if the eye was still there. The only course of action was to try and remove the tumour or put the pigeon to sleep. As he was a much loved pet, the owner was keen to give the pigeon a chance. We anaesthetised him the anaesthetic gas and worked as quickly as possible to remove the tumour. Birds are quite often sensitive to anaesthetic. The tumour was removed and the pigeon recovered well from his anaesthetic. Within minutes he was walking about as if nothing had happened. The owners



were very please to have him home.

The reason we love our job is we never know what shape or size our patient will be.

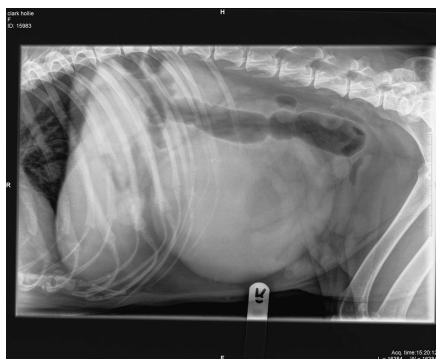
Hollie and the Football

This is Hollie. She came to see Una after she had been unwell for a few days. Una decided to admit Hollie for some radiographs to see what was going on inside her abdomen.

The radiographs showed Hollie had a massive tumour which was the size of a football.



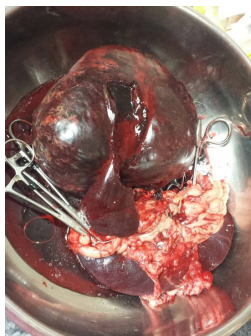
Hollie after her operation



Radiograph of Hollie's abdomen

An ultrasound showed that this was a tumour of her spleen. The only treatment was to remove the spleen straight away before it had a chance to rupture. Una and Grant removed the tumour which weighed a whopping 3kg and was almost a foot in diameter. They had quite a bit of trouble

removing it due to its size and it was on the point of rupture at the time of the surgery. A few more days and Hollie could have been too ill to operate. Hollie recovered well from her surgery and then we



had an anxious wait for the biopsy results as splenic tumours are often malignant. We are thrilled to report that the tumour was benign and Hollie is now completely recovered from her operation. Well done Hollie you are a superstar xx

Puppy Parties

We are now running puppy parties at the Ewhurst practice. They are great fun and an opportunity to socialise your puppy with others of a similar age. It's also a chance to get a lot of information from us and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. We will be taking plenty of photos so check out our website.



We run our parties as and when we have enough pups of similar ages. If you are interested please let Charlie know and she can put you on the list. Parties are also available to non registered clients so if you have a friend with a puppy, ask them to come along too. Just let us know they are coming. All puppies must have had their first vaccination.

Practice News

Bye Bye Phil and Delia

Phil Stimpson has finally retired after 40 years as a veterinary surgeon but will still offer homeopathy and acupuncture appointments at Ewhurst on request. His wife Delia, our practice manager, also joins him in his retirement. Both will be sorely missed as members of our team.

Grant joins Partnership

Grant has worked for the practice since 2008 and since that time has become a well established member of the practice. We are pleased to say he will be joining Helen as her partner and will be instrumental in developing the practice into the future.

Helen is Back

Helen has returned from maternity leave. She had a lively little boy named Owen and will be coming to work 3 days a week for a rest!

Meet Una



Una McFarlane is our new vet. She joins the practice as a full time veterinary surgeon and will be working at both practices. Una has a special interest

in chickens!

Jerry O'Riordan heads new referral service.

We are very pleased to announce that Jerry O'Riordan will be joining the Guildford practice and will be consulting and performing surgical procedures on Thursdays. Jerry is an orthopaedic and soft tissue surgeon and holds a European Diploma in surgery. He will be able to take surgical referrals from the 3rd of September. This service is open to our clients and also other practices.

Cattle and Horses

We have taken the difficult decision to no longer undertake cattle and horse work. This comes in light of Phil's retirement as his shoes have proved pretty big to fill. We are still able to offer a normal service for sheep, goats, pigs and chickens.

Charlie Ties the Knot

Our nurse Charlie married her fiancé Simon in a lovely ceremony in June. They have just returned from their honeymoon in Madeira.

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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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