



Pet of the Month:- "Maddie"

Introducing this edition's pet of the month: Miss Madeline. Madeline or "Maddie" as she is known to her many friends is a beautiful 10 year old Papillon. She can often be found frequenting the dog park and going for walks with her brother Toby and has no problems making new friends of both the furry and human kind.

Underneath her happy exterior, Maddie has had to battle through a mountain of health issues. Her latest challenge was a tiny little lump that came up just behind her shoulder. The lump was no more than 3mm in size when her attentive owner noticed it. The mass wasn't causing Maddie any discomfort and looked like a small wart. Maddie's owner monitored the lump closely and when she saw that the lump changed slightly in size she brought Maddie straight to the vet surgery.

In the consult room we were able to take a small needle sample from the mass and examine it under the microscope. The mass was identified as a Mast cell tumour and surgery to remove the mass performed the very same day. Mast cell tumours are common skin tumours of dogs that, in the early stages, behave benignly (don't spread) but as they advance, there is the potential for them to be very aggressive and spread throughout the body.

Maddie's owner must be commended not only for finding the mass when it was so small but also for her haste in bringing her to the vet clinic.

Because of her actions Maddie has a great chance of making a full recovery. We are sure you will see her back at the dog park soon.



Maddie

Facebook

You may have noticed ... we are now on Facebook! "Like" us to enter the draw for a **free annual vaccination and check up** every six months. Those are pretty good odds!

Also take a peek behind the scenes and check out our Pet of the Day.



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Free Arthritis Checks

With the arrival of colder weather have you noticed your pet.....

- 🐾 Taking longer to get to their feet?
- 🐾 Walking less?
- 🐾 No longer jumping?
- 🐾 Sleeping more?

These are all signs of the onset of arthritis in our pets. Our pets are very good at masking these symptoms, (to avoid being prey!) and the early changes can often be quite subtle.

Luckily there are a lot of simple things that we can do to help are pets and noticeably rejuvenate them. As a service to our clients we are offering **FREE Arthritis checks** for our patients throughout **June** and **July**. These free appointments are limited to four appointments per day and will fill up quickly, so please book early if you would like to take advantage of this offer.



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