



Pet of the Month: Handsome Harley!



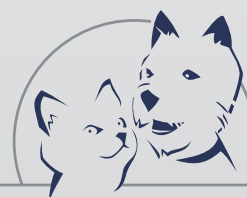
Harley the Visla has had an adventurous past few weeks and has been keeping us all on our toes. A few weeks ago, after a wonderful seaside holiday, it was noticed that he had a small amount of blood in his urine. This was short lived, and as there was no sign of a bladder infection, we were reasonably relaxed about this one off occurrence.

A week or two later he came back to see us to have several skin masses removed. We ended up removing nine masses, including a small mass from his prepuce. Although the surgery went routinely, we noticed afterwards that the wounds were a little oozy and assumed that this was partly due to the delicate nature of the locations of the surgery as well as Harley taking a little bit longer to clot. We soon realised though that his clotting ability was abnormal and after confirming this with some tests started to look for a reason!

There are a number of medical reasons why a dog's clotting ability may be adversely affected including **genetic factors, reduced numbers of platelets or clotting factors and various autoimmune diseases.** In Harley's case it was due to something he found in the yard!

Unbeknownst to anyone, for several weeks, he had been quietly helping himself to some rat bait which had been used around his family's house and yard. The family had been sold this particular rat bait with the understanding that it would be "safe" to use with their pets. Unfortunately, this is not the case for any rat bait. Rat baits can all be toxic, either when consumed in a large dose in one go, or as a cumulative toxin, ingesting small amounts frequently over a longer period of time. We suspect this is what happened to Harley!

Fortunately the toxic effects of rat bait are easily reversed if caught early enough, although treatment needs to continue for 4-6 weeks due to the long duration of action of these toxins. Harley has responded really well and is back to his normal bouncy self, but he has taught us some important lessons, including always taking notice of those subtle signs that our pets show us as well as to always think outside the box!



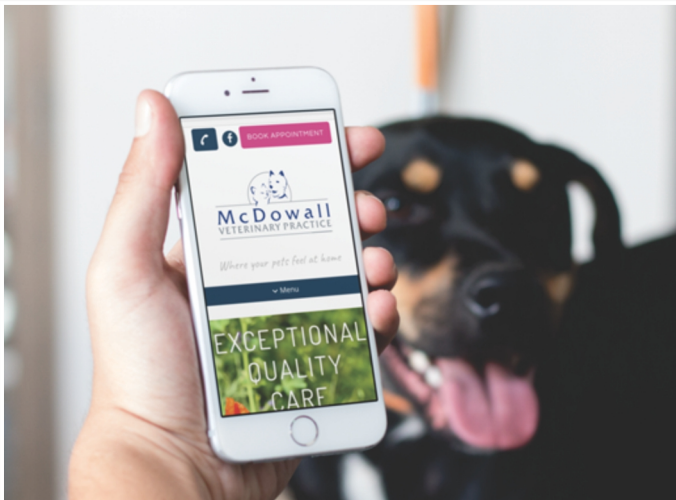
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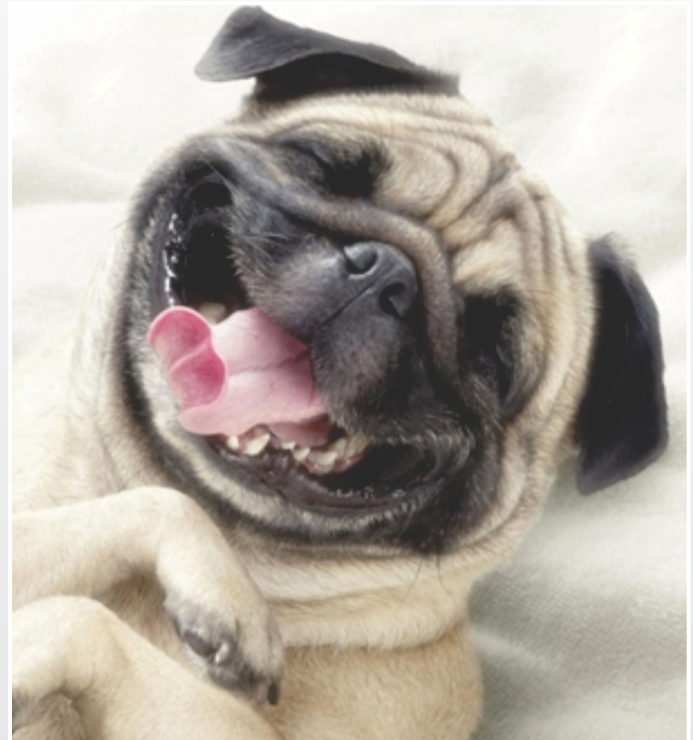
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