



Name: Oliver Croker

Breed: Domestic Shorthaired

Diagnosis : Medial Tarsocrural shearing injury

Presentation

Oliver was taken to his vet after returning home unable to place his left hind leg. His owner had also notice wounds on the inside of his hock. After initial examination by his vet it was thought Oliver had been involved in a Road Traffic Accident. It was clear to the vet by his inability to weight bear that his injury was worse than his visible wounds. Oliver was referred to 'Bay Vets Referrals' to see Colin our specialist Orthopaedic vet.

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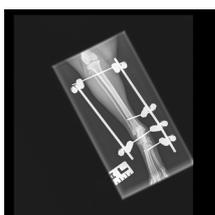
On examination Colin was able to see that Oliver had multiple wounds though all seemed to be clean and healing well. On manipulation of Oliver's leg, Colin could see that the hock was swollen, painful and unstable. However, otherwise Oliver was fit and well.

Colin decided to Anaesthetise Oliver and take X-Rays to help establish why the leg was unstable. On interpretation of the radiographs Colin was able to see Medial Tarsocrural instability. This means the collateral ligaments running down the inside of his leg connecting one bone to another had ruptured and were now unable to support the leg.



Treatment

Oliver was taken to surgery the same day. His long collateral ligament was repaired with sutures and a transarticular external skeletal fixator was placed. This immobilises the joint using pins held in place externally. If Oliver were allowed to use the leg he would be at high risk or rupturing the ligament again before it had healed. Post operative X-Rays were taken to ensure the fixator was in the correct place and Oliver had his leg bandaged to prevent further injury and for added support.





Oliver is now back home with antibiotics and pain relief medication. He has to be confined for five weeks until his External Fixator can be removed and he won't be able to participate in activity or re-gain full range of movement for a further seven weeks.

Four weeks post surgery and Oliver's owner reports he is doing very well and coping with all the adjustment to his life style.

Throughout his stay in the hospital and his post operative recovery Oliver has never stopped purring and looking for affection and the occasional treat. We look forward to seeing him back to full mobility soon.