

## **BEN**

“Ben” is a fifteen year old, Border Collie who, along with his two canine brothers and feline sister, is one of our most frequent visitors. He was rushed to our out of hours service, Pets A&E, in the middle of January after he suffered from stroke symptoms and was unable to stand or move. Ben was transferred to our practice the next day for observation, treatment and physiotherapy. The vets and nurses spent hours trying to coax him into walking or sitting up, as well as massaging his legs. But he was still unable to stand at the end of the day. He was re-admitted to the practice the next day for more physiotherapy and treatment. The team at Campbell & Galloway persevered and Ben very slowly began walking, albeit slowly and in circles! After three or four days of physiotherapy Ben was able to walk around the practice unassisted.

Ben was admitted to the practice every day for three weeks for physiotherapy and to have his medications administered. He seemed like an extra member of staff, he would come and sit with us at lunchtime and wonder around the practice when no other dogs were in. He also made great friends with Drummer one of the vets dogs! During his stay, Ben received many visitors from his family and friends (human and canine).

The staff at Campbell & Galloway quickly realised that Ben is a chancer. Although he could walk and stand fine, he still liked to lean on walls and people every now and then.

Ben is continuing to get better at home, although he pops in from time to time to say hello. He is now well enough to go on walks and keep up with his brothers, Eddie and Indie. When Eddie notices Ben slowing down he allows his older brother to rest and lean on him until he gets his breath back.

Ben has done unbelievably well in his recovery especially as he is now classed as ‘vintage’ at Campbell and Galloway!



<Ben playing on the beach before his illness.

Picture taken when Ben wasn't very well and unable to get up.

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These pictures were taken recently of Ben up and about in the garden.

-His ears now sit one up and one down since his stroke; we think it makes him look even more lovable!

