

GLEN'S STORY

Glen is a nine-year-old West Highland Terrier who has been a regular visitor here at Campbell and Galloway over the past few months. Back in September Glen presented with a sore eye. He had conjunctivitis and a large but shallow ulcer in one of his eyes. His owners had eye drops to put in his eyes every day but since he had an ulcer we still had to see him every 4-7 days to make sure the ulcer was healing properly. Over the next couple of weeks his eye was making good progress as we had been debriding the edges of the ulcer to take away the dead cells and to encourage the healing process. His check ups were then changed to be at larger intervals of every 2 weeks.

However on his week off Glen appeared at the door in his owners arms covered in blood. He had been attacked in the park by another dog. We took him in to sedate, clean and stitch his wounds. Once we had clipped around the bleeding areas we found a large laceration over his shoulder and lots of smaller wounds around his chest and neck where the other dog had had him in its mouth. His skin had been badly torn and the wounds were very aggressive looking. The vet put a chest bandage on him to try and avoid fluid building up causing swelling under the stitches whilst the wounds heal. Glen was sent home with painkillers and antibiotics for a long rested weekend to recover. He was back to coming in every few days for his progress to be monitored. Over a week fluid did begin to build up under his stitches so he was put onto a longer course of antibiotics, we did drain off some of this infected fluid to try to clear the infection quicker for him. Unfortunately that weekend Glen had to go to Pets A&E as the fluid started to seep from his neck, more fluid was drained and his bandage was re-applied.

The next few weeks Glen came in for his check ups and continued to improve do really well. His wounds have now healed nicely and at the beginning of December when we last saw him his coat had grown back in and he was back to looking himself and being happy.

Glen has never really liked being examined by the vet, but over all these visits and traumas he has been through he has never got worse and will still tolerate coming in. Hopefully we won't see our wee friend until well into the New Year!

