

Interesting Case



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Max's Noisy Breathing

Max is an 11-year-old Labrador who suffers from a condition called laryngeal paralysis. This is a devastating disease that is most commonly seen in older Labradors and other large breed dogs.

The larynx has two folds that should open when breathing, and close when eating or drinking so food and liquid don't go down the wrong pipe. In pets with laryngeal paralysis, none of this happens and either one or both folds of the larynx are paralyzed. It makes taking a good, deep breath difficult to impossible.

Max's owners had noticed his noisy breathing 6 months earlier, but as the disease progressed, he began to suffer terrifying episodes of collapse and being unable to breathe. Such episodes are brought on by stress, in the form of excitement, fear, anxiety, or overheating.

In Max's case a surgical procedure to "tie back" one side of his paralysed larynx was recommended. Max underwent surgery with Dr Sarah Boys, and this was a great success. While Max must now be careful when eating and is no longer allowed to go swimming, he is breathing normally again and acting like he is 2-3 years younger.



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Cotton's Corner

Ahhhh yes spring is here! Gosh I do love this time of year – all the cute baby animals arriving. There's also the gorgeous sunshine, perfect to curl up in and have a well deserved snooze or to do a spot of bird watching (only watching of course, I've been told not to touch).

My people here at the Veterinary Centre are very busy at the moment, out and about helping to deliver all those new fur babies that need a little assistance, but they're still very keen to help out any of you young humans if you need any advice on rearing your brand new pets! So if you're looking for any tips on how to best care for those new found friends, make sure your big people pop down to see us at any of our clinics and we'll be only too happy to help. Enjoy the sunshine!

...Cotton



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