



APRIL 2005 'Barney Salt'



Barney's owners had only recently acquired him from a well known 'puppy supermarket' when he began with vomiting and diarrhoea. He had a severe roundworm infestation and was very dull and depressed.

Obviously his new owners were very concerned and at the beginning of March, at only 10 weeks of age, he was brought to the practice.

Barney was admitted for intravenous fluid therapy and a course of antibiotics. He was very dehydrated and uncomfortable and as the vomiting and diarrhoea continued, he was kennelled in our isolation unit.

As Barney had only showed little signs of improvement in the following 48hours, a sample was collected to send to an external laboratory. The results returned the following day and Barney was diagnosed with Canine Parvo Virus. This virus is highly resistant to numerous treatments and if it isn't treated quickly and effectively can lead to death, especially in weaned puppies. It targets rapidly dividing cells in the body such as the ones in the intestines and often of the heart in younger puppies, therefore the spread of the virus is very quick.

Barney was a very poorly puppy for a number of days but after a course of aggressive intravenous fluid therapy and medication he began to improve.

A month after his admission to the practice, Barney is a happy bouncing puppy again and has now been given a clean bill of health by our vets