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'Bobby' Hammond



Bobby was first brought to the practice when she was 9 weeks old. She had been suffering with vomiting and occasional bouts of diarrhoea and was quite depressed. Her gums were very pale, her heart beat irregular and she had a high temperature.

On the initial examination the possible diagnoses were Parvo Virus, another form of gastroenteritis or a form of anaemia. Tests were carried out and meanwhile Bobby continued to deteriorate.

Test results showed that Bobby's Red Blood Cell Count was dangerously low. This indicated that Bobby was suffering from a type of anaemia where red blood cells are not regenerated by the body.

The future was uncertain but Bobby's owners were prepared to try anything so one of our practice dogs 'Merlyn', was recruited to be a 'doggy blood donor' and a blood transfusion was performed.

In the following weeks things were still 'touch and go' for Bobby Growler. She began to behave like a puppy again although she tired quite easily.

Now, at 18 months old, Bobby Growler is a happy, healthy (except for a few skin problems), fully grown retriever.