

★ NOVEMBER 2004 ★ ★ 'Charlie Woolleson' ★



Charlie was admitted after his owner noticed he was straining to urinate. He was suffering from a condition known as feline lower urinary tract disease (FLUTD), which means that the cat's urethra becomes blocked; Therefore urine is unable to flow freely. This condition can be dangerous as it can lead to a variety of problems including nerve and kidney damage. This can usually be overcome by catheterisation and medication. In Charlie's case, treatment wasn't so straightforward. Blood tests showed high levels of potassium, low glucose and severe kidney problems, all of which can be fatal if not treated rapidly.

His condition at this point was critical and deteriorating, but his owners were determined to give him the best possible chance.

Charlie was given intravenous fluids and aggressive supportive medication in an attempt to correct his abnormal blood levels. The rest was up to him.

After 6 days of treatment, Charlie showed signs of improvement. After 8 days he was discharged.

Although he still needs some medication, Charlie continues to improve.

With the support of all our staff and the love and determination shown by his owners, brave Charlie defied all the odds and has made a near-full recovery.