

# ★ DECEMBER 2004 ★

## 'Dillon Ceesay'



Dillon was brought to the surgery when his owner noticed a small puncture wound on the left hand side of his face. By the time he reached the practice, his face was grossly swollen and bruised.

Xrays were taken and we discovered that the wound was actually a bullet hole. Dillon had been shot in the side of the head and the bullet had become impacted in his chin!

On the first night Dillon received treatment for shock and intravenous fluids.

The bullet had caused damage to Dillon's lower jaw, which meant that he was unable to eat properly so the next day he was given an anaesthetic to remove the bullet and to place an oesophagostomy tube – a feeding tube that goes from the side of the neck into the oesophagus and straight down to the stomach.

Despite his horrific trauma Dillon was still a purring, happy cat when his owners visited him, though, not surprisingly, quite nervous and jumpy around loud noises. He spent most of his stay at the surgery hiding beneath his blankets, emerging only for cuddles!

The swelling and bruising around Dillon's head eventually began to subside but he still wasn't keen to eat unless he was with his 'mum'. The decision was made to discharge him earlier than planned with his feeding tube in place 6 days after he was admitted.

Two days later, Dillon returned to the practice to have his tube removed. A further week later he was still improving and continues to do so. His jaw is healing nicely, he is putting on weight and he is still meowing to go out in the garden!!