

★ JANUARY 2006 ★
'Lucky Thomas'



In July 2005, Lucky was brought to the vets when his owners noticed a lump on his chest wall. Biopsies were taken and the results showed that the lump was actually a cancerous tumour that was likely to spread if action was not taken. A week later, Lucky underwent surgery to have the tumour removed and this in turn was sent to an external laboratory for analysis. These results showed that the tumour was indeed malignant – capable of spreading to other areas of the body – and that despite the owner's noticing the lump early, and the promptness of removal, it was very likely that spread had already occurred.

Lucky was given a second anaesthetic in order for the vet to perform xrays of his chest and abdomen in order to check whether the tumour had spread to any of Lucky's vital organs. Unfortunately, the xrays showed a large mass situated next to Lucky's heart that could possibly be related to the initial lump that was removed.

The decision was made to start chemotherapy, and Lucky immediately began his treatment.

Six months on, Lucky is doing well. His chemotherapy is continuing and despite this aggressive form of treatment, he is always bright and bouncy and still, surprisingly, greets everyone with a wagging tail on his frequent visits to the vet!!