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'Mitch Poyzer'



Mitch's owners brought him to the practice in December 2003, when he was struggling to go to the toilet. He had been constipated for a number of days and was in obvious discomfort. At this point, Mitch was given appropriate medication and his condition improved very quickly.

Over the next 12 months, Mitch continued to suffer from constipation, and was enduring frequent trips to the vet.

In December 2004, Mitch was admitted to the surgery for xrays and an enema (like a colonic irrigation!) As he had become quite uncomfortable and unhappy over the previous weeks. The xrays showed that, as Mitch had not been able to toilet adequately for such a long time, his colon had stretched to a point beyond repair. The muscles that allow us to go to the toilet were not able to work properly, therefore there was no way for Mitch's body to get rid of the waste.

After a few options were discussed, it was decided that for Mitch to have the best possible chance, a total colon resection would be necessary. This was a 2 hour operation in which Mitch's colon would be completely removed, therefore leaving the second last part of his digestive system, the caecum, to act as the new colon. The next 48 hours were critical.

Two days later, Mitch was discharged and went home to improve in leaps and bounds, literally. Now, a month later, he is a happy, healthy cat again.