

SEPTEMBER 2004



'Tinker' Carlton



At the beginning of August, Tinker suffered a vicious dog attack and was left with severe wounds, swelling and bruising across his whole stomach and part of his chest. He was obviously in a large amount of pain and seemed reluctant to even breathe.

Tinker was given intravenous fluids, antibiotics and pain-killers for 24 hours before he was stable enough to endure a general anaesthetic. He underwent Xrays and lengthy surgery where his wounds were closed with 25 sutures. He was still not in the clear as his skin and fat layers could have died, causing the wounds to re-open. Such were the extent of his injuries.

After a lot of worrying moments, Tinker began to improve. He started walking and eating again and was a lot more interested in his surroundings. It took a week in the hospital, a further month of intensive home-care from his owner, another operation and numerous visits to the vets, to help Tinker return to being the happy cat he was before..... and he still chases dogs out of his garden!!