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'Ziggy Ray'



Ziggy was brought to the practice in January. She was obviously in quite a lot of pain and abdominal discomfort, her gums were jaundiced (a yellowish colour) and she was dehydrated.

A few possible diagnoses were given, but further tests were necessary. Diseases such as Pancreatitis (an inflammation of the Pancreas), Hepatitis (an inflammation of the liver), Anaemia (a red blood cell deficiency), FELV (Feline Leukaemia Virus), and FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus), were all possibilities.

After the initial blood and urine tests were performed, a few abnormalities were noted. None, however, proved to give conclusive evidence of a specific disease. Supportive treatment was started as our vets went to work in trying to diagnose the cause of Ziggy's illness. She was given intravenous fluids and was started on medication to help control her raised temperature and make her a little more comfortable. As the days wore on, Ziggy started to improve and after her fourth day at the practice, she decided she was going to make a complete recovery after all!

During her time in the practice, Ziggy was obviously a very poorly cat. She did not protest in the slightest when she was prodded and poked daily, and had a stream of injections and tablets. Although no specific diagnosis was ever made she has returned to good health