

OUR TEAM

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Meet Seeka...

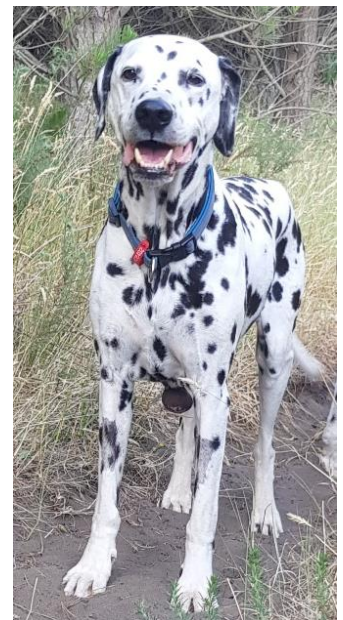
Meet Seeka, a gorgeous 11 year old male Dalmatian, who came to see us one Sunday morning, about as sick and miserable as a dog can be. In fact, Seeka had all the appearance of a dog who was in big trouble. Thirty-six hours earlier Seeka had begun vomiting and going downhill. Seen at his day clinic on Saturday where blood tests had diagnosed pancreatitis (which indeed he did have!) he had been given initial fluids and treatment, and strict instructions telling his mum Debbie to come see us at MAHVC if he didn't improve.

Sunday morning, worse not better, she rushed him into us. Poor Seeka was regurgitating with or without drinking, depressed, dehydrated and now had a very painful tummy. There were no faeces coming through at all, so wondering about a foreign body causing a blockage, we made the decision to do further blood tests and x rays to see what was going on.

While blood tests confirmed medically he was in a sticky place, you only have to glance at the x-ray below to see what was really causing his major problem. As nurse Kim said "Anna – this dog is screwed..." Thankfully Debbie and Simon were determined to do their best for Seeka, and so were we. Despite some complicating factors (including by now a pretty dodgy heart arrhythmia, possible peritonitis, and some longstanding renal disease) surgery for Seeka went very very well. We were worried there might be complications during or after the surgery, but he was an absolute star taking it all in his stride.

Not only did we remove the nail from his intestines but also a long woven hessian like piece of fabric that was causing his guts to concertina up from his stomach toward the nail and then on some! Surgery was in the nick of time before the nail had made a leaking hole in his intestine causing irreversible infection. Three incisions to remove it all were quickly sutured, flushed and his abdomen warmed and closed.

With a constant rate infusion of pain relief, antibiotics and lots of TLC first by nurses Kim and Jas, and then at his day clinic the following days, Seeka made a full recovery and within a fortnight was back in his favourite forest walking with his family.



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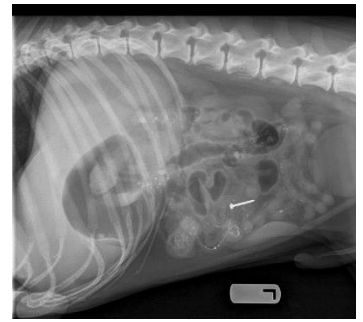
SERVICES:

After Hour Consultations.

We are a full-service Emergency Animal Care Hospital available to help in all Afterhours Veterinary Situations.



Better still he made a day visit in one Sunday again, to come see us and show us how he is *meant* to look – a very handsome gorgeous boy!



POSSIBLE INDICATIONS OF AN INTESTINAL FOREIGN BODY:

- A history of having been into, or getting into rubbish or garbage or eating toys/washing/rocks etc.
- Persistent vomiting, worse if eating or drinking. Often won't eat or drink. Projectile vomiting.
- Slowing down of pooping – sometimes diarrhoea.
- Abdominal pain, very flat depressed, deteriorating dogs who just don't want to do anything.
- Rapid onset dehydration, with dry gums and poor pulses.
- More common in younger dogs – but by no means only in younger patients – as in Seeka's case!
- If in doubt take your pet to your veterinarian earlier rather than later as a foreign body can begin just looking like a tummy upset, and if they are not getting better – take them back!
- The sooner a foreign body is diagnosed the better the outcome is likely to be.

Amazing Cat Facts

- Cats can drink saltwater - unlike humans, cats have kidneys that can filter out salt and use the water content to hydrate their bodies.
- The furry tufts on the inside of cats' ears are called "ear furnishings" - they insulate the ear, and help filter out direct sounds and debris.
- The ridged pattern on cat's nose is as unique as a human fingerprint.
- Cats can't see directly below their noses. That's why they miss food that's right in front of them.
- Kittens sleep a lot because their bodies release a growth hormone only when they're asleep.
- Cats sleep so much that, by the time a cat is 9 years old, it will only have been awake for three years of its life.
- By neutering a cat, you add about two to three years to its life.
- Most female cats are right-pawed, and most male cats favour their left paws.
- Cats sweat through the pads of their paws.
- Cats purr at the same frequency as an idling diesel engine (26 purrs per second).



If you are ever concerned about your pet overnight, our lovely team of nurses are always available to answer questions over the phone.

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WE PROVIDE

Afterhours care and monitoring by veterinarians and veterinary nurses.

- Complete diagnostic lab for immediate results
- Emergency surgery with experienced veterinary surgeons
- Digital Radiography
- Oxygen therapy
- Blood and plasma transfusions
- Pulse-Oximetry and blood pressure
- ECG monitoring
- Continuous rate infusion for fluid therapy and medications
- Advanced pain management systems
- Specialist Radiology interpretation
- Nutritional support
- Cremations
- Separate dog and cat wards

OUR EQUIPMENT INCLUDES:

- Complete sterile surgery set up and equipment
- Anesthetic machines
- Infusion therapy pumps
- Digital X-Ray
- Haematology and Chemistry Lab equipment
- Bair-hugger and heat mats for warming patients
- Blood pressure Doppler
- Oxygen therapy set up
- Ophthalmoscopes
- Microchip Scanner
- Emergency trolley
- Blood gas machine
- ECG
- Pulse-Ox

