EXCITING TIMES AHEAD FOR MAHVC!

Manukau After Hours is moving! We are still staying in central Manukau, with our new clinic situated at 15 Jack Conway Ave, just off Cavendish Drive. The new clinic is larger than our current one, and has been purpose designed with optimum patient care in mind. We will give everyone lots of notice of the moving date, and an open day where you will be able to see “behind the scenes”.

TED’S STORY

Owner: Lesley. At the beginning of June (Queens Birthday Weekend) our Bull Terrier Ted woke up at his usual time of 5am for his breakfast, but seemed reluctant to eat anything. We got back into bed and after trying to settle for a while I noticed that he just didn’t seem himself, and at that he promptly vomited on the floor. Not much, just some bile, but knowing how bullies seem to be on the high spectrum of having an obstruction, the rest of my afternoon was checking to see if he was pooping.

I left him for a couple of hours and when I got back he had broken free from his crate, vomited on my bed, and was lying sleeping. When I tried to move him from the bed he let out an all mighty cry, and at that point I knew there was something serious going on.

Veterinarian: Susan. When I met Ted he was a pretty sick dog. He had been vomiting some pretty foul smelling fluid and all his get up and go had pretty much got up and gone. As is often the case we were dealing with a number of possible causes for his symptoms and trying to narrow down the list of possibilities so we could hone in on the correct treatment.

Ted had X-rays taken of his abdomen and blood tests run. But we still did not have a specific cause for his problems. In Ted’s case he had a lot of non-specific changes on his blood panel rather than one particular problem. His X-ray showed a lot of inflammation rather than a definite mass in the intestines. Although there was not a definite mass, there was still concern there could be a blockage of material that does not show up well on X-ray. Ted was not responding to treatment for general gastroenteritis so a decision needed to be made. After discussion, and with the concern that he was deteriorating, a decision was made to go ahead with an exploratory laparotomy.

Exploratory surgery is just that, sometimes we find the cause and are able to deal with it, whereas other times we are able to definitively rule out a surgical problem and then know we have to persevere with medical therapies but at least we are not missing a surgical problem getting worse meanwhile.
Once we opened Ted up we found a conglomeration of plastic and elastic string from a roast – literally a garbage guts!! This mess had started to saw through the intestine between the stomach where one end was lodged, and small intestine where the other end was trying to pass on through driven along by the normal contractions of intestinal muscle.

Luckily we were able to remove the offending material through three incisions before it perforated and developed into full blown peritonitis. Ted’s intestine and abdominal wall were sutured closed without complications.

He recovered well from his anaesthetic, so he had made it over the first hurdle! This stage of recovery is a time of waiting, and intensive care. With pain relief, antibiotics, intravenous fluids and other medications supporting Ted, it was up to his body’s wonderful capacity for repair to do the rest.

All through his ordeal Ted’s lovely nature shone through, despite post-surgical pain and being very sick. He would give us a little tail thump while we were checking him over.

What a joy it was to see him a few days later able to walk in to visit us and say hello! Which I guess is why we as vets and vet nurses do what we do!

Owner: Lesley. Ted has made a full recovery and in fact shown 3 weeks later, gaining 2 Best of Breed in show and a Junior in Group.

I would like to thank the whole team at Manukau After Hours Vet Clinic for saving my precious boy.

WE PROVIDE:
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- Specialist Xray interpretation
- Complete diagnostic lab for immediate results
- Emergency surgery with experience veterinary surgeons
- Radiography
- Oxygen therapy
- Blood transfusions
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- Portable oxygen cylinder for patient transfer
- ECG monitoring
- Continuous rate infusion for fluid therapy and medications
- Advanced pain management
- Nutritional support
- Cremations

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- Infusion therapy pumps
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- Bair-hugger and heat mats for warming patients
- Blood Pressure Doppler
- Ophthalmoscopes
- Microchip Scanner
- Emergency trolley
- Oxygen therapy set up
- Pulse-Ox
- ECG