

## FEBRUARY BRAVEHEART AWARD WINNER

Pickles was brought into the surgery by an RSPCA inspector as an emergency admission late one afternoon as he had suffered massive trauma to his right eye. Due to his feral nature we were unable to complete any initial treatments without sedation, so that evening we administered a sedation and managed to assess the damage to the eye. Unfortunately Pickles eye was irreparable and so he underwent surgery the next morning to completely remove the eye and also to be castrated. When the damaged eye was removed we discovered an air pellet in the eye socket. So poor little Pickles had taken a shot directly to the eye.

Post operatively Pickles recovered extremely well. He had minimal swelling, he took all his medications and was eating and drinking well. We decided to keep him in the hospital so that he could continue to receive his daily medications. Pickles stayed with us for about ten days in total. When he was first admitted he was so frightened in his kennel he barely moved only eating once all the staff had left for the day and the clinic was silent. After a few days he started to warm to us, and started eating while we were working around him although he still showed his feral side now and again!

We discharged Pickles back to Mrs Simmons, who continues to feed him and he is happy and back to living his semi-feral life.

