

Jim is an eight year old field spaniel who came to us as his owners noticed he was reluctant to jump into the car and onto the sofa.

When we examined Jim the vet noticed he was painful over his lumbar spine so we started him on anti-inflammatory medications and strict rest. Unfortunately Jim's condition worsened and he came back to us a few days later as he had now become weak on his limbs. The veterinary team decided to refer him to a neurology specialist.

At the specialist centre the MRI showed that Jim had a slipped disc which was pressing on his spinal cord and causing the pain. The referral centre performed surgery on Jim to alleviate the problem.

We saw Jim back in the clinic for his post-operative checks and he had remarkably improved. After a slow and steady recovery Jim is now back to his normal exercise routine.

In addition to the spinal treatments Jim also had another general anaesthetic to remove a mass in his eyelid as this had started to irritate his eye.

Jim has always been a star patient here at BVVS and he is still keen to come in for a fuss whenever we see him. Jim is therefore a very deserving winner of our Braveheart of the month award for April.

