

Abbey Vets MONTHLY MIRACLES

Jack Russell terrier is trampled by a horse

Each month Abbey Vets highlight a pet that's made a good recovery after going through a difficult time. Our JANUARY MONTHLY MIRACLE is Maggie, a 15-month-old Jack Russell terrier.

Maggie, who only weighs 14lbs, was seriously injured when a half-tonne horse galloped over her.

Maggie was out with her owner, Tricia Sylvester, who was riding the horse when it was spooked and suddenly bolted off at full gallop, trampling the tiny terrier underneath its hooves.

"When I managed to pull up I was relieved to see that Maggie was following behind, although she was covered in mud. When I checked her I was horrified to discover that she had two enormous holes in her stomach," said Tricia.

Tricia immediately brought Maggie into our Barnsley surgery and we put her onto a drip and gave her an ultrasound scan. Although



she had two huge holes in her groin and a fractured fibia, miraculously she had not suffered any internal bleeding or damage to her organs.

During the first couple of days we were really worried about Maggie. She had suffered blood loss, shock and a nasty infection due to dirt entering the wound. We operated on her to remove dead and infected tissue,

clean out the wound and stitch the skin together. We also gave her several courses of antibiotics to reduce the risk of her developing septicemia.

After spending six days recovering at Abbey Vets, Maggie was allowed home. She came back to us every day for a week, then every other day for a week, and then weekly so that we could ensure that her wound and fractured fibia were healing well. She has now recovered so well from her injuries that she has been discharged.

Tricia said: "It truly is a miracle that she's made such a remarkable recovery. I'm very grateful to Abbey Vets who did a fantastic job in caring for her."