

Abbey Vets MONTHLY MIRACLES

Cat recovers well after lesion removed from nose

Each month Abbey Vets highlight a pet that's made a good recovery after going through a difficult time. Our MAY MONTHLY MIRACLE is Laddie, who had to have a lesion removed from his nose.

A small mark on Laddie's nose had turned into a large lesion, causing him pain and discomfort.

His owners, Brian and Shirley Washington, brought him into our Wombwell surgery after he had been frequently sneezing, constantly scratching his nose and becoming uncharacteristically bad tempered towards their other two cats.

The lesion was very red and sore and he was struggling to eat because it hurt him when his nose touched his food.

Vet Brian O'Donovan said: "The operation to remove the lesion involved removing his nasal planum – the tip of the nose. We then applied a purse-string suture, which



Laddie before the operation (left) and post-op.

is a running in and out stitch passed along the edge of a circular wound in such a way that when the ends of the suture are drawn tight the wound is closed like a purse."

"Although a lesion on a cat's nose is not rare they are more commonly found on the tips of the ears. That is why we recommend that cat owners use sunscreen on their pet's ears, particularly if the cat is white," he added.

Brian Washington said: "We were able to bring Laddie home after he had spent the afternoon at Abbey Vets following his surgery.

"Apart from being a little bit snuffly and off his food for a few days he soon bounced back and he's like a different cat now. We're very thankful to Abbey Vets for the way they looked after Laddie and Brian the vet was 'magic'."