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Multiple traumas fail to break  Bertie's defiant spirit.

Bertie suffered extensive injuries this Summer following a road traffic accident.

His injuries included fractures of the pelvis, chest injuries & a fracture of the lower jaw.

As if this were not enough, Bertie incurred an injury to his left eye that resulted in a deep non-healing corneal ulcer.



In order to save the eye from further degeneration & to facilitate healing, a conjunctival tissue graft was sutured to the surface of the cornea.

A small band of tissue was surgically lifted from the eyelid margin & attached to the surface of the eye using very fine absorbable suture material. Almost immediately following his recovery from anaesthesia, Bertie was again in fine spirits & was very co-operative in allowing us to topically treat the eye several times daily during his hospitalisation at Bethesda Street.

We all wish this brave-hearted boy a full & speedy recovery.



Look out for 'Brown Owl'

Road traffic accidents injure many wild birds on the arterial roads leading into Cheltenham.

In the early morning & evening, at this time of year coinciding with rush hour, tawny owls are particularly at risk.

These beautiful birds are normally struck in mid flight & cast to the road surface.

If not rescued quickly, they are struck repeatedly by oncoming vehicles & very quickly suffer fatal injuries.

If these creatures are retrieved & presented at the surgery without delay, they normally respond remarkably well to

intensive care. Following an initial appraisal for injury, fluids & corticosteroids are administered to the injured owl, which is then placed in bubble rap to counter hypothermic shock.



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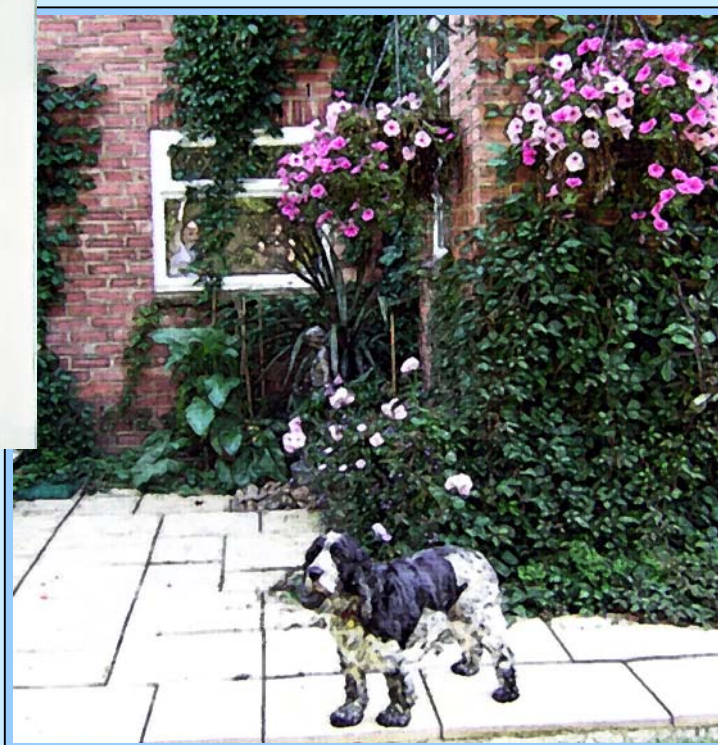
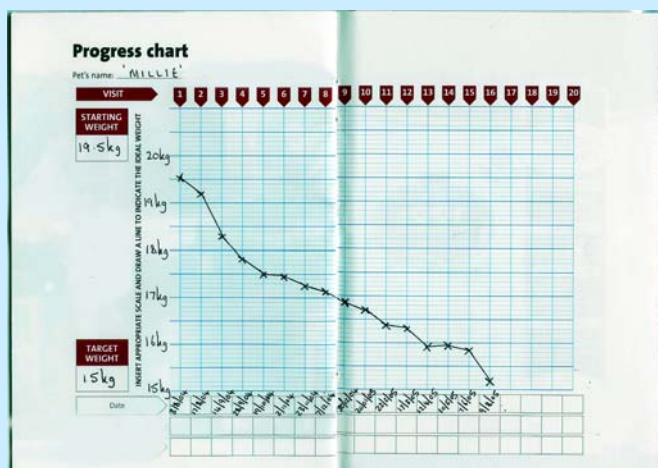
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Weight watchers at Pets' Choice



Millie, a five year old neutered Cocker Spaniel bitch weighed 19.5 KG in August '04. A target weight of 15 KG was set & her progress monitored during regular nurse clinic slots over the past year. During the last 12 months, she has lost weight consistently & in a controlled manner. She now weighs a much healthier 15.2 KG.



Transformation: 'couch potato to athlete supremo'

Benji, a 5 year old neutered terrier cross weighed 23.5 KG in Spring 2004.

In 12 months, he reached his target weight of 15.5 KG.

His visual transformation is quite striking & he now enjoys

a more active lifestyle.

Both of these patients clearly show what can be achieved when a weight reduction regime is implemented at home.

Feline & canine weight reduction nurse clinics are offered free of charge at the Bethesda Street Surgery.

For more information, please contact one of our trained Veterinary Nurses at Reception, or telephone 01242 234 392.

