

Rutland House

REFERRALS



DOBBY'S STORY

Dobby is a very lovable energetic boy and I never thought that a simple game of ball would turn our worlds upside down, when he was running at speed and suddenly became lame on his back leg.

It didn't look in good condition and I could tell that it was a serious injury which happened in a split second. We first saw Anna at Haydock and after a week of things not improving we were referred to St Helens .

We initially saw Ian Barclay and after everything was explained Dobby's operation went ahead. Everything was going well until Dobby managed to reach his wound and take out his stitches leaving a gaping hole in his leg showing the metal plate. Thankfully Harry Swales was at the other end of the phone and Dobby was admitted.

I was in a state of shock and worried sick about Dobby but Harry reassured me and made me feel completely at ease. I knew Dobby was in good hands and would receive the best of care. The next day I saw Duncan who fully explained the situation and risk of infection. Dobby was taken to theatre again to clean and stitch the wound up. I was constantly updated on Dobby's condition as the staff knew how anxious I was about my boy.

Dobby was allowed home and a follow up appointment made to check on him. I missed my appointment time with Ian but Jan stepped in and saw Dobby. I told Jan that I thought the wound was infected as it was weeping and didn't smell too good. After Jan checked Dobby over he agreed infection had set in and Dobby would need to be admitted and the wound cleaned out again. My heart sank, I couldn't stop blaming myself for everything, poor Dobby.

I was constantly updated on Dobby and arranged an appointment with Jan to pick him up. After a few days I wasn't managing to care for Dobby at home and he wasn't coping very well with the collar on. It was decided Dobby needed some tough love to aid his recovery and he was admitted for 11 days. The staff phoned me everyday to let me know how he was doing and by the sound of it the staff were becoming very fond of Dobby which made me happy as I know he is a character and you can't help but love him.

I met up again with Jan to discuss things and take Dobby home with antibiotics and another follow up appointment. At the follow up, the wound was nearly closed apart from a small gap. Jan suggested more antibiotics and Manuka Honey and finally the wound was closed. Dobby is still under the care of Jan and it is possible that he may need further keyhole surgery on his knee but I know everything is being done in the best interest of Dobby and his wellbeing and I wouldn't want any other team of people to look after him.

I don't know how I would have got through all of this stress and worry if it hadn't have been for the wonderful staff at Rutland House who I can't thank enough for their dedication and care to Dobby and also the support and kindness given to myself.