

Mr Pickles is a very friendly Domestic long-haired cat.

One evening Mr Pickles came home to his owner with a severe injury to his lower jaw. His owner was very concerned and was unsure how he could have done it. To make matters worse, Mr Pickles was very distressed and went to hide in the garden, making it impossible to catch him!

Mr Pickles' owner was finally able to catch him that evening and he was taken to the emergency vets and treated for shock. The next morning he was brought in to see our vet, George.

George could see that Mr Pickles had a 'de-gloving' to his lower jaw and it was already becoming infected. A de-gloving injury involves the skin being detached from the tissues below it, which can disrupt blood flow to the area. George was careful to check for any further injuries but fortunately found none.

Although Mr Pickles was still very bright, it was decided that he should stay in with us, with the plan to take x-rays and operate on him the next day. His wound was cleaned and he stayed overnight for monitoring, intravenous fluids, antibiotics and pain medication. Mr Pickles was very affectionate and was given a lot of TLC from the nursing team!

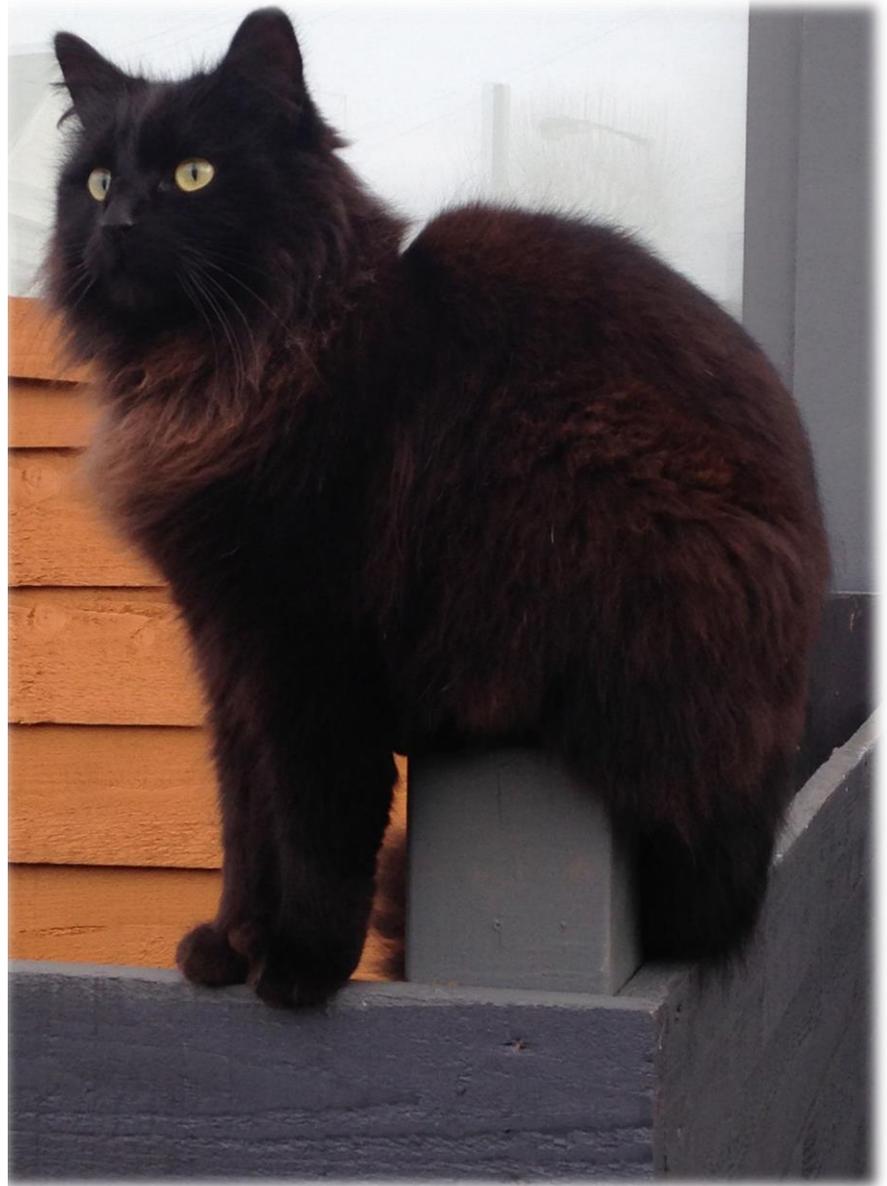
The next day George took x-rays of Mr Pickles' head and jaw. Mr Pickles had a small fracture to his eye socket but George was happy that this would heal without surgery. George then operated in an attempt to re-attach the skin to Mr Pickles' lower jaw. The surgery was very fiddly, but the whole team were very impressed with the end result!

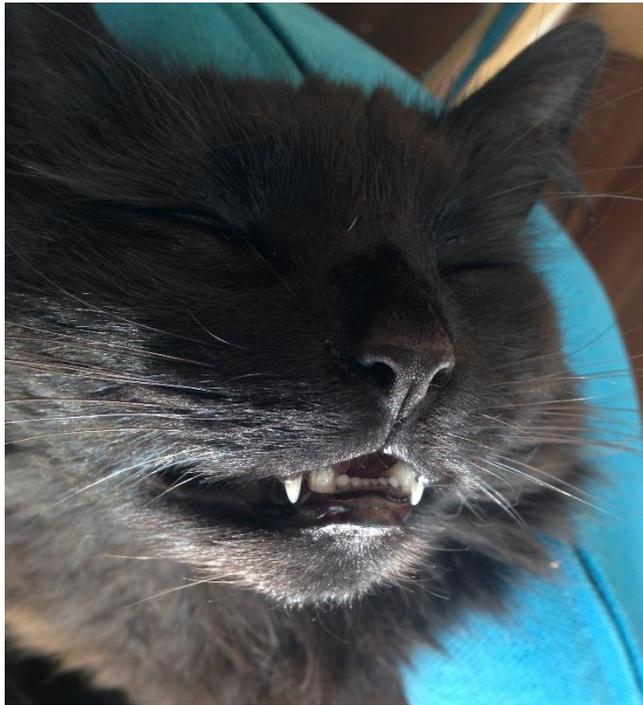
As surgery in this area made it difficult for Mr Pickles to eat, George also placed a feeding tube into his oesophagus. This allowed the nurses to feed Mr Pickles liquid food, and his owners were able to continue doing this when he went home.

However, it didn't take long for Mr Pickles to want to eat on his own!

Mr Pickles came in to see George for frequent check-ups and his wound seemed to be healing really well. Mr Pickles' family did a great job nursing him at home and after 6 weeks he was fully recovered.

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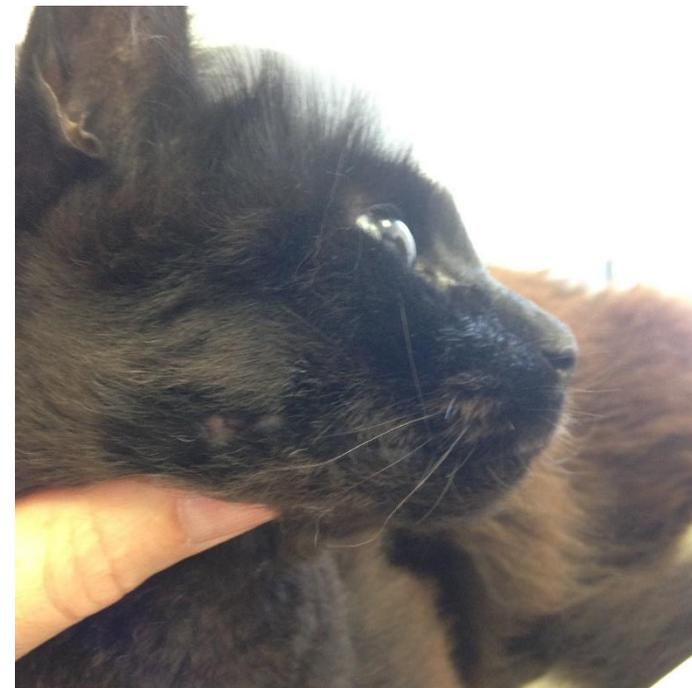




Before injury



Immediately after
surgery



4 weeks after
surgery