



Zoey

Zoey, a 2.5 year old female spayed black pug, came into our emergency service on a Saturday night. Earlier in the week she had started vomiting, and later developed bloody diarrhea. While she did improve initially with treatment from her regular veterinarian, her symptoms reoccurred. Upon physical exam, she was very dehydrated, dull, and nauseated.

Zoey was admitted at our hospital for supportive care. Despite aggressive fluid therapy and medications to prevent nausea, she proceeded to vomit overnight. X-rays were taken and a foreign object was seen in her small intestines. Zoey was taken to surgery that night, and some paper/plastic wrappers that were blocking her intestines were removed. She also had a lot of fluid in her stomach, which was removed via a stomach tube.

Unfortunately, Zoey developed complications after surgery. She began regurgitating profusely. Her medications were changed to help her with this, and a nasogastric tube was placed (a feeding tube entering the nose and going down into the stomach). This allowed her nurses to remove stomach fluid that was making her feel sick, as well as to provide nutrition. In all, Zoey was at our hospital for six days receiving treatment.

While the owner wanted the best care for Zoey, she had recently had extensive medical treatment herself, and could not afford to pay for all of Zoey's therapy. THE EMPATH PROJECT was able to step in, and helped provide funds helping Zoey receive the care she needed to make a full recovery!