



Louie

Louie was referred to our emergency service with a history of straining to urinate. He was unfortunately diagnosed with a urinary obstruction. This is a fairly common problem among male goats that results with crystals in the urine from stones, and the stones become lodged along the urethra, preventing the goat from urinating.

Upon presentation to the hospital, bloodwork was run which showed that Louie had elevations of his kidney values - this indicated that the obstruction had been present for sometime and that his condition was dire. An IV catheter was placed in Louie's neck and he was started on IV fluids and pain medication while he was prepped for surgery. Louie had a procedure called a tube cystostomy. An incision was made into his abdomen and then another incision was made into his bladder where a LARGE amount of stones were manually removed. Louie's penis and urethra were flushed to remove any residual stones and a catheter was sutured through his body wall and into his bladder - this allowed Louie to pass urine while the swelling in his urethra and penis resolved and while any residual stones dissolved. The procedure was a success and only a few hours after surgery, Louie was happily eating hay and producing urine through his catheter. After sometime, Louie began urinating through his normal anatomy and thus his urinary catheter was removed. Diet modification were recommended to prevent this condition from recurring and Louie has made a full recovery!