



Gizmo

When Gizmo presented to our Emergency Service, it was for a recurring problem. This sweet 8 year old Siamese mix cat suffered from a prolapse, caused by excessive straining. He had had a similar episode in July of the previous summer, when the protruding tissue was replaced. In November, his parents had taken him to his local veterinarian, where bloodwork and radiographs were taken. While the bloodwork was normal, the radiograph showed that he had a bladder stone. It was thought that he was straining so much from the bladder inflammation caused by the stone, that all that pressure caused the prolapse. He was placed on antibiotics and a special diet in hopes of dissolving the stone.

New Year's Eve, Gizmo was taken to another ER service due to a reoccurrence of the prolapse. The tissue was replaced but re-prolapsed later that day. The tissue was replaced, and a suture called a purse-string was placed to help hold the tissue closed even further to decrease the likelihood of this happening again.

Unfortunately, on January 3rd, his parents found him crying, and saw that he had prolapsed yet again! After being presented to our ER service, it was recommended that Gizmo finally go to surgery, as previous management had failed. Two procedures would ideally be performed: a cystotomy to remove the bladder stone (thought to be causing him to strain in the first place) and a colopexy (where the colon is sutured in place so that it is much less likely to prolapse again). Thankfully, with the help of Empath, his parents were able to allow us to proceed. That very day Gizmo went to surgery, and both procedures were done. His bladder had one stone and was very thickened with inflammation. The colon was attached to the body wall as well. Gizmo was discharged back to his home that night. The stone was sent out for analysis, so recommendations could be made to try to prevent reformation of the stone in the future.