



*Zoey*

Zoey, a young female yorkie was referred to Mount Laurel Animal Hospital with a history of straining to urinate. She saw her primary care physician earlier in the day, but continued to have troubles on her walk that evening. A urethral stone was found by abdominal ultrasound upon presentation. Obstructive stones in the urethra are more commonly diagnosed in males than it is females.

Initial blood work was run to compliment the diagnostics performed at her primary care. Intravenous fluids and pain medications were administered through an IV catheter. Prior to surgery, a urinary catheter was attempted to retropulse the stone back into the bladder to relieve the obstruction. Unfortunately the stone would not budge. Zoey was prepped for surgery for a procedure called a cystotomy. A large amount of stones were removed from her bladder and a catheter was used to flush the large stone out of her urethra. She stayed in the hospital for a few days before feeling well enough to go home.

We thank the EMPATH PROJECT for covering her medical expenses and helping another family in need!