



Oliver

Oliver is a 12 week old male pigmy goat, that three weeks ago, got his leg stuck in a fence. No one knew how long he had been trapped. He presented to our emergency service with a large, very deep wound on his right front leg which was swollen and painful. Radiographs were taken, and it was determined that he did not have a fracture. He was treated with antibiotics and pain medication.

His leg was bandaged and he was sent home. When he returned for a recheck, the wound had declared itself and was now 360 degrees. The wound was healing but was constricting the tissue, blood vessels, nerves, tendons and lymphatic drainage. As a result, he was scheduled for surgery.

Drs Rose and Garzotto performed Oliver's surgery. The scar was removed and he was placed in a bandage and splint with medihoney to help his wound heal. Originally a skin graft was going to be used to cover the wound, but there was a small abscess on the back of his leg. To help straighten his leg, a splint was used.

At this point Oliver is still being treated with bandage changes and antibiotics. The wound has been progressing well. The concern at this point is to make sure that he doesn't have any long lasting nerve damage. Unfortunately, only time will tell. Oliver, however, is a very happy boy and is enjoying life as a house goat!

Oliver's condition made him an excellent candidate to receive EMPATH Project Funds, which greatly assists financially with continued care. If you would like to support pets like Oliver in emergency situations, please consider donating.