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Koda the Cheeky Sock Eater! 🐾👉 Warning for Pet Owners

One of our vets recently saw Koda, an exuberant young spaniel well-known to our team for his mischievous antics. Koda has a history of snacking on socks — a habit that has, until now, passed (quite literally) without major incident!

Recently, Koda came to Culverden Vets after his owners noticed he was unusually quiet and off his food. They also mentioned he hadn't produced his usual energetic greeting the evening before — always a sign something was amiss! Remembering his fondness for fabric, we were immediately suspicious that he might have indulged in another sock or two.

On examination, Koda was bright but a little uncomfortable in his abdomen. X-rays and ultrasound confirmed our suspicions: a mass-like shadow in his intestines consistent with a swallowed foreign body. Given the risk of obstruction, Koda was taken to surgery.

During the procedure, our team found — you guessed it — a sock lodged in his small intestine! It was carefully removed, and Koda recovered smoothly from his anaesthetic. Within 24 hours, he was back to wagging his tail and demanding cuddles.

We're pleased to report that Koda has since made a full recovery and is back to his usual cheeky self — hopefully with a renewed commitment to *not* eating the laundry!

A gentle reminder to all pet owners: curious dogs, especially young and energetic breeds like spaniels, often explore the world with their mouths. Socks, pants, toys, and even dishcloths are common culprits for intestinal blockages. If your pet ever seems off colour, vomits repeatedly, or stops eating, it's always best to get them checked promptly.

Also investing in a laundry bin with any dogs is a great shout!




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Gold Cat Friendly Clinics!

 We're thrilled to announce that **Culverden Vets Wadhurst and Tunbridge Wells** has been awarded **Gold Standard Cat Friendly Clinic status** by the International Society of Feline Medicine (ISFM)!

This accreditation recognises the work we've done to make our practice a calmer, safer, and more comfortable place for our feline friends — because we know that **a trip to the vet can be especially stressful for cats**. Our Crowborough branch has already been awarded silver standard.

What Does "Cat Friendly" Mean?

At a Cat Friendly Clinic, you can expect:

- **Quieter waiting areas** or separate cat zones to minimise stress.
- **Feline-friendly handling** by a team trained in gentle, respectful techniques.
- **Pheromone diffusers, soft bedding, and cosy carriers** to help cats feel secure.
- **Cat only consulting blocks** where only cats will be seen, allowing your cat even less stress.

Our goal is to reduce feline anxiety — for both owners and cats.

Virtual Tour of our Wadhurst building:

We moved back into our new extended Wadhurst branch!

New facilities:

Click on the link below to access a virtual tour on our Facebook page to look around behind the scenes of our brand-new extended Wadhurst branch!

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Autumn Adventures

As the leaves turn and nights draw in, autumn brings new sights and smells for our pets to explore. Beware of hidden hazards though — conkers, acorns, and fallen fruit can upset tummies, while antifreeze is highly toxic to cats and dogs. Keep pets visible on darker walks with reflective collars or lights, and check paw pads after muddy adventures for thorns or grass seeds. Many pets love the crisp air and rustling leaves — it's a wonderful season for outdoor fun. Just remember: a cosy bed and a towel by the door make for the perfect autumn welcome home!



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