



## 'Russell'

We often see cases of dogs coming to us with issues associated with the feeding of bones. Recently, Dr Nicole was presented with the case of 'Russell' the Jack Russell.

Poor Russell had been coughing for two days before his worried owners brought him into the hospital. Russell had a history of helping himself to the bins, and may have pilfered some left-over chicken bones.



X-rays revealed that Russell did indeed have a bone lodged sideways in his throat. An endoscope was used to get a closer look while he was under anaesthetic, where a tiny shard of the bone was seen protruding from the wall of his oesophagus. Dr Nicole, with great tenacity and a very long pair of forceps, was just able to grab this shard and eventually pull the whole bone free. This saved 'Russell' from having a very complicated surgery with a long recovery time.



Russell is now home, happy and NOT eating cooked bones - and the bins are now locked).