



WEAR REFERRALS
Small Animal Hospital

Wear Referrals – Endoscopic Foreign Body Removal

Our internal medicine team is the largest in the North East and is made up of the highest number of European Recognised Specialists in internal medicine in the north east. We offer urgent and emergency internal medicine referrals and frequently have referrals for foreign body removal via endoscopy. We have a multitude of endoscopes and an experienced team to facilitate foreign body removal, which enables us to avoid unnecessary surgery. The images below are foreign objects that have recently been removed via endoscopy at Wear Referrals.

What is Endoscopic Foreign Body Removal?

Endoscopy allows body cavities to be examined using an instrument called an endoscope. An endoscope is a long, thin, flexible tube that has a light and a digital camera chip at the tip. On the other end is a series of controls to move the tip of the endoscope and steer it into position. The view from the tip of the scope are shown on a digital display.

When a foreign body is located using the endoscope, a specialised flexible pair of forceps is passed down a channel in the endoscope to grab the foreign body.

Common foreign bodies removed from the oesophagus (gullet) or stomach of dogs include tough chews such as pigs' ears and rawhide chews, socks, sticks, buttons, coins, bones and pieces of toys. We can also use endoscopy to remove foreign bodies from the nose (e.g. grass seeds), lungs (grass seeds and pebbles), -without having to undertake invasive surgery.

What are the benefits of this treatment and how can this benefit your pet?

Endoscopy can avoid the need for surgery, and it minimises anaesthetic time. There is a much faster recovery time for pets with no incision left to heal.