

Two-tone the White's Tree Frog

Two-tone first came in to the surgery as her owners were worried that she was passing slimy mucus instead of her normal droppings. When Vicki, our exotic specialist vet examined her, she could feel a lump in her abdomen (usually referred to as a coelom in birds, reptiles and frogs because they don't have a diaphragm to separate their abdomen from their chest). Because of this lump, Vicki gathered more information about her; her owner explained that Twotone sometimes didn't manage to catch her normal food (crickets and locusts) and ate the woodchip from the bottom of her cage by mistake. Knowing this, Vicki suspected some of the wood had got stuck in her intestine.

With regular visits to see Vicki, Twotone's owners spent a month of 'watchful waiting': giving her baths and a laxative in the hope she would pass the obstruction naturally, unfortunately this didn't work and as the obstruction was un-reachable through endoscopy her only other option was to operate.

Twotone was brought back to the Cockermouth branch where her operation would take place.



Because of frogs' special skin, she was anaesthetised by bathing her in a special anaesthetic solution, rather than by giving her an injection or gas as we would in mammals, birds and reptiles.



During surgery, Vicki successfully removed a large amount of woodchip from her large intestine which couldn't pass through her pelvic bones.



She was then stitched closed and recovered in a shallow bath of de-chlorinated water with pure oxygen bubbling through.

With Twotone making a full recovery from her surgery she was able to go home that evening. However her diet would now consist of a special liquid solution for 5 days and then changed onto easily digestible food like wax-worms for 4 weeks.

She made a good recovery, returning to her normal diet of crickets and locusts. Her owner has changed the material in her vivarium so she can't eat any of it by mistake again