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Case Review II

**EHF Clinic healing team includes
resident cat and dog**



TC came to the clinic with fluid in his abdomen.

Surprisingly, everything on the bloods was normal making kidney disease less likely. T.C was however dangerously anemic and a blood transfusion was urgently required. "This was a complicated but exciting procedure to perform at the clinic and careful preparation and a good clinical team were required." Wrote EHF veterinarian Becky Robinson. "Craig, one of the clinic cats was used as the blood donor and a blood transfusion was performed. As with humans, cats have different blood types. We do not have the test available to identify the cats' blood types so there was a risk that T.C could have a transfusion reaction. Fortunately, the transfusion was a success and T.C became less anemic." Further investigation revealed T.C to most likely have heart disease and be hyperthyroid. Heart medication was started and T.C began to respond.

Although there is nothing that we can do to reverse the heart disease, the medication and veterinary care EHF provides should help T.C live out the rest of his days comfortably.



**Mamma Dog provides support
for "coned" patient.**

TC, by any standards, is a handsome ginger Tom cat. Previously treated for kidney disease, Tom was returned to the clinic with ascites (fluid filled abdomen) and difficulty breathing. Kidney disease seemed a likely cause but to confirm, the clinic team used the new Vetscan to conduct biochemistry blood tests.



**Craig to the rescue: Gives his blood to
save one of his own.**