

## Suffield Veterinary Hospital June 2016 Patient of the Month

Meet Madison, an 8-year-old American pit bull terrier, owned and adored by the Gomez family of Enfield. This cute photo was taken by Nicole Leonard of Spotted Love Photography.



As Jessica Gomez describes it: "We have had Madison since the day she was born. You see, we have had her mother Chelsea since puppyhood, and had the pleasure of assisting her in the birth of her puppies. Madison was the second puppy to be born from her litter of seven. She was one of two females — the second largest puppy and the only one with her color markings. This has earned her the nickname "Moo-dog" in our home, since she resembles the markings of a cow. She is by far one of the sweetest dogs you will ever meet. She loves people so much, and she will greet you by shaking your hand every time. Giving paw is Madison's obsession when it comes to tricks

— you don't even have to ask her. Madison was an obvious choice for us as pick of the litter. She has been a sweetheart from day one. We are truly blessed to have her as part of our family."

A couple of months ago, Madison came to Suffield Veterinary Hospital on death's door with a condition called pyometra, in which the uterus is so infected that it fills up with pus. Without surgery it can be fatal in a matter of just a couple of days. The risk of pyometra is one of the reasons that we feel spaying your dog is so important. There is recent research that is investigating the pros and cons of spaying dogs at 6 months, as has been the norm for decades in the U.S. Based on some preliminary findings, we may recommend that some females delay this surgery a few months longer, but for most of our patients, removing the ovaries and uterus is a wise and kind choice.

Madison arrived at Suffield Veterinary Hospital at 3:00 and was rushed into surgery at 5:00. Despite the severity of her condition (about a quart of pus had formed in her uterus), Madison bounced back quickly after the operation, in part because she was so well cared for all her life.

For giving us a reason to remind everyone to spay your pets, we are proud to name Madison our June Suffield Veterinary Hospital Patient of the Month. We share this sentiment written by Jessica: "We love you Madison and are very proud of you!"

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