

Suffield Veterinary Hospital November 2015 Patient of the Month

Meet Gronk, a French bulldog puppy owned by the Deedy family of Suffield. This very cute photo was taken by Lorilee Photography of Enfield.

Gronk's owner Lisa says: *"I found Gronk online, quite by accident. I wasn't really looking for a pet but once I found him, did some research and learned more about him, I knew he would be the perfect fit for our family. Gronk (commonly known in our house as "the nugget") is the most laid back puppy ever. He enjoys sunbathing, watching football and eating. At just 25 weeks, he is a great lap dog. He really hates the cold weather though so our walks are becoming shorter and shorter. And if the grass is wet, forget about it."*

Dr. Christine Mullen recently examined Gronk because he had been vomiting for a few days and although hungry could not hold any meals down. He was bright and happy, but had a concerned look about him, and she knew he was in a bit of trouble. The owner had caught him eating socks the week before and a pair of underwear went missing 2 days prior to his visit at SVH. A barium series was performed and revealed a dilated stomach and small intestine which the barium would not pass through. Gronk was presumed guilty of having a gastrointestinal foreign body obstruction. He was quickly prepped for an exploratory surgery to be performed by Dr. Anita Sabellico. She found a pair of underwear lodged within the stomach and duodenum, which is the first the part of the small intestine. The foreign cloth was removed, he was sutured back up and his post-op recovery was uneventful. He was happy to hold his breakfast down the next day.

For being so adorable and for helping us warn other pet owners of the dangers involved with pets who like to eat clothing, we are proud to name Gronk our Suffield Veterinary Hospital Patient of the Month.



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