

## Suffield Veterinary Hospital October 2015 Patients of the Month

Meet Harvey and Aggie, 12 week old brother and sister English Bulldogs. They are owned by our Dr. Daniel Rothbart and our receptionist Ashley Phoenix, respectively. This adorable photo was taken by Lorilee Photography of Enfield.

Harvey and Aggie were part of a litter of seven that were born at Suffield Vet Hospital via c-section. As can be seen in the photo, these two were born with a congenital abnormality known as a cleft lip. The issue is largely cosmetic, but the puppies do require extra attention when nursing to make sure they get proper nutrition. Trouble can come with finding a home for puppies born with this condition as surgery to correct the issue can be costly. Luckily for these pups, Dr. Rothbart has always had a soft spot for English Bulldogs. After talking with the breeder, and his wife, Dr. Rothbart made a spot in his home for Harvey. Ashley also stepped up to make sure that Aggie too was well taken care of.



Harvey is adjusting well to playing gently with Dr. Rothbart's two cats. And Aggie is learning how to be a dog from Ashley's Great Dane named Dallas. Another interesting extra in these two pups, they have seven upper incisors instead of the normal six. To help keep their mouth and noses clean, or as clean as a bulldog face ever gets, Dr. Rothbart will be fixing their cleft lips at the time of spay and neuter.

For helping us to highlight this surgically correctable congenital abnormality, and for their general cuteness, Suffield Veterinary Hospital is proud to name Harvey and Aggie our October 2015 Patients of the Month.

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