



Four Paws Animal Hospital

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To whom it may concern:

Canine Herby presented on emergency to our Hospital on 5-2-17 at approximately 10:30pm. Herby had been noted to not be feeling well and had a distended abdomen. Upon presentation, I noted his distended abdomen and upon percussion noted the abdomen to be filled with air. The diagnosis was immediately made of gastric dilation volvulus or bloat. Herby was taken to the prep area and using an 18ga needle the stomach was decompressed. A 20 ga catheter was placed in the cephalic vein and LRS fluid drip was started. Herby was then quickly placed under anesthesia and the stomach was again decompressed using an 18ga needle. Herby was taken into surgery. When the abdomen was opened the air distended stomach was noted. The stomach was noted to have purple splotches signaling areas of the stomach that had coagulated blood and possible loss of blood supply. The engorged spleen was located and the stomach and spleen were placed back in the normal position to reduce the volvulus. Immediately after reducing the volvulus a moderate to large amount of clear fluid came out of the mouth from the stomach. Herby was noted to be stable with a normal heart rate and slightly low oxygen levels so assisted breathing was instituted during the procedure. A stomach tack was performed and I began closing the abdominal musculature. When I was approximately 90% done closing the abdominal musculature Herby went into cardiac arrest. CPR was immediately started and after approximately 20 minutes and 3 epinephrine injections there was no response. Herby had passed. The likely cause of Herby passing was a blood clot to the heart, lungs and and/or brain. The blood had likely coagulated during the volvulus and when it was corrected a clot broke loose and caused the cardiac arrest.

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