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Collie Mia home with barely a scratch after sticky situation

A lucky dog named Mia is back to full health after vets removed a large stick from her eye socket following a freak accident.

The Collie had the 5 centimetre twig removed by veterinary ophthalmologists thanks to specialist scans that allowed them to see the stick's placement.

Remarkably, the stick was carefully removed leaving Mia with only a small scratch.

Mia's owners feared their six year old pet had lost her eye after she was playing in a hedge and emerged with a stick poking from her eye socket.

She was quickly referred by her local vet in Doune to the specialist ophthalmology service at the University of Edinburgh's Hospital for Small Animals at the Royal (Dick) School for Veterinary Studies.

Once there, expert vets performed a CT scan to evaluate where the stick was and how much damage it had caused to Mia's eye.

Thankfully, the scan images revealed that the stick was still in one piece and lodged just above the eye.

Pictures from the CT scan allowed the vets to carefully remove the object without the need for an invasive operation, leaving Mia with only a superficial scratch on her eye.

After flushing the area with fluids to make sure there were no remaining fragments, Mia was able to walk out of the clinic unaided and has suffered no long term damage to her sight.

The vets who treated Mia are delighted with Mia's recovery.

Ben Blacklock, a vet Specialist ophthalmologist who led the team at the University of Edinburgh, said: "This was an unusual situation for us and we are really pleased to see Mia back to full health and enjoying life. We are lucky to have such an amazing group of people here, including Specialists in anaesthesia and radiology, and a highly skilled and compassionate nursing team who could make Mia's treatment and recovery go as smoothly as possible."

Mia's owner, Paul McGlynn, said: "We can't believe that Mia has escaped with just a scratch, we were convinced she would have to lose her eye. We are grateful to the team who treated her and so pleased to have her home as happy as ever."

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