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WELL DONE RUSS!!

Russ is a 7 year old retired greyhound. He first came to us on 06/12/14 following long spells of hospitalisation for a mystery illness.

Russ was lethargic, unable to walk and had lost 12 kg in weight. He was referred to an orthopaedic vet as it was thought his problem was spinal or neurological. He was then referred to Liverpool Vet Hospital where it was discovered he had something quite rare 'Alabama Rot'.

Idiopathic cutaneous and renal glomerular vasculopathy, otherwise known as CRGV or Alabama rot. This disease has been known since the 1980s although there has only been a handful of cases in the UK. The dog presents with skin lesions usually below the knee or elbow. Over the next 2 – 7 days they develop signs of kidney failure which can include vomiting, reduced appetite and tiredness. The disease does not appear to pass from dog to dog.

Russ has really had a rough time. He has been on antibiotics and steroids to name only 2. It has taken months of TLC and rehabilitation to get Russ back to his old self. Russ became very nervous during his recovery, not wanting to go to the vets or get into a car. He never knew if he was going to be left somewhere. When Russ first came to us he had to be carried into the pool room, he would shake and lay on the floor. In the pool he just floated. But we are now pleased to say Russ seems to have made a full recovery although his anxious side may take longer to conquer.

His owners Debra and Shean, have done a Stirling job nursing him back to health. We wish both of them and Russ many more happy years together.

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