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"Batman" - Cat in Road Traffic Accident



As the days shorten and the nights become ever longer, life becomes all the more hazardous for our feline patients.....even those named after superheroes!

The numbers of cats involved in road traffic accidents always increases through the dark days of winter as visibility deteriorates.....3 last week! Sadly the costs involved in rebuilding our feline friends can be very considerable.

"Batman" unlike his superhero counterpart "Bruce Wayne" was neither a billionaire nor was he insured which has meant that his owners have had to find the £700 necessary to restore him to good health.

In a number of these cases it may well be that whilst the injuries sustained are not immediately life threatening the costs involved in restoring a patient to full working order can be a major stumbling block.

In this case "Batman" had sustained a debilitating fracture to his left thigh bone just above his knee. Surgery offers the only realistic chance of returning "Batman" to a fully functional feline!

Fortunately, after explaining the situation to his owners I was able to reconstruct his knee with 2 stainless steel pins. After only a short stay in the surgical unit "Batman" is now home recuperating having hopefully learned from his experience that his name doesn't make him invinciblehaving dedicated owners might!

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X-ray Images

1. Batmans leg before surgery showing pelvis, thigh and knee
2. Close up of knee before surgery
3. After surgery from side - showing pins holding bones together.
4. After surgery from front - showing pins in X shape to prevent them pulling out

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