

Swallow Foreign Body

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Introduction

Foreign body swallowing is a condition that we often encounter especially in young animals and often requires emergency intervention. Swallowed foreign bodies can cause partial or complete blockages in the small intestines, and if they are pointed, they cause punctures and tears. In complete blockages, the foreign body can pass from the stomach to the intestines and stay here.

Factor

In general, there are 3 factors encountered in foreign body swallowing

- Bone and bone hard things in the given nutrients
- Clumpy and hardening of the hair that cats swallow when cleaning themselves
- Any objects and items they find in the home environment or outside.

In the most common cases of foreign body swallowing in dogs, bones, socks, and buckles come to the forefront; in cats, sewing needles and threads are observed more.

Symptoms

Repeated vomiting (Their number may be 5-6 times during the day at short intervals.)

- Anorexia,
- Inability to defecate
- Restlessness and depression
- Diagnosis.

In the diagnosis, the answers of the patient owner to questions such as "does he have a lost toy at home, has he swallowed a foreign body before" make it easier for us to go to the diagnosis. After the information received, a clinical examination of the patient is performed. Linear foreign bodies, such as yarn, can be observed during oral examination. The abdominal area is also examined manually and it is observed whether the patient reacts due to pain. However, radiography, ultrasonography, and endoscopy are used for a definitive diagnosis. The contraceptive X-ray method is used to detect conditions such as obstruction or perforation in the digestive system.

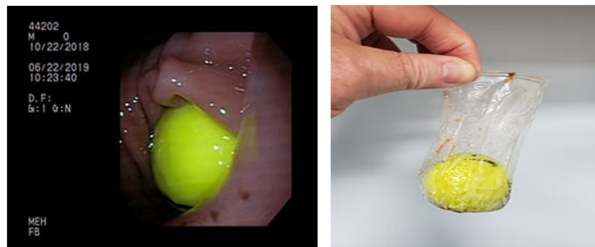


Figure 1

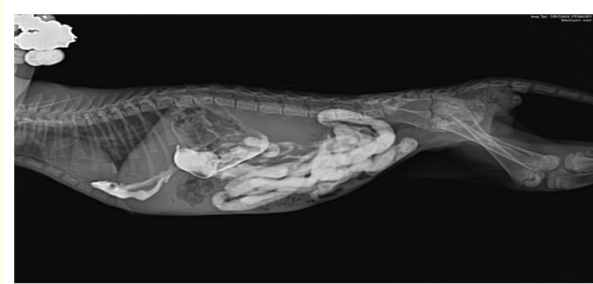


Figure 2

Treatment

What the foreign body is and its location determine whether the treatment will be treated with medical treatment, surgical intervention or endoscopy. Medical treatment can be applied by using stool softening and lubricant drugs for foreign bodies with smooth structure that are thought to pass through the intestines. Emergency surgical intervention is required in cases where puncture-tearing has occurred or the obstruction cannot be opened with endoscopy and medical treatment.



Figure 3

Protection

The owner of the animal is advised not to give the animal food that is difficult to digest and contains bone fragments, not to buy toys that it can smash and swallow, to remove needle-style piercing tools out of the reach of his pets.



Figure 4