

## COCOA'S RECOVERY

**BURMESE CAT RECOVERY REPORT** 

COCOA was injured on December 19th 2006. She sustained the injury by being trapped by her hind leg in the top of an automatic garage door when it closed.

She was trapped for 5 hours and when found was in deep shock, depressed and dehydrated.

She spent the night in emergency care on a drip, was given Morphine for the pain and was transferred to her regular vet's surgery the next morning where x-rays were taken and miraculously she had NO broken bones but had a severe crush injury.

She was given antibiotics and pain relief and medication for depression. Her leg was significantly swollen (to approximately three size of the normal size) and spongy and the vet commented that he thought she may need it amputated in a couple of weeks if there was no sign of any improvement. He advised that animals coped very well after amputation.

Cocoa's owner had seen the effects of healing using a Bioptron Light and borrowed one from a friend and began treating Cocoa at the surgery on the 22rd December. Cocoa went home on the 24th December and was to be kept confined to allow her leg time to heal. She received light treatment twice daily and by Christmas Day the inflammation was reducing but her leg was still spongy. On Boxing Day her two outside toes on her foot were back to normal size.

On the 27th December there was a reduction in swelling but when she attempted to walk her foot just folded over, which was very concerning. We visited the vet who was clearly stunned with Cocoa's progress and he checked her toes for feeling sensation which was very good. He took another x-ray to be sure there was no damaged bones in her foot and they were clear.

On the 28th there was a further reduction in



swelling and her joints started to firm up slightly and her owner swapped the light for a model that enabled colour therapy.

On the 29th December – there was more reduction in swelling and Cocoa's foot joint was getting a little stronger.

30th December - It's clear Cocoa is happier in her well-being and has been allowed out of her cage to move about a little.

31st December – Moving about for a short while however her toes are still bending over and occasionally she gets pins and needles and causes her whole body to flip over

1 January 2007 – Out of the cage for a longer period today, her toes are still bending over but she is using her leg and foot more.

2 January 2007 – Cocoa's joints are strengthening more each day but her toes are still bending over and causes concern.

3 January 2007 – Visited the vet today and he was stunned with Cocoa's progress. He commented he couldn't believe it (twice) how quickly she was recovering. He checked her reflexes which were good and said she could come out of her cage permanently to allow the recovery and strengthening of her muscles as they had atrophied after the accident. He commented that he didn't need to see her again for two weeks.

7th January 2007- The swelling of the hind left leg was completely gone.

17th January 2007. – We visited the vet again today and he was very pleased with Cocoa's continued improvement and has moved her return visit out to three weeks.

He said she may always have a limp but had initially thought he would have to amputate her leg.

Cocoa continues to improve more each day, she is gaining weight and her muscles and joints are becoming stronger.

I have continued to use the light every day and am convinced with continual use she will make a full recovery