



# Dexter broke his paw!

## Orthopaedic Patient information



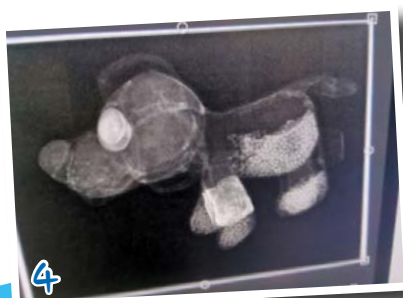
This is Dexter the dog. He has hurt his paw so will need to have an x-ray.



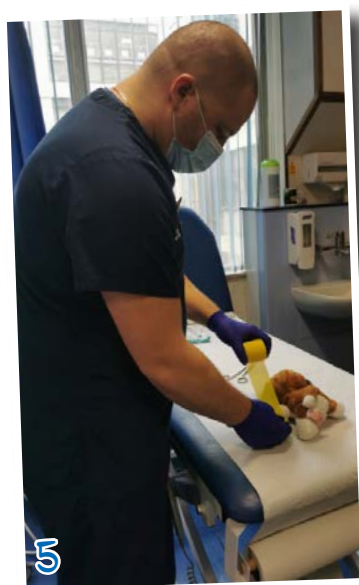
This is Mike. Mike is a radiographer, which means he's an expert at taking x-rays.



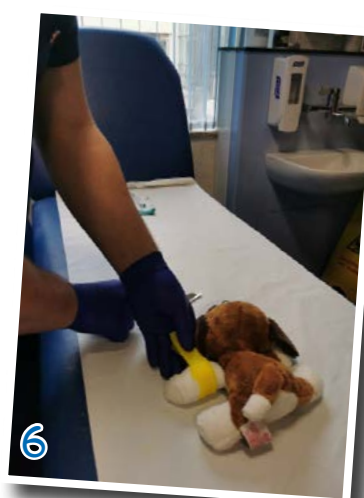
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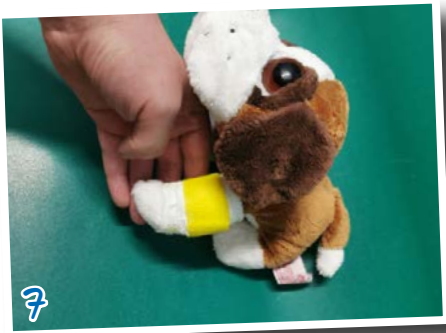
The x-ray is looked at to see if there are any broken bones (also called a fracture)



This is Gary. He is an orthopaedic practitioner. This means he is an expert at putting on your plaster.



Dexter is being very good at letting Gary put on the plaster. He knows it will make him feel a lot better.



All finished.  
This plaster will stay on for a few weeks  
so the bone can heal. Dexter is a happy  
puppy again!

A few weeks later...



This is Lisa. She  
works with Gary at  
the hospital. It is  
time for Dexter  
to have his plaster  
removed.



Lisa uses  
a machine  
which has  
a vibrating  
blade.  
It makes a  
loud noise,  
but Lisa  
won't hurt  
you - she's  
also an  
expert!

This leaflet has been designed to make the whole plastering process easier to understand.  
From the first x-ray to the removal of the cast.

The leaflet was created at Poole Hospital by Gary Smith for patients who go into the  
plaster room. An extra thanks to Michael Cox from the x-ray department who kindly  
x-rayed Dexter and Lisa Holloway who safely removed Dexter's plaster!

Any queries please contact the plaster room on **0300 019 2140**  
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