



## Tuesday 'Tails' - Neville and the String

One evening, Neville's family went upstairs for a split second and came back to find him with a very long piece of string hanging from his mouth! They rushed him to AES and into the waiting arms of Dr Sara. Even while he was having his clinical exam, naughty Neville was still trying to swallow the remaining string hanging from his mouth.

Although it would seem like a simple solution to pull the string out, we had no idea how far the string was through the gastrointestinal tract. If it was past the stomach, pulling on it could rip the intestines leading to life-threatening peritonitis. He underwent an ultrasound examination, which demonstrated the string had indeed made it into the small intestines. Within minutes little Neville was being prepped for abdominal surgery.

He was certainly fast at swallowing, the string had nearly made its way throughout the entire small intestine! Dr Sara skilfully removed the extensive amount with careful incisions. Neville recovered safely from surgery and we are so happy to report he is enjoying his time back home, minus any string!

