

## Olive abandoned - badly injured.

A beautiful spaniel was found wandering down the main A39 near Cossington, Somerset on 22 April and she was taken to a local vet. She had a badly injured eye and when unclaimed by her owner, she was collected by Somerset's Dog Warden Service.



When she arrived with us, she was clearly in pain and suffering so she we took her our own Black Rock Vets to help her. She was just over one year old but had a corneal dystrophy from some form of untreated eye injury. Sadly, she needed her injured eye removed urgently even though she was an unclaimed stray.

Our vets put up some pain relief for her while she had to wait the statutory 7 days under the stray dog legislation. We named her Olive, Popeye's wife, she was a truly gorgeous dog and despite her injury showed only affection and love to our staff and her operation couldn't come soon enough.

We have now arranged for her to have her eye removed (over £1500) with our vets (Somerset Council contributed £100 to the operation costs). There were some complications so she had to have further surgery but she is recovering with the gentle care from a very special foster carer and when she is fully recovered she will go up for rehoming.

So why was she found straying? She was found in season and without a microchip and with a partially docked tail. Being Injured and of no financial use, she was just a liability - it was Olive's time to go.

She is just a baby and has now had her eye removed. We wonder, just how long did she suffer before she was abandoned?

A look through the dog lost site <https://www.doglost.co.uk/> a national reunification page shows the number of dogs abandoned across the UK daily, some with injuries like Olive.



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