

“George”

Rough start without mom ☹️

“George” was literally pulled out of his mom on March 13, 2016! We need to be honest here – although Mother Nature sees that 99% of Big Babies are born without difficulty, sometimes things go wrong. George’s mom was presented to the MSU VMC on emergency for dystocia = difficult birth process. There are two options at that time: 1) to help deliver the babies by controlled vaginal delivery (pulling babies out after mom is sedated and given epidural anesthesia); or 2) Cesarean section = surgical removal from the uterus.



This was Lise’s first pregnancy and her owners recognized that something was wrong when she was straining for some time and only George’s head appeared. They loaded Lise in the back of a car and brought her to the MSU VMC. On presentation, Lise was still trying to deliver George but she was unable to stand. She was sedated and an epidural anesthetic was administered and George was able to be delivered. He was a bit slow at the start but soon recovered and started crying for Lise’s attention. Lise licked him and George found the milk supply and all seemed well. Although Lise was not yet standing, this was attributed to the epidural anesthetic and the pair were discharged because further bonding is usually better at home than in the hospital.

The following morning Lise still could not stand and George was weaker. They were brought back to the MSU VMC for further evaluation. Although alert and producing milk, Lise was painful over her rump and could not stand. George was a confused big baby and had to learn how to drink from Lise while she was laying down as well as from a bottle. Further examination revealed that Lise had sustained a fracture of her sacrum at some point during the delivery process. Sadly, a decision for euthanasia of Lise was made but George adapted to bottle feeding well and is a happy boy.

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