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On November 6th, 2018 the Forest City Veterinary Clinic received a phone call from Barb Kavars. She requested to bring a dog in to receive medical attention once she could get him loaded into her vehicle. She reported Yeager, a 12 year old male Samoyed had been attacked by several female dogs that morning.

Yeager presented covered from head to toe in a very thick and dripping wet mud. A few large puncture wounds could be seen on his rump through the mud. He was carried in since he was unable to walk or sit up on his own. He was immediately taken to a cage where several hot water bottles were placed around him and he was covered with towels and blankets. Yeager was shivering initially. He was only able to lift his head and move his legs a little. He was depressed, but alert and responsive. BCS 2/9. His mucous membranes were very pale and tacky. His wounds were difficult to assess initially due to all of the mud and hair impeding vision. He was given 1.4mg of Dexamethasone to control his shock and pain. He was obviously painful over his lumbar and flank region to touch. A couple large puncture wounds could be seen close to his tail head, right hip, and anal area, but he would have to be cleaned up and the hair would have to be clipped to evaluate more closely. Barb was present during the initial exam before further cleaning/ clipping of hair took place. I said I did not like the state he was in and didn't know the extent of his injuries at this time or if he would have any chance of recovery. Barb did contemplate humane euthanasia but didn't want to give up yet if there was a small chance of survival.

That evening, Yeager was lightly sedated with an anesthetic to make him more comfortable. His lateral hind legs, dorsal pelvic area, and tail were all clipped. Multiple puncture wounds were present on his right lateral thigh, dorsal distal back, tail, anus, and scrotum. A puncture wound could be felt communicating under the skin from the anus to the dorsal back puncture wounds. Possible internal injuries or spinal injuries were not evaluated. A warm water hose was used to clean up Yeager's back half and to flush out the wounds. He was given an injection of antibiotics. Barb was called after this as she requested, and explained what I could tell for the injuries. She was going to call at 8am to see how he did overnight.

The next morning, Yeager was still alive. He was still only able to lift his head some. There was no interest in food or water. Barb was notified of his no change in condition. She was planning on coming to see him later that day. Yeager passed away in the early afternoon. Barb requested cremation. She came to see him that afternoon.

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