**Family's beloved goldfish with tumor makes 120-mile trip to undergo 'nemo-therapy'.**

NEMO THERAPY

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A beloved goldfish was taken on a 200-mile round trip to the vets to have a huge TUMOUR removed.

Nemo the five-year-old pet underwent an intricate 45-minute operation on his head and shoulders.

He was operated on out of the water and at one stage his heart stopped but vets managed to revive him.

Veterinary surgeon Sonya Miles and exotics nurse Millie Gardiner carried out the successful £200 procedure - with Nemo sent home just two hours later.

Sonya, from Highcroft Veterinary Group in Bristol, said: "Nemo was initially a referral, a little fish sent from Buckinghamshire to come and see us as another practice who did not want to do the surgery.

"We accepted it and the owners saw my colleague for a consult and decided to go ahead with it.

"Nemo is doing really well - he had a massive lump on the side of where the neck would be and it was looking the same size as the fish itself."

The surgery took about 45 minutes and Nemo was ready to return home to his owners after a couple of hours.

Despite the success there was a moment of panic during the operation.

Sonya said: "It was difficult keeping him asleep and alive - there was a hairy moment when his heart stopped but we managed to revive him.

"We kept Nemo asleep by putting a syringe into his mouth and gills. We had to keep oxygen in system."

But Nemo is now back to normal and enjoying life.

Sonia added: "He is just a little gold fish - five years old we believe - taken on by owners.

"The owner phoned up and said he was completely back to normal and doing really well."

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