

Name of scenario	Bess Jones
Type of scenario	History taking
Information given to student:	
Mr / Mrs Jones has brought their Labrador Bess to see you. She is vomiting. It is the first time you have seen Bess at your practice – Mr and Mrs Jones are from Southampton. They were visiting relatives when Bess got ill.	
Background information for simulated client:	
<p>You are Mr / Mrs Jones, the owner of an old-ish (8-years-old), female labrador called Bess. You have had Bess all her life; in fact you bred her and still own her mother. You normally visit your vet at home. However, this week you are on holiday visiting a relative, when Bess became ill. She has not been neutered (which means she still has her womb and ovaries). This is very important to Bess' actual condition.</p> <p>Bess was last in season about 10 weeks ago. She seemed to bleed for a bit longer than usual, otherwise it was a normal season. She has never had puppies.</p> <p>Presenting Complaint; For the last week or so, Bess has been getting more and more lethargic. Over the last couple of days she has started to vomit. Now she is anorexic (not eating anything) and has vomited twice today. So you have brought her to the evening surgery at the local practice. Although you may not remember to tell the vet unless specifically asked, Bess has been drinking lots more than usual over the last few days. It would be best to reserve this information until asked by the vet about her thirst. However, if the vet is struggling, you could mention it. As far as you are aware, Bess has had no access to any poisons. If the Vet asks you, you may like to ask what they mean by 'poisons'.</p> <p>Past medical and surgical history, routine treatments, in-contacts; Bess is regularly vaccinated and treated for worms by your vet. You have noticed fleas on her on a couple of occasions and have had treatment from the vet for these. Apart from this, Bess has been completely healthy and has never had any serious disease or surgery since she was born. You have another bitch, Bess' mother, at home as well as a cat, and both of these are fine to the best of your knowledge. However, if the vet asks if your cat is vomiting, you may like to say that you have not seen any vomit but the cat does go outdoors implying you may have missed it. If they ask about your health then you are fine.</p>	
Learning objectives for this scenario:	
Taking a history, dealing with a new client	