

# Duke Back to Old Self

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Duke is back to his old self.

SWOSU's live Bulldog mascot is maybe more feisty than ever after recovering from two surgeries during the recent holiday break on the Weatherford campus.

SWOSU students have been concerned about Duke after the 4-year-old dog ingested a 10-foot cotton rope.

Caretaker Rita Hays said Duke was taken off a steroid that was being used to treat his severe allergies. The allergy problems are back, but his eating habits are now normal. The steroid was causing Duke to overeat and chew on just about anything-including ropes.

Hays said she appreciates the concern of so many students, alumni and friends of SWOSU. Duke even received a package of flossies dog treats during the holidays from a staff member at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Duke will make appearances at various events this semester, including many of the basketball games where Duke will be in the lobby of Rankin Williams Fieldhouse.