



5Strands® Affordable Pet Testing Case Study Outline

We appreciate your feedback regarding your experience with 5Strands® Affordable Pet Testing! Please also provide a before and after photo of your pet! We understand that by providing this information you are granting permission for us to share your story on 5Strands® Affordable Testing's websites, social media and in marketing materials.

Pet's Name: **Chloe**

Pet's Breed & Sex: **Domestic Shorthair, diluted calico**

Describe condition of pet and/or symptoms before using *Affordable Testing*.

Chloe had skin irritations that were causing her to scratch herself to the point of bleeding and hair loss. We called the home vet (holistic vet that comes to our house). She had us do the test to determine sensitivities because she said she thought it was something like that causing the breakouts. She prescribed a steroid to get it under control and we sent in for the 5Strands test.

What type of food was your pet eating prior to testing (i.e. kibble, raw, frozen, freeze dried, etc.)?

Kibble and wet food

Describe the results of *Affordable Testing* (i.e. number and/or examples of items reported as intolerances, insight gained, etc.).

Chloe turned out to be sensitive to almost everything...

What elimination plan did you implement (i.e. foods eliminated and/or changes in environment, timeframe, etc.)? **Once we got the results, we immediately changed her diet to the Less sensitive foods and kept her away from all other sources of foods. We also put the nail caps on her back claws to minimize the damage that scratching could cause while we switched her diet and was recovering from the itch wounds. After getting the results and changing her diet (keep in mind the first 10 days she was on the steroid to help minimize the itching) she was completely cleared up after about 5 weeks and is still clear to this day! Went with a raw diet of the few things that she was the least sensitive or that didn't show up as sensitivities.**

Describe the condition of pet and/or symptoms after the elimination plan.

She improved and we plan to have her tested again when she is a little older, as our vet said that sometimes on a restricted diet w/probiotics and proper nutrition, the gut can possibly heal and tolerate more foods.

What is your impression of the *Affordable Testing* process and results of the elimination plan (i.e. length of time to receive results, quality of customer service, value of information gained, etc.)? Length of time to get results was great, and everything we experienced through Affordable Testing was fantastic! Thank You for your help and great service!!

We've kept her on the limited diet and are hoping that her body resets itself and as she gets a little older will 'outgrow' the sensitivities, so will be rechecking her via 5Strands in another 6 months or so! She is 1.5 years old now and over the course of her little life has had 2 of these outbreaks. The first was when I first rescued her at 4 months old and was terrible! We did not know about 5Strands then and it lasted for around 3 months trying to figure out what was going on with her. Our then vet finally gave her a steroid script, too, which eventually cleared things but I did not want to have her on steroids forever. When we did stop the steroid, she was fine for a few months but then things started to come back so we had the holistic vet come and then found you!!

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