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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: Harley

Pet's Breed & Sex: Chihuahua/Jack Russell/Min Pin Mix. Female. 6 years old.

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

My childhood dog growing up had skin on his legs and stomach that turned black (when it was normally a light pink color) and when we asked the vet.. he told us it was allergies. We started making his food and this seemed to turn my childhood dog pink again. This sticks with me for every dog I have owned since then.. and I noticed that harley wasn't turning black.. but her under side was getting a bit darker as she got older. I tried to eliminate the common allergens... but it never seemed to fix anything so I just kept trying new things and never really saw a difference.

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

Kibble with salmon oil on top. As well as single ingredient freeze dried treats and freeze dried toppers on her food from time to time.

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

Harley didn't have many allergies that were in her everyday life. However... Venison was in red on her chart and this was a treat I gave the dogs daily (one or two treats at most). I naturally tried to stay away from beef and chicken since those are common dog allergens.. but it never crossed my mind that the venison treats would be an issue. She also cant have raspberries. I found it really odd that this was actually an ingredient in her dog food.

What elimination plan did you implement (i.e. foods eliminated and/or changes in environment, timeframe, etc.)?

I changed Harley's dog food and stopped buying the venison treats and noticed my dog who was turning grey on her stomach was starting to turn pink again!

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

Harley turned pink again almost immediately after the allergy test. I noticed a few months later that she seemed to be much softer than she was before.

The only other symptom that I had observed (not 100% sure if its related or just a coincidence) but Harley was hit by a car two years ago and had a punctured lung as a result of this. For the last year and a half or so, she would wheeze pretty often. It wouldn't happen daily.. but it would happen maybe once or twice a week. Nothing seemed to trigger it. She could sit on the couch and wheeze for five minutes.. but the next day she could run five miles with me.. and she didn't wheeze once. The vet checked on this issue twice since she was hit by the car and they could find no reason as to why she was wheezing.

I noticed not too long ago that her wheezing has gone from a weekly event to maybe a once a month or maybe even once every other month issue. I cant confirm this is allergy related but I do believe the allergy test had a role in healing her little body a bit more to make this wheezing happen less.

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.)?

While Harley didn't have too many changes to her diet, our other two dogs did. If I didn't buy this test, my little dog would still have dark skin and now that I know what she cant have... we can avoid this and have a happy and healthy Harley knowing she no longer has these intolerances messing with her system.