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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:** Atlas 11-13-16

**Pet's Breed & Sex:** American Staffordshire Terrier Male

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

We rescued Atlas from a shelter in South Florida, he was set to be euthanized. Why? I had no idea. A few weeks at home, and I quickly found out why—Atlas had terrible colitis caused by allergies along with itchy skin that would form little pimples, then the hair would fall off in patches, and his skin would scar. He had a dull coat and his stomach would make such weird noises. Eventually he stopped eating all together, because he knew the food was making him feel bad. Every month we were in and out of the vet trying to figure out what was wrong with him. We tried changing his diet to limited ingredient dry foods, which did not seem to help. Atlas started having seizures from his allergies and the vet put him on medication that prevented the seizures but did not help his allergies. Finally, my mother heard about Affordable Testing and got it for Atlas as a gift. I cried when she handed me the package and I mailed the hair samples in the same day. I was so hopeful that I could finally find a solution to give Atlas his best life.

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

We rotated between Petcurean Go Limited Ingredient Salmon & Duck

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

I was so surprised when I got the email with the results so quick. I was expecting to receive them in about three weeks, but I got the results in less than a week! I was so excited I opened the email right away and printed Atlas's results. It turns out he has intolerances to various proteins, the environment, and even chlorophyll! Almost every pet food out there had something Atlas was intolerant to, so finding something for him to eat was my next big challenge. But now I knew for sure what Atlas was allergic to, so I knew where to start.

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

Once I found out what exactly he was intolerant to, I researched on how to make his food without all of the stuff that hurt him.

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

Since eliminating his triggers, his seizures have stopped, he does not itch, and his coat is shiny and soft. He has put on muscle and looks exactly like he is supposed to weight wise. His tummy is never bloated anymore after eating. Honestly, I do not think Atlas has ever been more excited to eat a meal, he literally jumps for joy when he sees me grabbing his empty bowl! He does have the occasional upset tummy from eating stuff he's not supposed to (like grass outside), but it is no-where near when we first adopted him!

**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.)?**

I am so grateful that I found Affordable Testing. It is not only affordable, but it tests for such a variety of trigger allergies without the pain and discomfort of traditional testing. The information given on the results sheet is also easy to understand and interpret. I was able to transition Atlas onto a homemade raw diet that has visually and physically made him so much healthier and happier—plus eliminating his seizures literally saved his life!! I cannot thank those at Affordable Testing enough for all that they do and their dedication to helping pet parents keep their pets healthy. Allergies and intolerances are so common now-a-days, so it is amazing to have such an AWESOME company out there offering a solution at a price everyone can manage!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!