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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: **Lexi**

Pet's Breed & Sex: **Female Yorkshire Terrier**

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

**She is an extremely itchy dog who was diagnosed with Staph infections and chronic unknown allergies.**

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

**She has been on limited ingredient Merrick dog food. She tolerated the Salmon Flavor best. That is until the brand switched to chickpeas. She was prescribed a hydrolyzed protein diet by an animal allergy specialist. She was bathed 2-3 times a week with an antifungal shampoo. She was on prednisone for about 3 years and then switched to apoquel twice per day. It was the only way she wouldn't go crazy itching. As far as triggers, it could be anything, She was developing bald spots on her hind quarters.**

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

**After sending her hair samples to be tested by 5Strands, I was so happy to at least have an idea what I could do to make her life better. Her allergies to chickpeas gave me the answer as to why Merrick was not working. Oatmeal is in a lot of shampoos. I switched to Aloe and Tea Tree shampoo. Crab grass, she gets wiped down after her walks. I thought she was allergic to chicken and she is not. She now**

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

**She now has treats that are just dried chicken or salmon.**

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

**While in Florida, she does better because I believe there's more tile than carpet, there are no dust mites. Our home in NH has carpets and she was a bit more itchy when visiting there over the holidays. She is now on a food by Canidae, Pure, Salmon and Sweet Potato. I read every label of a dog food at Petco and PetSmart and this was the only food she could have.**

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 believe she's doing much better and I'm grateful for your test. Her fur is slowly growing back.**