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We celebrated the big “0-4” for Thor on November 11th. The time has flown – except for the times of crisis and those days seemed to drag with precious little optimism to be had – except for what we gained through your unwavering resolve and your determination to help us help Thor. Oh, and we are especially grateful for your ability to pull us in off the ledge of despair.

Have attached three pictures. The first one is when we fell in love. Almost 6 wks old, silver velvet and bedroom blue eyes. He crawled out of a basket and across the floor stopping and stretching out on the foot of my then 19 yr old son. It was over. We were his.

We thought we had done all the right ‘puppy choosing’ things.

We were wrong.

Now we know how vitally important diet and nutrition are – especially to weims, to any dog probably – as we have seen up close and in abject terror what IBS and auto-immune disorders can do to a fur-covered family member.

The good news is our vets are pro-active. They have helped us medicinally (which we happily use, but as sparingly as possible – steroids, etc not being something you want to make use of long term) and our vets have likewise wholeheartedly supported our use of.....you. As a matter of fact, Thor’s file has been copied and is used as the ‘little Bible’ by our vets whenever they chance upon another pooch who exhibits the same baffling and sometimes perplexing symptoms as Thor has had.

We have all been amazed at the turn around(s), some from particularly alarming medical emergencies (the loss of more than 30lbs in less than 4 weeks!) and there is no doubt that the happy, healthy, sturdy pooch in the second and third photos – still silver velvet, jade green eyes now – 100lbs! – is testament to your recipes for success.

We, the remainder of Thor’s family, are evidence of your skill at teaching humans how to sit, stay and relax. Will there likely be other ‘incidents’ along the way: yep. Are we prepared to deal with them: absolutely. Could we do it without your guidance: wouldn’t even consider it.

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