

Shorty's story.

Shorty is a 6 1/2 year old Pembroke Welsh Corgi. Shorty had always eaten a commercial dry kibble. Due to occasional colitis he was put on a prescription low residue kibble diet in April of 2008. In August of 2010 that particular brand was taken off the market and he was put on another commercial prescription diet. In April of 2011 he began to have problems defecating. His problems were straining, bleeding, urgency, mucous in his stools and his stools looked as though they were being passed through a straw. He was also losing weight. He was then put on a bland diet of boiled skinless chicken breast, yams and rice.

In June of 2011 Shorty had a colonoscopy. His colon was severely inflamed. Shorty has inflammatory bowel disease, IBD. He was put on a high dosage of steroids. With IBD any changes in diet can cause undesirable issues, therefore we continued with the chicken, yam and rice diet.

He began to improve and we began to slowly reduce his daily dosage of steroids. The IBD symptoms were improving, however Shorty's coat had become shedding, dull flakey skin mess! Just petting him would cause the loss of large amounts of hair.

Shorty's diet was the culprit. His diet was lacking much needed vitamins and nutrients. On October 27, 2011 I contacted Dr. Susan Lauten. We discussed Shorty's IBD and diet. Dr. Lauten assured me that she could help. Within a week Dr. Lauten had a recipe for a Turkey and Quinoa maintenance diet for Shorty.

I am thrilled to say "Shorty now looks fabulous!" His feces are normal! He has more energy than ever and is maintaining a healthy weight! With Dr. Lauten's diet and a very low dosage of steroids, Shorty is now IBD symptom free!

Shorty is not "just" a pet, he is my best friend and a member of my family. I thought I might lose him back in June 2011, but today he is thriving! He has come a long way. I believe that diet and nutrition are a "Huge" part of his recovery.

Thank you Dr. Lauten.

Sincerely,
Paula and Shorty

