

Sere's Health History as of May 2009

Sere was born in May 2000, and was a very fun, energetic, smart puppy, always wanting to please. She didn't really have any health issues that seemed to be major until she turned 3 years old. She started having grand mal seizures that came as often as every 4 weeks. They did eventually get farther apart and her last one to date was April 28, 2007.

Her last major health issue started in September/October 2007. She developed extreme ear infections in both ears that made her ears almost swell shut. It was very painful for her but nothing that was done seemed to heal them. This went on for a few months & when I took her to her regular vet, she prescribed antibiotics. At this time, also, Sere started getting small bald patches on her head and hip and irritation under her arms. Her skin turned black in color, felt like leather and was extremely itchy. As she scratched these areas, then it became open sores. She was tested for ringworm and that came up positive and was put on an antifungal medication. As she was on these meds for the next 3 weeks, she developed more balding patches. The vet was mystified and wasn't sure where to go from there. She tried a different antifungal medication and kept her on the antibiotics as well. Nothing worked. We were all very frustrated.

Our next adventure was taking her to the Dermatology Dept. at Ohio State University. This was in May 2008. She had lost about 40% of her hair by this time and her skin was very scaly & peeling all of the time. The vet repeated the tests that were done by Sere's regular vet and the only thing different was that she was negative for ringworm. He looked for demodex mange but the test was negative. He prescribed a medicated shampoo that had to be done 2 times a week but every time she was bathed in it, her skin would turn bright red, look very painful and more of her hair

would come out. We took her back in about 45 days for a recheck and she had less hair than the first time we took her. He did a skin biopsy and when we got the results from that, we were told that it could be one of three things: 1) a food allergy, 2) atopic dermatitis or 3) pseudopelade. He wanted her on a food trial for 8 weeks so I decided to put her on m'Origins raw and she's been doing great on that since June 2008 along with other raw beef items (tongues, hearts, tripe). The vet also told us that her hair probably wouldn't grow back because the follicles were too damaged. That was a blow because she used to have the most gorgeous, shiny coat. But, at least she was still with us so we couldn't complain.

Then in August 2008, we brought Sere to Dr. Fisher, hoping she could help. She spent about 2 hours with Sere on that first visit as there were a lot of issues to be dealt with at that time. She told us that Sere could not eat pork, chicken, lamb and a whole list of other things. That's the answer we had been looking for all along! We just needed to know what she could/couldn't have so we could get her back on track. Thankfully, beef was on her "could have" list and we just cut out the other things. Sere slowly improved month by month and we could see her hair growing back in!! We were thrilled, to say the least!

Dr. Fisher put her on some supplements as well as doing energy work, cranial sacral therapy and NAET treatments since some of Sere's issues were environmental at the time. That has since diminished so far. Sere is getting baths in Thera Neem Pet Shampoo now instead of the prescription ones and her skin & hair look wonderful! She's getting her shine back and we are so thankful.

Sere is still on the road to recovery but we are looking forward to the day when she has all her hair back and this will all be a memory.

Thank you, Dr. Fisher, for bringing our girl back to better health so we can have her for a long time to come.

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