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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: Pigpen

Pet's Breed & Sex: Beagle, Boxer, Staffy Mix. Male. 1 year old.

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

Before we got a test, Pigpen almost always had bumps on his back. From time to time we gave him meds to make the bumps go down.. but they started to get so bad he was losing fur, he looked like he had dandruff all over his back, and when he started losing his fur, I knew we had to figure out what was causing these issues. It was getting really embarrassing when people would stop us on a walk and ask me what was wrong with him.

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

He was eating kibble with a single ingredient freeze dried topper.

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

When we got the results back, I got SO MANY ANSWERS. Poor thing was eating salmon dog food, and he can't have salmon. We had tried to change the proteins he was eating, but never had any luck and Sunflower Oil seemed to be something in all dog food brands and this was why he never got any better.

We also discovered he is allergic to pine. We ONLY have pine trees around us. So once I stopped playing fetch with him on the grass surrounded by the shade of the pine trees, things improved a lot!

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

We changed our entire walk based on where the pine trees are in our neighborhood. I also changed his food and am now very picky with what he gets. He's done a LOT better. From time to time he does still break out in a few hives, but it's nowhere near as bad as before.

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

He no longer breaks out in hives, his fur is so much softer now (and he has hair again!)

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.)?

Affordable Pet testing has changed our lives completely. I felt so bad that Pigpen was always suffering with bumps and fur loss. He's much happier now and we haven't had to go to the vet for a reaction in months! For just the price of one vet visit (purchasing the test) we have saved quite a few future vet visits. This test is 100% worth it!