

🌿 Our Old English sheepdog, Gracie, contracted a tick borne disease (canine babesiosis/encephalitis meningitis). She became very ill. She lost her balance and could not walk, she could not keep her food down, her eyes darted back and forth and she had no energy. These symptoms occurred rapidly and it took several visits to a number of veterinarians to determine exactly what caused her illness. She was eventually treated by a neurology specialist and given a heavy dose of steroids and anti-biotics which probably saved her life. She began to recover but still had very little energy and lost a lot of her beautiful coat. We were just grateful that she had survived. A friend recommended that we take Gracie to see [Dr. Rose Di Leva](#) at the [Animal Wellness Center in Chadds Ford, PA](#). When we went to see [Dr. Rose Di Leva](#) for our first appointment, Gracie walked very slowly into the office, patches of her coat were very thin and she kept her head down.

🌿 [Dr. Rose Di Leva](#) began a combination of traditional medication, herbal medication and acupuncture over a period of about 4 months. She also initiated blood tests at a national university to insure that Gracie had been properly diagnosed and that she knew exactly what had caused her condition. We followed [Dr. Rose Di Leva](#)'s wellness plan including positive thoughts. We changed Gracie's food to a healthy brand after [Dr. Rose Di Leva](#) pointed out the ingredients of the food we were using. Week by week Gracie visibly improved. Her coat returned to its original sheen and thickness, her herding gait returned and after each acupuncture treatment, she had the energy of a puppy. Five years later, Gracie is now 7 years old and up to her old tricks. She herds our two cats, guards the house loudly and when it snows, we have to urge her back in the house as she loves to run and roll in the snow. Gracie gets a couple of wellness treatments with [Dr. Rose Di Leva](#) during the year as a special treat. Gracie knows when she is going for a well visit and runs up the ramp to the office.

🌿 Gracie has made friends with all of [Dr. Rose Di Leva](#)'s staff and loves her wellness visits. Gracie paid [Dr. Rose Di Leva](#) the ultimate compliment by squeezing between her legs and wagging - that's the way Gracie hugs and she only does it with her best friends. That alone speaks more about [Dr. Rose Di Leva](#), than anything we could describe.

🌿 Thank you [Dr. Rose Di Leva](#) for extending our time with Gracie and bringing back her quality of life.

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