

# Testimonial

## Piglet's story

Piglet is my spayed female lab-collie mix born on March 18, 1995. At approximately 10 months of age she was kicked by a horse to the left side of her head - full impact probably would have killed her. It happened on a weekend and she was taken to an emergency facility to be checked. She had a slightly bloody nose (left nostril only) for a couple of days and a twitch to her left eye for a few weeks. The facility failed to note a hairline jaw fracture. Puppy hood and early adulthood were uneventful except for reoccurring ear infections, mostly on the left side. Many times an ear wash was not effective and Clavamox was prescribed. Spring/summer 2004 I noticed that she would no longer take a biscuit out of my hand. She preferred to go lay down and have me put the treat in front of her. She would lick it to soften it and then bite it with her front teeth. Sept 2004, she was diagnosed with TMJ and arthritis of the jaw by Dr. F. It was determined that the hairline fracture misaligned her jaw, causing the problem. At this time was she put on 4 Cosequin DS and 3/4 tablet of Deramaxx per day. I made a biscuit "crusher" that allowed me to smash her biscuits so she could still enjoy her favorite treats. Soon she stopped being able to bark (she never was much of a watchdog) and she could no longer yawn. When you scratched her head she would "smile" - soon this stopped. Christmas, 2005 she started to make a whistling sound. I was referred by my local vet to Dr. S. and he performed a scope procedure that showed a perforated ear drum and a hole in her Eustachian tube. She never "appeared" sick - the infection was going down her throat instead of out her ear or nose. Jan, 2006 she underwent a procedure to close off the left ear and repair the hole in the Eustachian tube. Feb, 2006 she underwent another procedure to close off the Eustachian tube. In Aug, 2006 she had another procedure that showed another abscess in the old Eustachian tube area. She was put on Clavamox for six weeks. On Sept. 12, 2006 she had another procedure to create a stoma on the side of her face. Because of the area being near her jaw, she popped stitches several times and had to have the tube realigned several times. Each time she needed realignment and her jaw had to be "opened" more than normal to allow for the intubation, it took her longer and longer to get back to her normal dinner routine. After another procedure in mid October to realign the tube, she was so painful I had to call for pain medication for her. It took a few days before she could drink water or lap up diluted canned cat food without crying and it took about 10 days before she was back to her normal dinner of canned/dry food. At a subsequent check up I was referred to Dr. Rose DiLeva of Animal Wellness Center. Dr. Rose is a Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist and Certified Veterinary Chiropractitioner. Piglet's first chiropractic and acupuncture appointment was 10/28/06. After three treatments, I noticed a difference in her. She started to "smile" again, and started to bark (still not much of a watch dog). On Nov. 15th she had the procedure to remove the tube that created the stoma. She had a chiropractic and

acupuncture treatment the morning before that procedure. As usual after such a procedure, she spent the night at the Referral Center because I live too far away if anything happened. While there I know she doesn't eat or drink. After I picked her up the next day, on my way home I stopped at a KFC to get take out for my daughter and I for dinner. We ate while watching TV and Piglet came over to me looking for a "handout" - something she hadn't done in years! She ate some mashed potatoes out of my hand. At "doggy dinner time" she ate some diluted canned cat food and wanted more. She had never exhibited an appetite or been able to eat this soon after such a procedure. Within a couple of days she was back to her normal canned/dry dinner. After only three chiropractic and acupuncture treatments, I have noticed a change in her personality, a sparkle in her eyes, a "smile" and a renewed bounce in her step. She once again enjoys car rides to WaWa, taking a walk (she was a satellite dish for Halloween) and yesterday she got to enjoy a "crushed" biscuit.

My take on an old commercial

Gas and bridge tolls \$\$\$

Vet visits, medicines \$\$\$\$\$

Surgery, Diagnostic Tests, chiropractic, acupuncture \$\$\$\$\$\$

Watching your family pet get her life back - **PRICELESS !!!!!!!**

THANK YOU DR. DILEVA !!!!!!!

Brenda, "Jessi" & "Piglet"

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