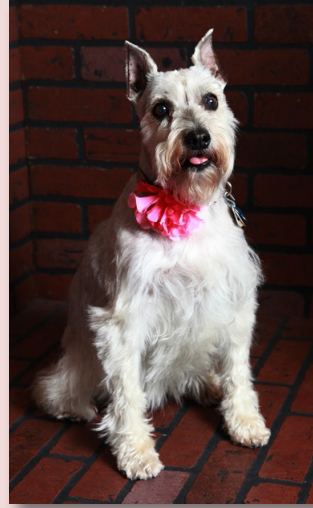


Suffield Veterinary Hospital May 2015 Patients of the Month

Meet Daphy, a miniature schnauzer owned by Diane Moulthrop of Windsor. As you can see in this portrait by Lorilee Photography of Enfield, Daphy is cute as a button. Diane explains their relationship:

"Daphy has been with me for 12 years and 5 months. She was an impulse buy at a pet store. I was looking for a companion for my other dog, Freddie, who was home alone all day. After 4-5 visits to the Humane Society to look for a young, small, female dog with no success, one day my daughter and I went to the guitar store in Manchester and I saw a sign that said "Dog Sale." Now I know pet stores are not a good place to buy pets, but I feel like I rescued her anyway. Daphy is a purebred schnauzer from Hartville, Missouri. She is my very best pal, has no talents other than knowing what time it is to eat, but she always greets me gleefully and that is why I love her."

Daphy has been a long time well-loved patient of Suffield Veterinary Hospital, with an owner who is very tuned in to nuances of her behavior. Last fall Diane witnessed a couple of seizures and noticed a slight change in her personality. While epilepsy is the most common cause of seizures in young or middle-aged dogs, in our senior pets they are usually caused by something physical in the brain. Up until about 20 years ago we would have had few choices for establishing Daphy's correct diagnosis, and almost no options for curing her. But today, as veterinary medical knowledge and techniques expand, Daphy was able to stay in Connecticut to see Dr. James Hammond, a veterinary neurology specialist. An MRI of her brain showed a small brain tumor which he successfully removed last winter. She is now off her anti-seizure medication and doing extremely well, back to her old self.



For giving us a wonderful example of how advanced veterinary medicine has become, we are pleased to name Daphy our May 2015 Patient of the Month.

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