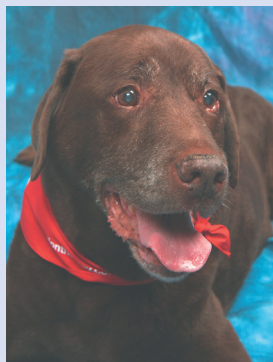


Suffield Veterinary Hospital October 2013 Patient of the Month

Meet Scuba the 13th! Scuba is a Chocolate Labrador owned by the Reynolds family of Windsor. The cute photo of Scuba was taken by Lori Radke of Enfield. Owner Teresa shares:

"Scuba's breed, color and name were decided before Scuba came to be! In the midst of our SCUBA diving training, my husband and I thought that Scuba would be the perfect and one-of-a-kind name for a Labrador Retriever. To our surprise, when we received Scuba's American Kennel Club (AKC) certificate, his name was listed as Scuba 13th. Apparently, after making an inquiry call, we were informed, at that time, that there were twelve other dogs registered with the same name. I now wonder how many more "Scuba's" are out there! This past spring, Scuba the 13th turned 13 in 2013! That's a one-of-a-kind!



Scuba is my walking companion and we have logged hundreds of miles together. In the summertime, Scuba always enjoys a couple human treats: corn on the cob and a refreshing wedge of watermelon. His most favorite treat is a peanut butter flavor doggie ice cream. And speaking of peanut butter, Scuba likes to take his occasional meds dipped in a spoonful of smooth peanut butter. Scuba also loves the water, most especially in the frozen form. Every time it snows, a Scuba celebratory dance breaks out!

Under the care and guidance of Suffield Veterinary Hospital since puppyhood, Scuba enjoys a healthy and active life. With only pleasant experiences, Scuba (me too!) is always eager to visit with the veterinarians and caregivers at SVH.

We have to admit that age is catching up to Scuba. He recently had an episode of vestibular disease, a middle ear inflammation that causes wobbling and loss of balance. As he gradually recovered from the vestibular disease, Scuba lost his balance numerous times and had difficulty walking and putting weight on his right hind leg. A follow-up visit to SVH revealed that Scuba has a partial ligament tear in his right knee as well as arthritis on the same knee and lower spine. Our poor baby! For treatment, Dr. Burke recommended enrolling Scuba into their laser therapy program. Therapeutic laser treatments, each lasting only a few minutes, have given him tremendous relief from his joint pain and weakness. He is now walking better than he has in over a year.

My husband, and I and of course, Scuba too, are very thankful for the special relationship we continue to have with SVH."

In appreciation of the long relationship we have with the Reynolds family, and to have him to personify the benefits of therapeutic laser, we are proud to have Scuba as our October 2013 Patient of the Month.

Suffield Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Ann Huntington ❖ Dr. Anita Sabellico ❖ Dr. Dawn Burke ❖ Dr. Griffin O'Connor
577 East Street South (Route 159), Suffield, CT 06078 (860) 668-4041
View all of our Patients of the Month on our web site, www.suffieldvet.com