

July feedback on Sh'zen

Hi to all the Yorkie children, Moms & Dads

During the month of July Sh'zen was doing well with her health... almost.... Our monthly visit to Dr Eckersley on the 8th July 2010 also went well - he is really happy with her condition at the moment.

She had a little bit of dry skin, although nothing to be concerned about. Dr Eckersley manufactures a very good conditioning shampoo and after 2 washes everything has clear up.

28th July 2010 at about 20H35 all the children were having their treats and all of a sudden I noticed my child looking up and immediately thereafter started shaking. I scooped her up with one hand and ran outside to get fresh air. She stopped shaking and we came back into the house. The minute I put her down she started shaking again and then fell flat- almost as if her legs just gave way under her. Her tongue and gums turned almost a white colour. Her dad and I decided that we need to get to Fourways Veterinary Clinic quick - by now it was 20H37. She was fine all the way. We were seen by a vet that, as far as I am concerned were just AGAIN! one of the hundreds of vets that (a) did not know what she was doing and (b) just not interested enough to know that this little bundle is my life! She took her temperature.....left the thermometer in for at least 3 minutes - I eventually told her to take it out!! She did not examine Sh'zen any further but suggested that we leave her there for the night for observation!!!!!! Yeah right - my child will not be put in any cage of any kind, she will not be left or sleep with nobody other than her mother. She then suggested blood tests - I declined since she is under Dr Eckersley's care. She then said that she will give my child medication which will relax her muscles to which I asked her what side effects it will have on her liver? She did not reply but left the room, presumably to collect the medication, she returned with another vet and both then proceeded to tell me that the meds will have an impact on her liver, and that she might have another seizure and that she can die if I don't leave her there. They also claimed that "we can fix the shunt although she might die under the operation" - Goes to show that she did not pay attention when I told her that Sh'zen has MVD and not PSS! Her condition is inoperable and can only be maintained with medication. Dr Eckersley went out of his way to explain everything to us way back - the one thing that is stuck in our minds is the fact that Dr said that it is very difficult to determine the type of shunt a child might have. Scans and x-ray might give you an indication but ultimately the only way you can really know, is if you cut a child open and actually look for a shunt. Needless to say we returned home without any meds and feeling very desponded. I phoned Dr Eckersley early this morning and he has increased the dosages on her meds over the next 3 days. Sh'zen went in to a protein shock when she had her treat and hence the seizures. She is allowed boudoir biscuits as a treat!

Our next appointment will be on 12th August 2010 with Dr Eckersley.



Until next month Yorkie kisses and hugs!

Sh'zen & Loraine

