



Tail of Inspawration

In memory of Spenser Drummond
June 9, 2009 – May 19, 2013

Everyone here at Healing Paws was deeply touched by Spenser and his family; we would like to share their story with you.

Spenser with two "S's" was a "Human in a fur coat" was happiest when being cuddled, petted or carried in my arms. He missed the lesson as a young pup that he wasn't a cuddle toy. Actually he heard he was a cuddle Toy and did a fantastic job being one. He was diagnosed when a young pup as having been born with one working kidney that operated at 70% which caused secondary hypertension. Spenser quickly learned that when he woke up in the morning he needed his medicine and would sit in front of the kitchen until we gave him his morning pill. This meant that his diet needed to be carefully controlled with a low protein diet and medication. Have you ever checked how high the protein levels are in pet treats? Spenser was a regular visitor at his Doctors requiring testing his blood pressure, creatinine, and bun levels to make sure they were in control. We cooked his food which consisted of chicken, rice, mixed vegetables and vitamins with a sprinkle of herbs and probiotics. All his biscuits were homemade that way we knew what was in them. They were the best gluten free vegetarian cookies ever and he loved them. One day he even sat in front of the oven patiently waiting for them to come out. We never went anywhere without having cookies handy to ensure the places and people he visited were able to give him a treat. Our motto was that if it wasn't one of ours he couldn't eat it. Looking back we didn't do anything heroic we just did what needed to be done to keep him as healthy as possible for as long as possible. Spenser was with us for far too short a time but has left his paw print on everyone's heart that had the opportunity to meet him.

Note from Dr. Maja:

Spenser was a special boy, always happy to see us! He fought his kidney insufficiency to the last breath. His owner did over and beyond to care for his disability. I will miss his presence and his sweet demeanor.