

Breakthrough Case Study: behavioural changes linked to meningitis in dogs

Secret is a working-type English Springer Spaniel. I am a vet and a behaviourist and I bred Secret myself.

Unfortunately, at 6 months old, Secret became extremely ill with meningitis. Thankfully she recovered, but, at around 18 months old, she started to show anxiety around unfamiliar dogs.

Behavioural changes have been described in dogs that have survived meningitis, and this may be linked to damage caused in the inflamed brain or the steroid treatment required to control the inflammation.

As well as behaviour therapy, the first step of her programme was a change in diet to Breakthrough dog food. Breakthrough is the complete, dry, dog food version of the well-known serotonin enhancing diet devised by Val Strong. Dried meat treats were used when required. Secret also wore a pheromone collar for the first four weeks.



Secret's behaviour improved significantly, demonstrating that Breakthrough can be used successfully in conjunction with other behavioural therapies and products with additional benefits.

To read the full case history, showing the behavioural methods used, and to find out more about how Breakthrough dog food can play a major part in managing anxiety and stress in dogs, please go to:

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