

Pancho Williams Case Study

Pancho Williams is a 3 year old neutered male tabby cat who first came to our office in November of 2008. His owner explained to us that Pancho had been experiencing severe diarrhea since May of that year, as well as large unexplained fluctuations in weight. Pancho's mom arrived with pages of medical history including bloodwork, ultrasounds, radiographs, various pharmaceutical medications including Prednisone, and prescription diets. After his owner felt like she had exhausted most of her options in traditional medicine, she came to us for a second (and possibly 3rd or 4th) opinion.

At Pancho's first visit with Dr. Heller they reviewed his medical history, and for the first time, Pancho's owner was asked very specific questions about his behavior, preference toward hot or cold temperatures, and diet. After this in depth discussion, Dr. Heller diagnosed Pancho with inflammatory bowel disease.

He was immediately given several injections of homeopathic liquids along acupuncture points (known as auto-sanguineous aqua-acupuncture). Pancho went home on a detoxification protocol and a combination of Chinese herbs and homeopathic remedies to treat his diarrhea. He also went home with a special mixture Dr. Heller has named "tight gut" - a gastro-intestinal nutritional supplement that can be especially helpful when a pet has diarrhea or is starting a new herb/diet/medication. Pancho went home to try all of his new treatments during which time Dr. Heller kept in touch with updates over the phone.

We saw him again for a medical progress exam one month after the initial visit. He had no more diarrhea! At this visit Dr. Heller reexamined Pancho's case and decided it was time to improve his diet, now that the diarrhea and weight fluctuations were under control. He slowly transitioned off of his prescription diet to a grain-free kibble by Nature's Variety. By his next visit in January he had fully transitioned to his new food and was doing great! He was diagnosed with an oral condition known as stomatitis (1 in 4 cats are affected by this disease) and his injections were altered to treat this condition as well.

At each successive examination, aqua-acupuncture injections were given as needed and supplements were discontinued or change slightly in accordance with any changes in his health. With each recheck we were able to extend the time between visits, while keeping him happy and healthy. At his most recent visit, he presented with no vomit or diarrhea and great energy. Now fully enjoying a diverse diet of raw meat and kibble, he had gained some weight. Dr. Heller advised Pancho's owner to control the portion size of his meals. And with that, we look forward to seeing a leaner, healthy, happy Pancho at his next visit!