

SAMANTHA'S STORY

Our Chihuahua's name is Samantha she is a 13 year old apple head, fawn, female. We have had her for all of her life and she is our family and so precious and loved. She developed Cushing disease four years ago and has been progressively not getting any better. The little thing, has no control of her bladder and urinates everywhere. As a consequence of the disease we have had to keep her confined to the kitchen, with a constant supply of puppy pads, which requires a lot of work and money. She has now developed crystals in her urinary tract. The crystals have led to severe infections which cause blood in her urine. We have been giving her the special dissolution diet food and unfortunately the crystals are still there and cannot be dissolved. She has had all types of cultures, ultrasounds and test after test, for the problem, and has been on antibiotics every other month for almost three years and she also has an immune deficiency problem which causes periodic staff like infections and requires medicated shampoo bath treatment once a week. The doctor says there isn't a cure for Cushing's, so she still needs to take a Vetoryl pill daily (which costs \$80.00 a month). Regarding the crystals, the doctor wants to perform surgery. We cannot afford this and we certainly do not want to attempt this. Her doctors bills have become so expensive, that we have had to sell so many things, and we are on disability and unfortunately we have had to file bankruptcy, which I qualified for free due to the expenses I have. She still needs further treatment and care, we simply are running out of ways to provide for her and just want to make her life as comfortable as possible. We want to thank everyone from PAWS 4 A CURE for your generosity and love for our furry loved ones.

Thank you and God bless you!