

Max is an 8 year old stag red Min Pin. I purchased Max from a NH breeder when he was 8 weeks old. He is such a great natured, gentle dog that I usually take him everywhere I go because he's so easy going. He has always loved other dogs, kids and people. Max has been pretty healthy up until September 2013 when he was diagnosed with Diabetes. He seemed fine all summer of 2013 and he came with me every day to a friend's and enjoyed laying in the grass while we swam and hung out. Max just loves being outside and with people. After his diagnosis, he began insulin treatment twice a day and I had to begin to stop free feeding him so I could give him shots after he ate his meals. I also had to explore different foods for diabetic dogs. I tried various ones and then around December 2013, Max was very lethargic and not eating his food. I brought him to the vet and they suspected he may have acute pancreatitis which I have learned over time pancreatitis and diabetes go hand in hand. He was treated with IV fluids and antibiotics and I took him home. After a day or two, he bounced back. I started cooking hamburger and rice for him and still trying different dog foods low in fat. In January 2014, Max ended up in the vet again as he had the symptoms of pancreatitis again. At that time, he was given an ultrasound and full blood workup and it was determined he most likely had chronic pancreatitis. He was treated again like the last time. He was put on Royal Canin Gastrointestinal food then and he recovered in two to three days. Since September 2013, Max had also been going to the vet once a week for a while and then every two weeks for a while to test his blood glucose level to see if the Diabetes was being controlled. His levels were all over the place each time and eventually they were very high, well over 400's. It was not east trying to control both diseases. Max eventually went blind around March 2014. He seems to get along with his blindness although he requires close watching especially when I take him out of his home and yard. I still take him with me on errands and I take him to the park daily. In June 2014, Max had his third pancreatitis attack and in August 2014, he had his fourth pancreatitis attack. This last attack was severe and required overnight hospitalization and he is slowly recovering. Currently, Max is still on a special diet, receiving 4 units of insulin twice daily and lots of care either by myself or friends if I need to go somewhere. Max is in need of financial help because it is costly to care for him. My vet stated he is not in pain and is not ready to be put down but the next attack could very well take his life. Pancreatitis is very painful for dogs and it does take its toll on a dog's health.

I so appreciate Paws 4 A Cure for helping me with his care this month as I probably would not have him home recovering now. I appreciate everyone's help and support. Max means the world to me and I want to give him the best life a blind, diabetic dog fighting pancreatitis can have. I live for this dog. Thank you everyone for your support. It is appreciated more than you can ever know.

I want to thank each and every donor that has made it possible for me to receive some financial assistance from Paws 4 A Cure to get my miniature pinscher Max help to try to get his diabetes and

pancreatitis under control. Max has been receiving treatment for his diabetes since September 2013, and then maybe four months later (around January 2014) it was discovered that he had chronic pancreatitis and he is on a special diet for that. He has had three serious attacks since then that landed him at the vet in terrible pain and requiring care. He went blind about six months ago due to diabetes.

Currently, he needs some needed tests and treatment to see where he stands and what course of treatment he may need at this time as he just had his fourth pancreatic attack and is in rough shape. If it weren't for compassionate, generous donors, I would not be able to get this needed care for my dog. I cannot thank you enough for your kind, generous donation that will allow me to help my dog as he is only 8 years old and I do not want to put him down when my vet believes Max can live for many more years with the right course of treatment for him. Thank you again so much for donating to this wonderful organization who in turn is able to provide some needed help to me.

~ Max's Mom