

Ruby Update!

If you've been following the blog you know that Ruby has been having a tough go at life lately. It all started when she started would always have her head tilted...like this.



She was having accidents in the house...wouldn't go upstairs. She had become an old dog at five years old.

After some testing we found out she was having thyroid issues and started taking the same meds I take! How weird. Anyway the vet was worried that there was more wrong and might possibly be Cushing's Disease.

We have been back and forth to the vet. Kelli has been fabulous on helping me get her there. I'm so thankful for her. Well last week on Monday Kelli took Ruby in three

different times. She had to get a blood draw each time. Poor girl. They were testing for Cushing's. If you had ever ridden in a car with Ruby, you would know this was a painful process for Ruby. SHE HATES RIDING IN CARS!! She pants and whimpers...she hates it. It's a painful process for the driver too.

Well Friday the results came back...No Cushing's. We're so happy about that but now it's time to get the thyroid really under control.

Now her main problem is shedding. It's terrible. She's fluctuated up and down with her thyroid. know in people hair loss can be attributed to thyroid levels so I'm guessing it's true in dogs too. Look... This is after one stroke across her back. ALL OF THIS HAIR. She won't let me vacuum her. It's so hard to deal with childcare here too. I find myself vacuuming daily in the evenings and often during the day too. UGH.



I can vacuum all these times and it's still bad. On Saturday when I was at Wal-Mart I bought her a dog bed to put on the couch. My hope was the hair might stay a little more confined to there rather than the whole couch...so what did Ruby think of the bed...this!



What a stink pot!

I worked and worked to get her to lay in the bed...well by Sunday evening, I think she got the hang of it.



She's liking the bed...NOW. The hair is a little more contained but still it's bad. My hope is that once the thyroid level is under control then the shedding will go back to normal too. Who knows??? She's my dog and shedding or not, I'll keep her.

I know some of you will say "train her to stay off the couch". Well Ruby used to sleep in my bed in the mornings after Hubby left. She used to sleep in the spare bedrooms. She doesn't do any of that anymore because she can't jump up anymore. I'm not taking the couch away from her too. We'll make this work and hopefully in a month it will be greatly improved. I know I had a crazy time of things myself when my thyroid was out of whack!!