



DEZMO'S STORY

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Dear Square Pet,

My name is Xavier and your food changed my dog's and my life for the better. My dog's name is Dezmo he is currently a 1 one-year-old German Shepherd with diabetes and DCM, but he is my best friend and partner in crime. Dezmo was found at a rest stop outside of Yakima, he was a 2-month old puppy starving, dehydrated, infested with Round Worm, Ring Worm, and Coccidia. He was found by a man on his way home and was brought to a Vet in Seattle where he was stabilized. Dezmo had no Dog Tags or Identification chip, the man that brought him in knew he was unable to care for him but had also grown a special attachment to the dog, so he contacted his family member that worked at a local rescue. It just so happened that the family member was my mother's co-worker, at the time I had just lost 3 dogs that same year and wasn't planning on getting another dog, after meeting Dezmo that all change I fell in love with him and thought how perfect he was.



After adopting Dezmo, I knew how bad his condition was, so I decided to get a second opinion of his condition. During that time at the vet, they discovered a large number of ketones in his urine and investigated further. This is when they first diagnosed him with his Diabetes and also notified me that this isn't normal in a dog, but his case was even rarer because he was a puppy. The Doctor notified me that it was likely Dezmo would not make it past a year old, would need 2 insulin a day, and would need to be on a specialty diet as well. The only thing that scared me was the specialty diet and the vet recommended a specific vet formula.

After my first month with him, I noticed Dezmo was always calm, slow, tired, and skinny which I quickly notice was not normal, and that is when my research began. I tried to learn as much as I could about diabetes and determined that his diet played a large factor in how his insulin-regulated. At the time, the Vet formula was the best but after some time Dezmo would not eat. I knew if he did not eat, I would not be able to give him his insulin and he was not putting on any weight. I talked to my vet and asked if I could try adding a different food, they were reluctant but eventually agreed, and so I decided to add an additional food to help with taste and maybe some weight gain. After this change, he seemed to enjoy eating more and I saw him starting to fatten up, but I was still not satisfied.

Some time passed I began to notice Dezmo growing but still was super skinny and he started losing his eyesight, because of this he would have trouble playing with other dogs when we would go to the dog park. But Dezmo was not the only one having trouble. I would also get accused of neglecting Dezmo because of how skinny he was. Even when I would explain his rare condition there would still be comments or remarks. It eventually made me feel like I was constantly being judge and ultimately made me not want to return to the park. To help Dezmo gain weight I decide to completely remove him off the vet formula and instead switch him to a freeze-dried formula.

About a month later Dezmo started to slowly gain weight and continue to grow however his ketones were still unstable and was drinking a large amount of water frequently. The vet recommended to start calorie counting to make sure he is getting the correct amount of calories so

that his inulin could better regulate the ketones, but still give him the proper amount to grow and gain muscle. Soon after this change, three men from Square Pet came to our rescue/store to promote their new product. One of those men was Dr. Travis and he immediately noticed Dezmo's skinny frame and shaved spot from his previous vet visits. Dr. Travis asked about Dezmo and notified us that he was a nutritional vet himself. I explained the situation Dr. Travis and he then explained his VFS formula to us.

First, we were skeptical because of our previous experience with Vet Formulas. However, it was easy to tell that Square Pet was different than the traditional Vet food, so our manager arranged a training to give us a better understanding. At this point, I had no intention of switching Dezmo's food, even though he seemed to be improving I was still looking for something better. The training came a lot quicker than we expected and was very informative not only about their product but also about Vet formulas in general. They also talked about DCM, which I had no idea what it was and felt like I would not need to deal with that. After the training, I felt well informed about the food and what the purpose was, we were also given their contact information so we could call with any question on the product or DCM.

As Dezmo came closer to this birthday I started to notice him losing weight, starting to drink more water, and was having trouble eating which were all signs that his insulin was not regulating. One weekend I had left Dezmo with my family while I was out of town. I remember before I left the house Dezmo looked at me as if he knew I was leaving, and something was telling me not to leave. Soon later I received a call from my mother saying Dezmo was in emergency care and that he was vomiting blood. I panicked and frantically called the vet to get an understanding of what was happening, the doctor informed me that he was in critical condition and they did not think he would make it through the night.



I remember speeding to the vet and begging to be able to at least see him before he passed. When I arrived at the vet, I was able to see him, and my heart sank. He was attached to the tubing and his entire belly was shaved, you could see the color loss his beautiful black and brown fur turned to a dark grey, and you smell death waiting for him. I looked into his eye only to see the cloudiness from the cataract in his eyes. As I moved closer to him, I could see him desperately trying to raise his head to acknowledge my presence. I sat down with him too scared to leave because I thought that would be the last time, I see him, I repeatedly told him I love him and I'm sorry I couldn't do more.

I stressfully waited until the next morning to receive a call saying Dezmo had finally passed. When I finally received the call and felt a weight let off me, Dezmo began to stabilize soon after my visit and were working to diagnose him but expected him to make a recovery. He was hospitalized

for 10 days and during that time the vet had found that Dezmo had DCM and recommend a diet change. I asked for a recommendation they quickly recommend a vet formula, I immediately told them no because of my previous experience.

When I ask for a different food, they were less than helpful and began to avoid my question and were persistent on the diet. I began to get frustrated scrambling to find a food that would help my dog with his DCM, and I would be happy with the results. after consulting multiple vets, I began to realize that the topic of DCM was all over the place, and vets continued to recommend the same vet formula. At this point, my co-workers and I decide I need to get a hold of Dr. Travis to see if he could help me come up with a diet plan. I talked to him with him on the phone for a while and explained everything, then asked if he thought my dog could benefit from his formulas, help me as much as I could and I was able to develop a diet plan.

When I finally brought Dezmo home from the vet he was in poor condition, I was back to square one all over again. His coat was dark grey and dirty, he covered in dead skin and dandruff, and was even skinnier at a weight of 40lb. Immediately started the diet plan, for the first week we were going to put him on the square egg formula to see how he would respond. The reason for this was because during his time at the clinic they had to switch him back to a vet formula specifically hill z/d, so we needed to transition him. After the First week on the square egg formula, I saw a drastic change in him his dandruff and dead skin was visibly gone, the color of his coat was back, and had so much energy.

It was like I had a completely different dog so I decide to continue the square egg diet but add/change the diet so he would lose interest in the food. After One-month Dezmo went from a skinny discolored 40 lb. German Shepard, to a highly active 60lb dog who is the happiest he has ever been. I have been so happy with the results that I have started the same diet plan with the rest of my family's dogs, and I hope to see the same result with them as well. So, in Conclusion, the Square Pet Square Egg formula helped Dezmo become more energetic, gain weight, eliminate dandruff and added shine, helped regulate his insulin and has helped lessen the cataract in his eyes all while keeping his is calorie count in the target range. So, thank you again Square Pet for all your help with my pet and I am so grateful I discovered your product.

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