## Suffield Veterinary Hospital December 2012 Patient of the Month

Meet Cassie, a 2 year old Shih Tzu owned by Dan and Judy Cyr of Enfield. She may look frail, but it is her strength and endurance that caused our whole staff to love her so much. This delightful picture of Cassie was taken by photographer Lori Radke of Enfield.

When Cassie was picked up from a breeder in Massachusetts, she was so tiny she fit in the palm of a hand. But don't let her cute face fool you; Mr. Cyr reports she is the worst blanket hog you'll ever meet! Her favorite thing is to be cuddled and snuggled. Every day she walks to the bus stop to meet the Cyr grandchildren, and likes to visit her fans at PetSmart and Tractor Supply.

Cassie has been fighting a terrible skin disorder since she was only months old. Several veterinary practices have been involved in her care, but Dr. Wilson took over her care in September. She has been a champ through her many veterinary appointments and daily treatments. Cassie's therapy includes multi-weekly medicated baths, sprays, eye ointments, ear drops and oral antibiotics. Cassie knows when she is due for her next treatment, and will start pawing and barking if a dose is late! Her

owners have done a superb job treating her, and she is now finally in a place of relief.

For the brave persistence in overcoming such devastating challenges, and to show Dan and Judy how much we admire their own persistence, we are proud to name Cassie the Suffield Veterinary Hospital December 2012 Patient of the Month.

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