

Suffield Veterinary Hospital July 2021 Patient of the Month

Meet Sasha (AKA the Princess) and Bella (AKA the Court Jester), beautiful Samoyeds owned and loved by Charles and Beverly DeGeorge of Suffield. They come from the championship lines of White Magic Stables in Wethersfield, CT and Oscala, FL. Like most of their breed, they are loving, loyal, intelligent and sensitive. It is that sensitivity that tells their story, in their own words:

"Both of us have unique personalities and are very loyal to our owners. But we suffer trauma from thunderstorms, fireworks and any extremely loud noise events. We salivate heavily, tremble, cry during these times, and try hiding in closets. Once Bella was so frightened during a series of fireworks, she leapt into the kitchen sink and tried to escape through the window. We try to get as close as possible to our owners for comfort. Our humans have tried every possible solution from ignoring the issue to over-the-counter calming medicines, such as melatonin, calming bites and Adaptil diffusers and sprays, but none of that has helped! Then it was suggested by Dr. Burke to try Sileo gel. Our owners jumped at the chance to see if this would help. Just a little squirt of gel in our cheeks and within a short period of time we are calm and sometimes can sleep through most noise events. We are very grateful to Dr. Burke for suggesting Sileo!"



Bella and Sasha share their terrors with many dogs. The coping behaviors often put dogs, walls and furniture at risk, as terrified pooches try to chew or dig themselves to safety. Thundershirts can be beneficial, as can prescription anti-anxiety medicine in the worst cases. But we have been most impressed with how well Sileo gel works to allay and relax dogs during these frightening events. It is a prescription item, so if your pet suffers noise phobias, consider asking your veterinarian about Sileo.

For explaining how well Sileo allows them to survive July Fourth, we are pleased to name sweet Sasha and that scamp Bella our July 2021 Suffield Veterinary Hospital Patients of the Month.

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