

Suffield Veterinary Hospital July 2023 Patient of the Month

Meet Luna, a 12-year-old German Shorthaired Pointer (GSP), who is owned and loved by Dawn and Gary Bradshaw of Ellington.

Luna, officially known as Cady Falls Luna's 3 Symphonies JH, RN, NR, has given her all since a pup. Not just a snuggler, but an avid hunting dog, Luna has had a bit of a rough year. After suffering a pancreatitis attack in May of 2022, which took several days hospitalization at Suffield Veterinary Hospital and at a local ER to return her to health, Luna suffered from a gastrointestinal foreign body and a return of her pancreatitis in May of this year. After getting through a weekend with the intestinal foreign body finally on the move, Luna's failure to recover led Dr. Laston to a diagnosis of a concurrent pancreatitis flare. Dr. Laston had attended a CE conference in Vermont this year and had learned about a new treatment for pancreatitis known as Panoquel.

Pancreatitis is a painful condition involving inflammation and potential necrosis of the pancreas. This can affect both dogs and cats, and up until now, treatment has only been able to manage symptoms and never



attack the problem head-on. Now with Panoquel, we can prevent the inflammation and necrosis of the pancreas, allowing patients to recover more quickly and with minimal to no hospitalization. Panoquel is expensive, but is significantly less than the multiple days in an ER usually required to get a pet back on their feet. Dawn and Gary want to thank Suffield Veterinary Hospital for their love and care, and God and the Holy Mother willing, Luna will hunt another season. For reminding us that pancreatitis is serious and life-threatening, and for highlighting amazing new treatments, we name Luna our July 2023 Suffield Veterinary Hospital Patient of the Month.

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