

Suffield Veterinary Hospital May 2024 Patient of the Month

Meet Daphne, a 14-year-old rescue dog that the Kawalec family of Suffield were fortunate to adopt when she was 8 weeks old.

Owner David shares: *Daphne has lived her whole life in Suffield, enjoying the parks and trails for exercise. She enthusiastically greets humans and other dogs throughout our neighborhood. Daphne always brightens our day and has a tail that never stops wagging.*

Early in 2023 we noticed our "Precious Princess" was losing weight and having nose bleeds and trouble breathing. We brought Daphne to Suffield Veterinary Hospital and that's where the journey started. After evaluating Daphne, they suspected she had cancer in her snout. We were put in touch with specialists in Northampton, MA where additional testing confirmed the diagnosis. Our travels then took us to Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston where they were able to perform stereotactic radiation on her snout.

We can happily say that Daphne is a cancer survivor who just enjoyed Easter dinner with her family and her arch nemesis, Caramel, the family cat.

When Daphne was first brought in to Suffield Veterinary Hospital with excess sniffing, Dr. Burke examined her and initially thought that her symptoms might be due to an upper airway infection or allergies. Then she developed nosebleeds, and head Xrays showed something dramatically changed in her sinuses and nasal passage. She was referred to Integrity Veterinary Center in Northampton, MA who did a nasal biopsy and they in turn referred her to Angell Medical Center in Boston who treated her with daily radiation for about a week...successfully! Follow up Xrays and CT scans showed the tumor nearly gone.

For being a shining example that a scary diagnosis of cancer in a beloved pet can indeed have a happy outcome, we are delighted to name Daphne our May Patient of the month.



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