

"Come April"

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Scenario:

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April has no appetite; cannot stand or get up on her own; and is incontinent.

January 4th, 2018

I receive a vm around 10 am from a lady asking for me to call her back as she had been told by the vet the day before that April, her 10 year old black lab had arthritis. The main reason April was taken to the vet was because of mobility challenges. The vet's instructions to the owner was to give April sedatives and anti -inflammatories for 6 weeks. April having received the meds was not responding in a positive way the following morning, therefor the owner wanted to look at holistic options.

The owner meditated as to what to do and in doing so was reminded about a friend of hers who owns horses. And I had worked successfully on said owner's horses. That day was my day off - go tell that to the universe - I call the lady back. She is quite forceful - and raises the point well why can I not travel to see her dog at least. It is

a good hour plus journey one way. So I relented and suggested a fee which she quickly accepts and sees my visit as a second opinion.

I arrive to see April in fetal position on a comfortable dog bed in the garage. She is very out of it while Aries, April's brother looks on concerned. The owner does not know what to make of me. Not a judgment at all just an observation. With my Tellington TTouch skills - I am now on my knees - I get drawn to do Abalone around her whole body with my right hand and the other hand gently resting on her left shoulder. I felt that the open handed nature of the movement at no more than 1 pressure - helped me to cover the biggest area and still for her to feel the connectedness. This continued for about 10 minutes when April's brother escaped from his pen and ran over to lick my face. The owner was surprised at his response but then she totally dropped her 'no nonsense' look and said how she had to admit that she too could feel the energy and the connectedness of all of us in that space. And now that the owner had stopped holding her breath, her attitudes were melting and posed the question "When could I work on her?"

Returning to April I continue with ear slides, raccoon on her legs, mini python lifts, even lick of the cow's tongue and gentle tail work. In that hour April still lying on one side began to stretch out her whole body. Towards the end of the hour she sat up and I was able to work gently on the right side. She, however still could not stand on her own. We gently helped her to stand up. She stood shakily and moved forward very very gingerly. I had suggested as an option the pet version of glucosamine/chondroitin - because we had given it to Bailey, the family dog - a lab/chow mix with similar arthritic hip diagnosis when he was one and he lived on it until he passed at age 15. Afterwards, her owner went to the pet store. She offered April a ground up portion of glucosamine/chondroitin in her favorite treat spread out over a few hours. She ate it. The following day I get a text in the morning to say April has an appetite. Two days later, another text she is walking better and has more life in her.

Two weeks from the first visit I return. The Tellington TTouch regimen I perform is much the same with the exception that I don't feel she is going to break. And April leans into the lick of the cow's tongue. Overall pressure used never exceeded a 2. To see a much

more mobile April - still stiff and wobbly in the hips but she could move and get up and down on her own - was quite astounding. After this visit she could walk up the hill with her brother unaided and the following day the incontinence had gone. Ode to Tellington TTouch and glucosamine/chondroitin.

Finally I did a third visit two weeks later. What joy to see April, Aries and her happy humans running around together where 6 weeks ago she was immobile and incontinent. Another convert to Tellington TTouch! For me, besides obviously witnessing the progression in April's condition and demeanor was to witness the owner drop her guard and feel the energy and the connectedness of us all through the Tellington TTouch experience.

Thank you Linda!!