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**Review of Pet Med Bed and accompanying accessories – by Chris –Florida**

Please allow me to begin by stating that I rarely write reviews; but in this particular situation, I am overly compelled to do so!

On October 4, 2024, our 5 year old Border Collie, Joe, suffered a sudden life altering FCE (Fibro Cartilaginous Embolism/Spinal Stroke) as diagnosed by a same day 9 hour diagnostic Neurological evaluation visit to The University of Florida Small Animal Hospital Critical Care Unit. While we were on our daily morning walk, Joe suffered this sudden spinal stroke event which left Joe's entire back half of his body including his hind legs paralyzed. This was a complete shock as Joe is an extremely active and otherwise healthy dog who walked 7 miles daily with me for the first 5 years of his life (Joe even walked the first 1/2 mile BACKWARDS – our neighbors got a kick out of watching him and often commented on his amazing abilities). Immediately following this event, Joe initially started to limp, but by the time we arrived home, just a 1/8th mile later, he could not navigate our steps to enter our home. Unfortunately, Joe has regained no functional ability to walk on his own utilizing his hind legs since and is currently a paraplegic.

There is no known cause for Spinal Strokes in dogs, but the prognosis varies by severity of the injury, which in Joe's case was severe, resulting in initially what was perhaps a 50/50, or less, possibility of at least some recovery.

After multiple visits to the local afterhours ER with various additional issues resulting that were prompted by this injury, including the need to express Joe's bladder by catheterization 3 x's per day (normal compression expression in Joe's case did not work in any way), a ruptured anal sack which blew a 1"+ hole in Joe's back side requiring flushing with various solutions 3 x's per day, etc..., my wife and I were simply exhausted after over 2 weeks of such nearly 24 hour hospice like at home therapy. To further complicate matters, Joe decided to operate on himself during an overnight visit at the Vet in November 2024 and chewed a tendon out of one of his rear legs and also removed a piece of it; this of course resulted in additional daily care required to address this serious situation and has significantly further hampered his future prognosis for recovery.

After approximately 20 days of these initial "nightmarish circumstances," on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Joe was lying exhausted and lethargic on our kitchen floor for 2 days straight and we had determined there was no more that Joe, nor that we could bear with him being in this critical state. I reluctantly contacted our local Vet for an evaluation and possibly Joe's last visit. Neither my wife Jeanne nor I were prepared for what transpired during the visit. I honestly believe that through the intercession of God via Sts. Francis and Joseph (you see, Joe, was born on St. Joseph's feast day March 19<sup>th</sup> and my God loving wife therefore decided to name him Joe!), our Vet recommended that we give Joe another week to see how he progressed and asked us to bring him DAILY to her office for personal clinical attention by she and her staff to determine if they could create a turn-around in Joe's condition. We, of course, took her up on her offer to try to save our loving boy. Our Vet recommended daily K-Laser therapy of his spine and legs, Assisi tPEMF Mat therapy, and intensive physical therapy on a daily basis. This therapy morphed into something more and actually continued for 3 additional months at least 3 or 4 times per week! Unfortunately Joe made only a little progress after this long period of rehab, and the Vet advised that his progress was fairly stagnant and in being mindful of Joe's wellbeing and our finances, recommended that we cease further treatments as they were of minimal benefit at this point.

In speaking with some neighbor friends (Kerrie and Bobby Broe) during the Fall of 2024 about Joe's unfortunate situation, they recommended that we incorporate a few of their products to complement Joe's therapy. These products were their Pet Med Bed, a Grounding Mat, and a Red Light Therapy device as well. We eagerly took them up on their offer. Having a background in acoustics engineering and physics of acoustics, I researched specific frequencies that have been found to have positive effects for our canine friends (although information is limited due to lack of trials) and incorporated those along with various frequency programs that The Broe's had pre-programmed in their Pet Med Bed complementary software to address Joe's specific maladies (paralysis, urinary tract disorders, inflammation and spinal cord injury). This bed, along with its accompanying accessories and software was quite easy to set up and use; simply program the necessary frequencies that you desire for your pet along with preprogrammed models in the accompanying software, power up the unit along with the UV red light and plug in the grounding mat, and you are ready to begin transformational therapy.

Joe's first visit to the bed was interesting; he seemed super relaxed after settling in a bit. In the months ahead, Joe was always eager to spend time on his bed and in fact would even pull me with his normally functioning front legs toward the bed as he absolutely loved it! The frequencies along with resulting vibrations, grounding and cycled red light therapy always seemed to produce a therapeutic and relaxing effect for Joe, he simply loved his bed and always became super excited when I mentioned it was time for him to use it. Joe spent a couple of hours per day on his bed for several months receiving broad band therapy. Although Joe is still not able to walk on his own without mechanical assistance, I have always been optimistic that he derived a plethora of benefits from the Pet Med Bed. Simply put, he must have, as Joe is now walking up to 5 ½ miles per outing in his wheelchair; this is an incredible feat for a dog with the spinal injury he sustained. We continue to be hopeful that Joe will eventually regain his abilities to walk on his own, including backwards, which, incidentally, he has also amazingly mastered in his wheelchair!

In my opinion, there is no better type of person than someone who takes such initiatives to render assistance while delivering true compassion and therapy to make life better for others, and this is what Kerrie and Bobby Broe have undoubtedly done in this case (I'm sure that many others that have come to know them feel the same way...)!

Fast forwarding 6 months following Joe's initial injury, we continue to have high hopes for Joe living a long life; perhaps in a wheelchair, perhaps not. Whatever happens from this point forward would not be for any lack of effort on anyone's part, as I am a believer in "Thy Will Be Done!" That being said, we could not imagine being without Joe and cherish each and every day with him, his amazing personality and incredible physical abilities! There isn't a day that goes by that he doesn't make us laugh and smile!

Simply put, I cannot begin to thank Kerrie and Bobby Broe enough; I will continue, as long as I am alive, to recommend family, friends and neighbors to these beautiful, caring, compassionate, and animal loving people!

MANY THANKS TO BOTH OF YOU INCREDIBLY SPECIAL PEOPLE FROM THE BOTTOMS OF OUR HEARTS!!!!

Chris, Jeanne and JOE! – FL