



Maxine was perfectly healthy until Monday April 21st. The night before she did not come to bed, which is unusual for her. Then that Monday, she didn't want to go for a walk. And I KNEW that something wasn't right. So I took her to the deck to go outside, and she fell over and had a small seizure. I immediately called her vet and took her in. They said they would have to keep her overnight. So they ran many blood tests and found out that she has Auto Immune Hemolytic Anemia. I was given her diagnosis on Tuesday. I did extensive internet search of that disease, and my fear grew more and more. But I talked to the vet every day. AIHA is a disease where the immune system kills off its own red blood cells. Max's PCV level went down to 8%. So they did a transfusion on her. The next day her PCV level was up to 21%. So I got to bring her home on Friday, April 25th. She was weak, but in my eyes she looked great. Her appetite isn't what it used to be so I have to feed her pureed food 4 times a day. And I have to give her slippery elm cocktail 1/2 hour before her meals, so she doesn't throw up. And then I have to give her her pills twice a day. It is a difficult schedule to keep, especially because I have 3 other dogs as well. But they are doing fine with it. Max's PCV level was up to 39% this past Friday, and was I ever happy to hear that! She is getting weaker, but it is from the prednisone she is taking, and we are starting to wean her off of that a little at a time. She is still such a sweet dog through all this. It just amazes me. I cannot thank Paws 4 A Cure enough for what they did for me and Max. I thank God for them and all they do for animals!