

My dog Chica's recovery has been a miracle!

Chica is a four year old Doberman. In January of this year, Chica was stumbling and occasionally collapsing while walking. Her local veterinarian recommended that she be taken to OSU for diagnostic tests. It was determined that Chica had Wobbler's Syndrome and cranial cruciate ligament degeneration.

In February 2012, she began an 8-week course of underwater treadmill therapy and other exercises at OSU with Sarah Smith. Chica also was given an exercise regimen to follow at home several times a day. Chica was also prescribed medication to manage the pain.

Sarah was so kind and patient with Chica and patient teaching me how best to work with her. Her activity on stairs and movement in and out of the car is restricted. The exercises help her balance and strengthened her muscles to compensate for her diseases.

Chica is now running--this is a dog that could barely walk in January. She is happy, alert and seems to be pain-free. I realize Chica has progressive diseases but I hope continued physical and pharmaceutical therapy will keep her moving comfortably for many years.