

## **Case Study - Puma & Patrick**

Puma - Pre-Hip Dysplasia, Patrick - Anxiety, Guarding

**Start Date:** Mar 11, 2017 **Age:** 3 Years/4 Years **Breed:** Rottweiler, Mixed Breed

**Owners :** Mike & Lara

Both dogs were rescues from the humane society. Patrick didn't have a back story, but Puma was tied up the first year and a half of her life and now has a limp when she runs.

### **Session 1**

The family had a lot of nervous tension. They were really worried about the behaviour of their dogs. The energy was a lot to balance in the room. Everytime I tried to work on Puma, Patrick would interfere and start biting on her. I decided to use Response5 on Patrick to help calm him down. I then used WBB on Puma to get her acclimated to Bowen Physiotherapy.

The family sent this picture - Rest & Recovery!



### **Session 2**

This week is dad and the pups. Patrick received Response5 and went upstairs to snuggle with sick mom. Puma's session was plank with WBB. Both of these dogs are incredibly affectionate, opting to lick my arms and face as soon as I am within licking distance.

### **Session 3**

This week is just dad. We were able to find a great balance to focus the dogs during the session. Patrick enjoyed Plank with Response5. Puma had plank, WBB with 17. I added plank to her this week to hopefully add some slack to the back end. It seems to move more when she lays down though.

#### Session 4

This week it was just mom and the pups. We did plank and one round of R5 on Patrick before mom decided he needed to be outside. Puma and Patrick's bond had her sitting at the back door waiting to be together again. Puma's treatment was WBB with 17, 18, 19. I'm starting to feel more movement in back end slack.

Overall the family reports increased energy over the last three weeks. The increased energy has helped Puma become more active which will help her lose weight and take the pressure off her hips. .

Our next session isn't for three weeks due to scheduling conflicts, but they are excited to continue.

I am still working on a balance for having two dogs at once. Since they are in their own home they are comfortable, and tend to show off for having company in their home.