

Troy Zimmerman's German Shepherd Dog, Jade, was 18 months old at diagnosis and lost 20 pounds before the correct diagnosis was made, with a change of veterinarians. She now weighs 58 pounds (see photos). Jade has resumed protection training. Troy stated that she is very toy driven, which is used as a training reward.



#### Resources

Your veterinarian is a primary resource. But because of many veterinarians' lack of experience with EPI, other sources are critical. A basic printed source is The Merck Veterinary Manual. There are also invaluable Internet websites. The most important public website is [www.EPI4dogs.com](http://www.EPI4dogs.com). This site, founded by Olesia Kennedy, who also wrote an article entitled "Starving, Not Starved" for the March 2009 Whole Dog Journal, provides basic information, links to other resources, abstracts of research articles, photographs, and a forum for questions and answers. A private, membership-only, Yahoo based international group forum is at [groups.yahoo.com/group/k9-EPI-GLOBAL/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/k9-EPI-GLOBAL/). It is an excellent resource for day-to-day problems and issues in dogs already diagnosed with EPI. [www.enzymediane.com](http://www.enzymediane.com) is a source for generic digestive enzymes at a reasonable price.

*Texas A & M University has several helpful websites.*

For general information, see  
[www.cvm.tamu.edu/gilab/shtml](http://www.cvm.tamu.edu/gilab/shtml)

For vitamin B12 testing, see  
[www.cvm.tamu.edu/gilab/research/cobalamin.shtml](http://www.cvm.tamu.edu/gilab/research/cobalamin.shtml)

For cTLI testing, see  
[www.cvm.tamu.edu/gilab/assays/TLI/shtml](http://www.cvm.tamu.edu/gilab/assays/TLI/shtml)

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**[www.malleys.com](http://www.malleys.com)**

All purchases made on that site will directly benefit The Schutzhund USA Youth Scholarship.

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