

**Supplementary Table S1**—The 30 questions used in the final assessment with the item-weighted impact score (IWIS) for each question. The IWIS was calculated to quantify the perceived impact of the topic on the pet's quality of life.

#	Question	Never N (%)	All the time N (%)	Very important N (%)	IWIS (Mean ± SD)
1	Do you feel you want to give your pet treats, but cannot because of their ME?	36 (14%)	76 (29%)	18 (7%)	-5.64+/-0.41
2	Does your pet seem annoyed or in pain when using a Bailey chair?	89 (34%)	10 (4%)	76 (29%)	-3.86 +/- 1.39
3	Does your pet ever seem annoyed or in pain when using a neck hug, basket muzzle, or similar management tool?	107 (41%)	8 (3%)	55 (21%)	-3.24 +/- 1.39
4	Do you ever worry about whether you are feeding your pet correctly?	60 (23%)	47 (18%)	136 (52%)	-3.33 +/- 1.40
5	Do you ever worry about whether you are medicating your pet correctly?	55 (21%)	50 (19%)	128 (49%)	-3.10 +/- 1.40
6	Do you resent having to change your lifestyle because of your pet's ME?	125 (48%)	8 (3%)	47 (18%)	-3.56+/- 1.41
7	Do you ever find your pet's megaesophagus affects what you want to do?	29 (11%)	79 (30%)	50 (19%)	-5.11 +/- 1.38
8*	Do you ever give your pet extra snacks/affection/walks?	42 (16%)	55 (21%)	55 (21%)	+3.56 +/- 1.38
9*	Do you feel that you can control your pet's ME on your own?	74 (28%)	29 (11%)	92 (35%)	+1.71 +/- 1.39
10	Do you feel that the ME affects your pet's mood?	58 (22%)	13 (5%)	73 (28%)	-3.22 +/- 1.38
11	Is your pet negatively affected since the treatment for ME was started?	96 (37%)	10 (4%)	86 (33%)	-2.85 +/-1.38
12	Do you ever choose not to board your pet because of their ME?	26 (10%)	254 (97%)	100 (38%)	-5 +/- 1.44
13	Do you ever choose not to leave your pet with family because of the ME?	42 (16%)	97 (37%)	105 (40%)	-4.22 +/- 1.40
14	Do you choose not to take your pet with you on an active day (i.e., walking)	89 (34%)	47 (18%)	71 (27%)	-3.94 +/- 1.39
15	Is your pet still regurgitating since treatment?	16 (6%)	18 (7%)	134 (51%)	-2.62 +/- 1.38
16	Is your pet losing weight since treatment has begun?	115 (44%)	13 (5%)	147 (56%)	-6.7 +/- 1.39
17	Do you feel worried you will not be able to care for your pet in the future?	84 (32%)	58 (22%)	139 (53%)	-2.87 +/- 1.40
18	Do you feel worried that your pet may suffer from aspiration pneumonia?	8 (3%)	123 (47%)	199 (76%)	-3.03 +/- 1.44
19	Do you feel worried about your pet suffering from weight loss?	60 (23%)	73 (28%)	139 (53%)	-3 +/- 1.41

20	How often do you feel less inclined to play with your pet that has ME?	169 (64%)	5 (2%)	71 (27%)	-3.06 +/- 1.39
21*	How often do you feel more inclined to play with your pet since ME?	81 (31%)	26 (10%)	60 (23%)	+2.69 +/- 1.38
22	Do you ever find you need to fit your pet's ME into your social life?	13 (5%)	102 (39%)	102 (39%)	-4.34 +/- 1.40
23	Do you ever find you need to fit your pet's ME into your working life?	71 (27%)	81 (31%)	94 (36%)	-3.82 +/- 1.40
24*	Do you feel that you have a special bond with your pet?	13 (5%)	131 (50%)	105 (40%)	+3.69 +/- 1.41
25	Do you ever worry about how much money your pet's ME costs?	39 (15%)	76 (29%)	84 (32%)	-4.09 +/- 1.39
26	Do you feel worried that you are sleeping less because of your pet's ME?	76 (29%)	52 (20%)	66 (25%)	-3.79 +/- 1.39
27	How often do you worry that your pet's life span because of their ME?	13 (5%)	110 (2%)	141 (54%)	-3.53 +/- 1.41
28	How often is your pet unable to sleep adequately because of their ME?	76 (29%)	13 (5%)	84 (32%)	-2.89 +/- 1.38
29	Do you feel worried about children being around because of your pet's ME?	176 (67%)	13 (5%)	29 (11%)	-3.55 +/- 1.39
30*	Do you feel supported by your veterinarian regarding your pet's ME?	13 (5%)	105 (40%)	165 (63%)	+2.47 +/- 1.42

\*=positively worded item. IWIS=item- weighted-impact score. ME=megaesophagus. The table displays the number (N) and percentage (%) of the 262 respondents who selected "Never," "All the time," and "Very important" for each of the topics. Answer choices for each primary question were: all the time; often; occasionally; and never. Answer choices for questions for importance of each topic were: very important; important; moderately important; low importance; and not at all important.