

TESTIMONY OF FAYE HEMSLEY
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My name is Faye Hemsley and I live in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. I am the mother of two boys, Omarion and William.

I care deeply about animals and try to help them when I can. I regularly rescue dogs in my community.

Around 2008 I adopted a cute black and brown terrier mix that we named "Tigger."

Tigger became a part of our family and regularly played with me and my children and the other pet dogs that we had. Tigger also would cuddle with me. We all loved Tigger.

In around January of 2020 I purchased a Seresto flea collar for Tigger. Because Seresto flea collars are expensive, I did not purchase any Seresto flea collars for the other three dogs I had at the time.

Tigger was always lively and never suffered from any serious health problems until I put the Seresto collar around his neck to ward off ticks and fleas.

At first, Tigger appeared fine. However, Tigger's head began to droop and he did not have the same amount of energy he once did.

Soon after that, Tigger died in my son Omarion's arms as he was preparing to take Tigger for a walk. Tigger had the Seresto collar around his neck at the time of his death.

None of my other three dogs had the Seresto collar. And none of my other dogs got sick or died. I'm convinced that it was the Seresto collar that killed Tigger and that if he did not have the collar, Tigger would still be alive today.

I read about an article about other pets having suffered the same injury because of the Seresto collar. As a result, I hired a lawyer. I never can bring Tigger back, but I hope that by speaking here today I can help other pets and their owners avoid what Tigger and we went through.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to tell you about my experience with the Seresto collar and about what happened to Tigger. We miss Tigger everyday and the cuddles he gave us.