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The Paw Print

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\$45,000 Vet Bill!

Pet owners are spending \$45000 on stem cell transplant for their dogs in America

A dog called Comet in Washington, was one such patient. Comet was diagnosed with lymphoma, a type of cancer that originates in lymphocytes, a type of white blood cell. The treatment involved finding three perfect matches out of 40 of Comets relatives to donate the cells. Follow up tests have veterinarians very optimistic that he has been cured of the disease.

The cancer centre in Washington has now performed hundreds of bone-marrow or stem-cell transplants on dogs.

Other dogs such as Zeus the Doberman have been treated by a company called 'Vet-Stem' for conditions such as arthritis and owners are often amazed at the results.



- ⊙ open 7 days
- ⊙ house calls
- ⊙ surgery
- ⊙ free puppy/kitten checks
- ⊙ loyalty programs
- ⊙ ultrasonography
- ⊙ free puppy school
- ⊙ payment plans
- ⊙ laboratory testing
- ⊙ grooming
- ⊙ pet taxi
- ⊙ pet care
- ⊙ dog & cat boarding
- ⊙ radiology
- ⊙ microchipping

Get To Know Us

Alex Askew is our practice manager at our Kingsford Veterinary Hospital. Alex is an energetic & enthusiastic person who performs most of the day to day procedures that are vital to the smooth running of our hospitals.

Alex's love for animals started at a young age. A large amount of her childhood was spent on a dairy farm where her aunt also bred Australian riding ponies, Ragdoll cats & Cavalier King Charles Spaniel dogs. Alex's real virtues are her organisational abilities & her great communication skills.

It took Alex only a very short time before she was a favourite staff member of several clients. Most of you will know Alex as the girl at the front desk who always has a smile.

Alex is currently studying Animal Studies Certificate II. Her interests include art & jewellery design & is currently studying Croatian.



Pet of the Month

Max –Forever the Puppy

Max may be almost nine years old (about 65 in human years) but he still loves to play. His owner Lisa, of South Coogee, doesn't think he will ever grow up.



Unfortunately Max's love to run & jump led to a serious injury in his knee joint. A series of x-rays confirmed a diagnosis of a torn cruciate ligament - the exact same injury seen in many human athletes and football players. AMS veterinarians Dr Kathy McGhie & Dr Andrew Eaton performed a full knee reconstruction involving removal of torn ligament & cartilage, repair of surrounding muscles with an overlapping suture technique & placement of an artificial ligament made of a material able to withstand 100 pounds of pressure.

After his operation Max had to be kept quiet with no heavy exercise – not easy for a 40kg hyperactive Labrador. We are happy to report it is now 9 months after Max had his operation and his owner Lisa says “for some time he has been back to his normal ‘puppy self’ and is happily romping around the back yard & parks showing no signs of his previous ailment and no signs of slowing down at all”.

Special Offer*

Buy three 3 month Milbemax stomach worming tablets & get
one 3 month tablet free

Buy two 6 month packs of Revolution heartworm & flea prevention & get
one 3 month pack free

* Please present voucher. Valid till end of November



How Does My Puppy Learn His Name?

If we take a young pup aged, say, 12 weeks, and always approach him saying, "Sammy," what does the word mean to him?

Does he think to himself, "Ah yes, Sammy - that would be me. I'm a small brown dog with bluish eyes and a curly tail"?

When children learn their own name, it implies that they have an image of "self," as distinct from others. Not all would agree that dogs are capable of this degree of understanding. By 2-½ years old, a child has formed a concept of "self" - but does a dog ever achieve this level of self-realization?

So What Does the Pup Understand?

It's truly hard to say what pups understand by their given name. Sure they hear the sound, and they sure react to it, but that doesn't mean they realize that the word they are hearing has anything to do with their "self."

One big problem with the "name word," is owners also use the pup's name when talking to their friends. "We took Sammy to the park today." Sammy hears "his name," looks up, but no one is paying him any attention. He shrugs, and goes back to chewing on a shoe. The next time he hears his name he doesn't even bother to look up. He has no reason to. He has now been desensitized to his own name.

Some trainers recommend two names: one for when they're talking to him (say, Sammy) and another (say, Handsome) for when they're talking about him.

Top Ten Names for Male Dogs

1. MAX
2. BUDDY
3. JAKE
4. ROCKY
5. BAILEY
6. BUSTER
7. CODY
8. CHARLIE
9. BEAR
10. JACK

Top Ten Names for Girl Dogs

1. MOLLY
2. MAGGIE
3. DAISY
4. LUCY
5. SADIE
6. GINGER
7. CHLOE
8. BAILEY
9. SOPHIE
10. ZOE

Animal Antics

How to tell the weather

Go to your back door and look for the dog
If the dog is at the door and he is wet, it's probably raining. But if the dog is standing there really soaking wet, it is probably raining really hard.

If the dog's fur looks like it's been rubbed the wrong way, it's probably windy.

If the dog has snow on his back, it's probably snowing.

Of course, to be able to tell the weather like this, you have to leave the dog outside all the time, especially if you expect bad weather.

Sincerely,

The CAT

Cat Adoption Corner

AMS cat adoption centres located at our Kingsford & Alexandria Veterinary Hospitals are our way of showing our commitment to animal welfare.

AMS Staff take great pride in their work to nurture & rear young kittens & care for older abandoned cats.

The aim is to re-home them to new owners where they will have a happy & healthy new life.

All cats & kittens are \$220 which includes all vaccinations, worming & desexing



"We need homes"

"We are cute & lovable"

"How can you resist us?"



"Thank you to Animal Medical Services for my new kitty. He is my best friend"