



Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club Newsletter

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Simon and Patsy enjoy a rare moment of sunshine on a February afternoon in Iowa.



Stem cells can cure the dog, but the human has to wait

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Glen Kothe is jealous of his dog.

The pooch was plagued for a year with a cartilage tear in his rear leg. Today, the dog seems to be healed, thanks to controversial stem cell treatments.

"I asked the vet, 'When you are done with my dog, can you do the same thing for me?' " Kothe said.

The answer was no — proof that in some ways, the American medical system is working better for dogs than for humans.

Stem cell treatments for people are mired in politics, religion and a complicated approval process. But there are no such hurdles for animals.

For example, dogs can get a vaccine for Lyme disease. People can't. Cattle have access to reproductive technology that childless human couples don't.

"It is a little curious," said Jeffrey Kahn, director of the University of Minnesota Center for Bioethics. "I guess there should be some thought about investing resources to support animal health without supporting human health. Why do animals get better access to newer treatments?"

The reason is that animal research is easy and cheap. A scientist seeking to develop a new drug for animals can readily find a large group to test effectiveness, side effects and proper dosing.

What if one of them gets hurt? It's not even close to the legal or moral nightmare of an injury to a human.

"You have way more attorneys representing humans than animals," said Dr. Wayne Scanlon, the veterinarian who helped Kothe's dog.

Kahn said there has been great concern about harm done to animals through animal testing. But there are benefits from being on science's cutting edge — and animals often reap them, he said.

He said the benefits also can flow the other way — from people to animals. Antibiotics, for example, were available first for humans and have trickled down to animals.

Scanlon sometimes dabbles with made-for-human products when dealing with sick animals.

"I have called a doctor friend of mine and said that I am



A photograph of Micah participating in an agility competition at Total Recall School for dogs in Hugo, Minn., Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008. Micah had his knee treated through Vet-Stem regenerative cell therapy. (Photograph given by Total Recall School for Dogs)

having no luck with a certain bacterial infection in an animal," Scanlon said. "We will try a human-licensed product."

Stem cells have been hailed as nature's jack-of-all-trades, capable of morphing into nerves, organs and other tissues. But the cells were found in embryos, and since the 1980s the U.S. government has banned embryonic stem cell research.

In 2003, a San Diego company called VetStem began offering stem cell treatments to horses. The process doesn't involve embryos. Instead, the company is able to take a

small piece of an animal's fat — a good repository for stem cells — and isolate and concentrate the cells.

Those cells then are injected into the animal, both into the bloodstream and the affected area, such as an injured leg.

The cells seek out injured tissue, according to Dr. Julie Ryan Johnson, VetStem spokeswoman.

"You are using your body's own healing process," she said.

Last year, the company began to offer treatment for dogs.

That's when Scanlon got involved. Scanlon, owner of White Bear Animal Hospital and Otter Lake Animal Care Center in Hugo, became one of four veterinarians in the state certified to use the treatments.

In November, Scanlon examined Micah, the dog owned by Glen and Sue Kothe. They own Total Recall School for Dogs in Hugo.

The dog required several surgeries last year "because of some real bad luck and defective materials," Glen Kothe said. The dog was in constant pain.

On Dec. 2, Scanlon removed about two tablespoons of fat from the dog's chest and rushed it to VetStem. About 48 hours later, the concentrated stem cells were back, and Scanlon injected them into Micah.

Today, the Kothes are gushing about the treatments.

"He is 10 years old and still an athlete. He is looking great," Sue Kothe said.

Scanlon plans to wait at least a month before calling the treatments a success. "But the testimonials and the research are extremely exciting," he said.

He is bothered by the injustice of Micah getting better medical care than his owners.

"I do not understand why this wouldn't work on people," Scanlon said. "It is ludicrous not to work along the same lines."

In fact, Johnson said, human trials for the technique are under way. But it could take years before the stem cell treatments are widely available.

In the meantime, Scanlon said, other countries easily could leapfrog the U.S.

"You will probably be able to go down to Mexico and get it done," he said.

If the treatments become available for humans, Scanlon knows one willing customer.

"I have one knee that is barking at me" from arthritis, he said. "I would love to see some of my own fat injected into my knee."

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PBGV Pups Born January 16, 2009 - the "C" litter – 2 boys and 2 girls

Donat Graf Vom Schwerin x Ch. Charlen's Giselle

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Clinton & Chester

Pups at 10 days; Chelsea, Clinton, Chloe and Chester.



Fun Match Proceeds Donated

GTCDC donated the net profit from the fun match in the amount of \$150 to the Animal Inn Jr. Handler Fund and \$130 to the trophy fund.

We also donated \$50 to the Cross Roads Animal Shelter and \$50 to Corner Stone, a family charity. These are both non-profit charities.

Thanks to all the volunteers and participants for such a good turn out.



Twin city DAC Club.

On behalf of the Animal Inn Juniors, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation, for your donation to the Jr Fund. Through the support of individuals like you we were able to give out three one thousand dollar scholarships.
Thank you for your thoughtful gift
Dave: Sandy Slattum

The following photos, taken at the fun match, were provided by Dawn West.



January 3, 2009

The Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club
Thomas Demma
7430 Jeffery Lane South
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Dear Thomas,

On behalf of Cornerstone and the families we serve, thank you for your generous gift of \$50.00, dated 12/8/2008. Your commitment to the prevention of domestic violence and to the healing of victims of domestic violence is greatly appreciated. You are truly making a difference in the lives of the families that we serve.

We understand that in times like these deciding which agencies to support is a more difficult choice because the need is so much greater than in years past. Cornerstone and our clients sincerely appreciate your continuing support because it does change lives. It provides safety to families fleeing violent homes; it provides the programs to help women become self-sufficient; it makes it possible for children to receive the necessary therapy to help them heal emotionally from the violence they have experienced; it also provides education for thousands of children and youth in order to keep the next generation from becoming repeating the cycle of violence.

Despite these challenging economic times, with the support of many dedicated people like you, we were able to provide our full continuum of services designed to help our clients heal from past trauma and to prevent future violent behavior. During 2008, we served 980 clients in our residential services program. 667 children and youth began the healing process by participating in our therapy and counseling resources. Preventing Abuse and Violence through Education (PAVE) Educators provided 423 classroom presentations to over 13,650 students, teaching them about domestic violence, dating violence, and other forms of interpersonal violence. Another 10,000 people were connected to safety through our Day One® Crisis line.

We cannot thank you enough for your kind gift. Despite the difficult and uncertain year ahead, we will be able to continue providing services because of your generosity.

Thank you sincerely,


Susan Neis
Executive Director

This letter will serve as your receipt. As required by the Internal Revenue Service, we are informing you that Cornerstone is a 501(c)(3) charity, and we have not provided you with any goods or services in exchange for your contribution.







Brags

Rosie Branaman

Toby - Ch Choco Chip Mystic Moon CD, RA, NA, NAJ
 Agility: 1 Novice Fast, 1 Open Standard, and 2 Open Jumpers legs at Des Moines for 1 first, 1 second, and 2 thirds.

Rally: Advanced legs at DMOTC and KC specialty for RA title.

Toby earned both his OA and OAJ in December.

Flo-Choco Chip Some Beach- WB at Des Moines for major, WB/BOB at Lincoln for major, WB/BOS at Lincoln for **Major and New Champion!**

Hottie-Choco Chip She's A Hottie-RWB at Lincoln, RWB at KC specialty

Choco Chip She's A Hottie- WB for 1 pt at DM

Toby earned his 3rd legs in Open Standard and Open Jumpers at Cedar Rapids in Dec.

Choco Chip Krash Asteroid-WD/BOW at Mt Hood Dalmatian Club co-owned with Jordan Cartwright



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Hottie, Kix and Reebok



Sue MacMillan posted the results from the January Land O Lakes, MN shows as follows:

Minnesota - Day One 1/3/2009
 Judge Paula Hartinger 3-7-2-1

RWD - Ronson's liver boy

WB - Paisley Choco Chip Brownie Delite (MacMillan)
MAJOR



January MN shows cont.

RWB - Stellar TBGO Girl's Night Out (Christianson)

BoB and Group 1 - Ch. Paisley NsprID By Broadway (MacMillan)

BoS - Cathy Vesley's Snowood bitch

Minnesota - 1/4/2009

Judge Fred Bassett 3-7-2-1

WD/BoW - Paisley Elan Hamett's Hero (Demma/West) for a **MAJOR**

WB/BOS - *Stellar TBGO Girls Night Out (Christianson) **MAJOR TO FINISH!**

RWB - Paisley Glamour Girl By Elan (Demma/West)

BoB - Ch. TCJ N Satins Star Appeal (Jennings)

*A BIG congratulations to new Champion "Pink", who also finished her CD on Friday with a 196 1/2 (1st). Pink earned extra legs on Saturday and Sunday with scores of 198 and 198 1/2! You may remember Colleen with OTCH "Stella" UDX. Pink is the first dog Colleen has shown in the breed ring.



Paisley Elan Hamett's Hero
Sam's first Major

2008 Awards

Paxton - AM/CAN Ch. Splash's South St Supercharger

Jo & Helen Lipinski and Karen Moore



Abbey - Ch. Rose'N Dal Trouble in River City

Michael Ritchie & Becky Loader



Bennett - Ch. Paisley Elan Special Effects

Diane Baxter & Sue MacMillan



Necco - Ch. South Street N Bayside U Nique

Hope - Ch. South St's Hope N Inspiration RN AX MXJ OF earned her AX (Agility Excellent), MXJ (Master Agility Excellent Jumpers) and OF (Open FAST) titles.

Karen Moore



Toby - Ch. Choco Chip Mystic Moon RN

earned his CD, RA, NA, NAJ, OA, and OAJ

Flo - Choco Chip Some Beach

earned her Champion

Martina - Choco Chip This One For the Girls

earned her Champion

Rosie Branaman



Johnny - Ch Onthespots Ravin about Johnny

finished his American championship in February with 4 specialty majors.

Frankie - Ch. Frankly Ravins Best HiSpot

finished with 3 majors in August, one a specialty win.

Patrick Jones



Christmas with Dawn, Tom and Family

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New Email:

Rick and Ruth Miller have a new home email address:
Avalondalmatian@Gmail.com

From Gretchen:

**** Dalmatian gives birth to 18 pups ****

A Dalmatian dog that is related to a star of the Disney film 102 Dalmatians gives birth to 18 puppies.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/fr/-/2/hi/uk_news/england/leicestershire/7815924.stm

Snuggling on a cold Iowa Day:



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Membership Application

Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number () _____ Occupation _____

E-Mail Address _____

Name and AKC number (if registered) of at least one Dalmatian Owned _____

Are you a member of any other dog clubs? **Yes / No**. If yes, please list _____

Are you willing to work as a member of the club for advancement of the Dalmatian, for sportsmanship and for the interest of the club? **Yes / No**.

I the undersigned, hereby apply for membership in the Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club. I certify that I am the required age of 18 or older and am currently in good standing with the American Kennel Club. I hereby agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the Greater Twin Cities Dalmatian Club and by the rules and regulations of the club and of the American Kennel Club.

Signed _____ Date _____

Proposed by _____ Club Member 2nd by _____ Club Member

Fee for membership is \$15.00 per year. Membership includes the newsletter, which gives notice of club activities.

Send applications to Ruth Miller, Secretary. 1440 Woodland Dr. SW. Rochester, MN 55902-1040

Date Received _____ 1st Reading _____

Voted on _____

Remarks _____

GTDCDC Membership Application 7/05

Board

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Flo
Choco Chip She's A Hottie



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Reebok-Choco Chip Ready to Run
 (ready to run after her nap)

MEMBERSHIP

Meetings are normally held the third Friday of the month. Meetings and programs are always open to members and guests. Membership dues are \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per family and include a newsletter subscription. Membership follows our fiscal year which is July 1 - June 30.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

On or before April 10th for inclusion in the next issue.

