



## **News From The DogHouse**

The holiday season is here, ready or not! OurDogHouse can help! If you want that perfect gift for the dog lover in your life, why not drop into our [Puppy Paws](#) section and take a look at our Paw-sitive design, or any of our breeds and sayings.

OurDogHouse also has gifts for your four-legged friends. We have a great assortment of doggie t-shirts. A bestseller already this season is "[Santa, I Can Explain](#)." Maybe a new bowl is on your pooch's list. Check out our Custom Zone where you can have your pet's name, photo or own special saying put on a ceramic bowl.

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## **Regenerative Therapy Giving New Life to an Old Joint Copyright © OurDogHouse**

Arthritis is one of the most painful and debilitating conditions a pet and its owner can face in their lifetime together. The first course of action in many cases is to utilize non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) therapy to give the pet mobility and pain relief. However, many times dogs and cats continue to have pain or cannot tolerate the drug therapy, leaving surgery as their only other option.

What would you say if I told you that there was a way to give new life to an old joint without drugs and that it was less evasive than surgery? Well there is; it is called regenerative veterinary medicine or stem cell therapy. I know the mere mention of stem cell therapy can make some people stop reading. However, allow me to say that adult stem cell therapy for pets is very different than embryonic stem cells, which is a very controversial subject to say the least.

Let's take a look as to how they differ. Regenerative veterinary medicine involves harvesting cells from the fatty tissue of the pet's own body. If you are wondering why they select fat, it is because fat contains large amounts of stem cells. Furthermore, there are no restrictions from the FDA as the stem cells are taken from your pet that will in turn receive them back. Once the tissue is harvested, it is safely placed into a collection vile and shipped to the Vet-StemT laboratory in California. Within 48 hours the stem cells are returned and are ready to be administered to the pet. The stem cells are then injected into the arthritic joint.

While I know this all sounds very futuristic, the procedure has actually been in use since 2003. In fact, the equine community has commonly used this treatment for tendons, ligaments and osteoarthritis.

In one case history that we reviewed for this article, a four-year-old Rat Terrier was no longer able to get up the stairs and exhibited stiffness in his joints after getting up. The pet was on NSAID therapy, but developed gastrointestinal upset. 13 days after the stem cell procedure, the patient was reported to be running and playing in the yard as well as going up the stairs.

To help the veterinarian community with this new technology, Vet-StemT offers a free credentialing course to certify veterinarians. For more information, please call 888-387-8361.

### **The Perfect Read**

Another wonderful holiday gift this season is Just This Side of Heaven, By Timothy Glass.



Here are just a few of the rave reviews this heartwarming story has received:

*A must read, no matter what breed of dog you love. I found the chapter on the "Dash" to be powerful and meaningful; not only as a pet lover, but in my own life.*  
James Miller, Dallas, TX

*Be prepared to laugh, cry, and look at the right of passage in a new and different way. A wonderful story told in a masterful way.*

*Albert Williams, Champaign, Illinois*

*The forever-young syndrome that Timothy Glass talks about in the book hits the nail on the head for every pet lover. A must read!*

*Jake Davis, Malibu, California*

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