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THOMPSON STATION, Tenn. - A Mid-State black Labrador that assisted with the events days after September 11, 2001 has found pain relief after undergoing stem cell therapy .

Bailey, underwent the procedure last November in an attempt to help alleviate severe arthritis.

Doctors removed cells from the 15-year-old dog's body, activated the cells and injected them back into her veins.

Since undergoing the procedure, Bailey's owner Keith Lindley, told Nashville's News 2 the results have been incredible.

"She's like a dog again," said Lindley, continuing, "She's able to exercise, follow me around again. She's got a little more giddy-up in her step."

Before her procedure, Lindley said due to Bailey's arthritis in her elbows she was unable to climb stairs or run.

"The expectations were high, but originally all I wanted was for her to be a little more pain free and I think we succeeded in that," he said.

On Thursday, Bailey returned to [Companion Animal Hospital](#) for her two-month checkup.



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"Her mobility is better. She wants to do more, she doesn't just want to lie around and act like a little old lady, she's actually participating in her life again," Dr. Mary Ergen said.

She continued, "'Until I saw her with my own two eyes I didn't want to make a comment one way or another, but I'm pretty impressed with how this has worked. It's just the beginning. I think in the future we'll be using stem cells for way more than arthritis."

Bailey's owner told Nashville's News 2 that she was one around 100 dogs that were sent to the Pentagon and Ground Zero in New York in the days following the tragedy of 9/11.

The now elderly dog aided in search efforts and provided therapy for hundreds of firefighters and rescue workers.

Bailey is believed to be the first dog in Middle Tennessee to have undergone in-clinic stem cell therapy.

The procedure costs around \$1,800.

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This is wonderful news! I'm so happy to learn yet another success story involving stem cells. For Mr. Lindley and Bailey, I'm certain they're over the moon about it. Well done Dr. Ergen and all at Companion Animal Hospital!

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