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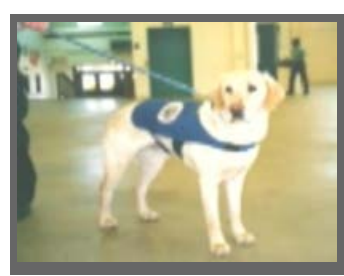
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Hoke is a 13-year-old search and rescue dog, but he suffers from crippling arthritis.

So, he and his owner, Julie Noyes, came to South Bend, where Medivet America arranged for Hoke to undergo stem cell regenerative therapy at the Western Veterinary Clinic.

Julie says it is a wonderful way to say thanks for his service. She says, "He did a lot for the country, in searches at the World Trade Center and Katrina and things like that, and it's pretty neat. These companies stepped up to help him out and help him live the rest of his life comfortably."

Doctors say Hoke could be seeing noticeable improvement in as little as 48 hours after the surgery.

Only about a dozen of the search and rescue dogs that were sent to the World Trade Center are still alive.

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