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Boris the dog undergoes adult animal stem cell therapy at a Walker animal clinic (Dec. 13, 2011)

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W. Mich dog undergoes stem cell therapy

Kelley's Animal Hospital in Walker first in area

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WALKER, Mich. (WOOD) - **Boris the dog** has arthritis. The 12-year-old Chow mix moves slowly and is in pain. But he underwent stem-cell therapy at a Walker animal clinic Tuesday, the first clinic in the area to offer this therapy for animals.

Dr. James Kelley and his assistants at **Kelley's Animal Clinic** in Walker removed fat tissue from Boris, then **activated the tissue with an enzyme** before injecting it into the dog's back legs.

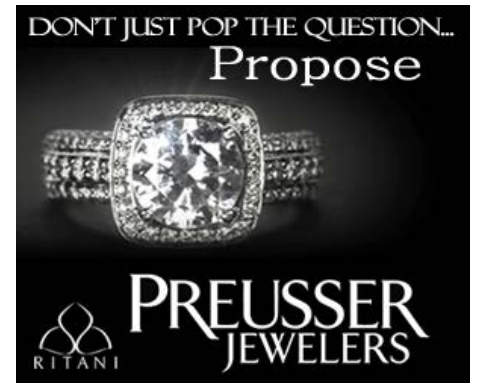
Kelley said the therapy, developed by a company called **Medivet**, uses the animal's own regenerative healing power.

Within two months, Medivet claims, Boris should be moving well with little or no pain.

The procedure costs about \$1,800 and Kelley told 24 Hour News 8 he already has more scheduled in the next few weeks.

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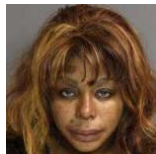
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