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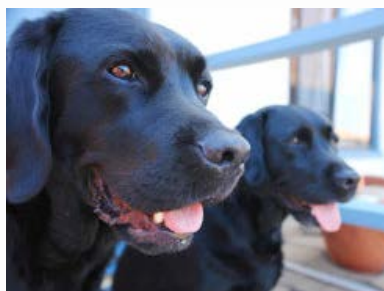
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(AP) NASHVILLE, Tenn. - A Labrador retriever who helped in the search for victims of the 9/11 attacks at the Pentagon underwent groundbreaking stem cell therapy in Tennessee to relieve pain from arthritis.

Bailey, a 14-year-old black female lab, underwent the procedure Friday. It was developed by Kentucky-based MediVet America and performed at Companion Animal Hospital, in Goodlettsville. [The Tennessean](#) reports the animal hospital and the company provided the therapy free of charge.

Bailey's owner, Keith Lindley, was a Shelby County firefighter during the terrorist attacks and they were asked to help search the rubble. Lindley said although Bailey didn't find anyone, she later served as a therapy dog to comfort rescue workers.

Doctors took stem cells from her tissue and injected them into her joints to prompt cartilage to grow.

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