

NEW CANINE CANCER DRUG TRIAL OFFERS HOPE FOR PETS'

Vets at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, Edinburgh, have launched a promising trial for a new drug, tigilanol tiglate, aimed at treating aggressive oral melanomas in dogs. Derived from the blushwood tree found in Queensland, Australia, this drug, produced by QBiotics, is already used for other canine cancers. Initially, eight dogs will participate, with hopes to expand if results are positive. Project lead, Professor Kelly Blacklock, calls the trial a "significant step forward," potentially transforming cancer care in pets by offering an alternative to surgery. Pet owners are encouraged to participate and help advance veterinary cancer treatments.

PETS AS PILLARS OF MENTAL HEALTH: HOW ANIMALS ENHANCE HUMAN WELL-BEING³

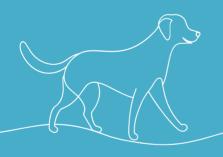
This World Mental Health Day, the spotlight turned to our pets, who provide unconditional love, relieve stress, and even help us connect with others. Once mere companions, pets now play a vital role in our emotional well-being, and veterinarians are key in nurturing this bond.

Research by the Human Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI) shows that most vets believe pets improve mental health. Nearly half of pet owners seek comfort from their pets during stress, while 75% say pets help them build social connections. With pets enriching lives through routine, companionship, and emotional support, vets are encouraging pet owners to embrace these furry "therapists" for a happier, healthier life.

WISDOM PANEL UNVEILS DNA TEST TO DECODE CANINE BEHAVIOR²

Wisdom Panel, a leader in pet genetics, has launched a pioneering DNA test to unveil the genetic roots of behavioral traits in dogs. This new "behavior insights" feature makes Wisdom Panel the only DNA service capable of linking breed-specific tendencies to behaviors like friendliness, anxiety, and sociability. Drawing on a database of over 4.5 million pets and extensive vet records, the test offers insights into 15 unique behavioral traits, helping owners make informed training and care decisions.

"This tool lets pet parents understand the 'why' behind their dog's quirks," says Oliver Forman, Wisdom Panel's genetic research director, "empowering them to create routines for a happier, healthier dog."







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