

# Local pooch aiding U.S. cancer researchers

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The clinical trial is investigating the viability of using a vaccine that is developed from a patient's extracted tumour cells to aid in curing the cancer in humans. But fortunately for Riley and his family, the initial trials are being carried out on dogs.

The trial seemed like the best option.

"None of their dogs have died due to the surgery or anything tumour-related," said Janke.

Riley was the last dog to be accepted into the trial so the couple and Riley set off for the 16-hour drive to Minneapolis.

Joining them there was a production team from the Discovery Channel Canada show *Daily Planet* which is doing a story on Riley's involvement in the clinical trial to air tonight (Tuesday) at 7 and 11 p.m. Janke, a senior editor at CTV, which owns the Discovery Channel, let *Daily Planet* know about his dog's involvement in the cancer research.

Surgeons at the university removed Riley's tumour, which turned out to be larger than originally thought, during a craniotomy Nov. 4 and have



Sara Boland-Janke gives Riley a treat prior to his television debut tonight on the *Daily Planet* show.

Photo by Ted Brown

developed a custom vaccine for him to be injected six times using cells from his tumour.

The hope is that the vaccine will kick-start Riley's immune system to stop the tumour from recurring.

"They've had

great success. One dog (in the trial) has hit the two-year anniversary," said Janke. "We sought out the Ohlfest Brain Tumor Lab for their success in treating these tumours, and the benefit this groundbreaking research will have for people."

**Riley's tale:**  
Tonight 7, 11 p.m.  
Daily Planet  
on Discovery  
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Riley had his first injection Friday, a day later than scheduled, because the vaccine was held up at Canada Customs. His next one is in two weeks and he will have his sixth and final one when he's back at the university for his three-month follow-up.

Janke said Riley is doing great and has not had a seizure in almost four weeks.

He's back to being the "holy terror" he's always been—a nickname he earned in part for his habit of chewing through seatbelts, a cell phone and night-light bulb.

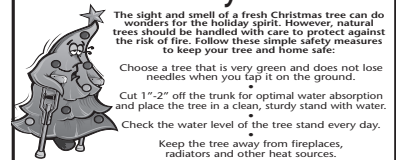
"He's regained some of his puppy energy. We're happy to see him causing trouble again," said Janke.

He said their two daughters Katherine and Elizabeth love Riley "to death" and are thrilled he's doing so well. He's been a part of the family since they adopted him from the Orangeville SPCA about seven years ago.

"He got helped, which is great for us. But it's something bigger than that," said Janke. "The beauty of it all, is that it's helping people as well."

Follow Riley's story at <<http://chroniclesofriley.blogspot.com/>>

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