

# Local dog who participated in university cancer study dies

Riley, the local beagle who took part in a groundbreaking U.S. cancer study, has died.

The dog, the beloved family pet of the Janke family of Georgetown, was euthanized Saturday, Sept. 20 after suffering a grand mal seizure. He was 13.

Riley took part in a clinical trial at the Ohlfest Brain Tumour Lab at the University of Minnesota back in 2010 after being diagnosed with meningioma—a tumour of the meninges or lining of the brain. The trial was testing the viability of

using a vaccine developed from a patient's extracted tumour cells to aid curing the cancer in humans.

After treatment, Riley was declared cancer-free and cured. Last

year his family reported he was doing well and full of energy.

Roy Janke, Riley's owner, says his brain has been shipped to the University of Minnesota for final examination and his doctor is not expecting to find any regrowth of the tumour.

"As sad as this time is, we can take solace in the fact that we were given four more years with our beloved friend and that, in some small way, he helped to advance medical treatments for his human counter-

parts battling brain tumours," said Janke.


Janke has been chronicling Riley's life on his blogspot <http://chroniclesofriley.blogspot.ca/>



**RILEY**

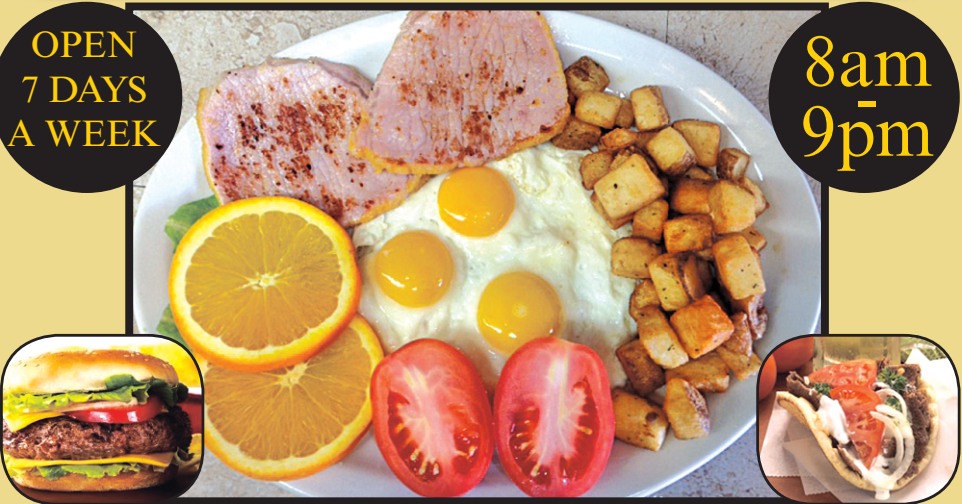
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