

## Paragon Vets are barking with delight for Carlisle's laser dog

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A **CARLISLE** dog owner is celebrating her pet's new lease of life thanks to laser therapy treatment.

Some years ago Jas Sond noticed Bruno, her Rottweiler/Newfoundland cross, was starting to limp.

Paragon Vets in Dalston discovered he'd snapped the cruciate ligament in his right leg. Bruno was successfully operated on but early last year Jas saw that he was limping again.

As a big dog Bruno is susceptible to cruciate problems and what was initially diagnosed as a partial tear eventually became a snapped ligament requiring another operation.

Jas said: "He had surgery in November. As soon as he'd had the surgery he had laser therapy and I think we were doing them every two days and what a difference in recovery. He was up and walking and had absolutely no problems at all.

"For the first couple of weeks we were doing it every two days, then twice a week, then once every two weeks and now we're on to once a month. For Bruno's recovery, it's been a good success."

The laser therapy is non-invasive and relaxing for the animal.

As he has also developed arthritis in his legs, Bruno will continue with the treatments indefinitely but Jas says the improvement in him is remarkable.

She said: "He's never limps once now, he doesn't seem to be in any pain. When I bring him home from the laser therapy he's chilled out and relaxed, and the next day he's so full of energy.

"He's up and walking, going for two-hour walks now without any issues

"Paragon have been absolutely fantastic with him. The laser therapy has given him a new lease of life - it's given him quality of life. The alternative was very grim."

Donna Hall, veterinary nurse at Paragon, said: "Bruno continues to improve each day thanks to at-home physiotherapy. Slowly but surely his exercise is increasing and Bruno was very happy to finally get to see some of his friends."