Syringomyelia Clinical Study

For the treatment of neuropathic pain in Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

If you have a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel with any of the following behaviors;

♦ Scratching-usually on one side of the body in the area of the neck, ear, shoulder and sternum.
♦ Pain which can be localized to the neck region
♦ Sensitivity to touch-typically on one side of the head, neck, shoulder and sternum

Your pet may be eligible to participate in a clinical study evaluating a new medication to manage the pain and discomfort associated with Chiari-like malformation / Syringomyelia.

The study will run over the course of one month and may require five or six visits to the Ryan Veterinary Hospital. Following the consult with the neurologist, all dogs will receive an MRI. All study participants will initially be prescribed Rimadyl® and then randomized to either the study medication or placebo which they will take for two weeks. Upon completion of the study, the neurologist will discuss any other options and considerations with the owner as well as set up a long-term pain management regimen.

Study Participants Receive:
♦ Neurologist consultation at start of, and upon completion of study.
♦ MRI for diagnosis of Syringomyelia
♦ Study medication
♦ Compensation for traveling to and from the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital

For more information about this or any of the other clinical studies at the School of Veterinary Medicine please call the Veterinary Clinical Investigation Center

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The Veterinary Clinical Investigation Center is a service at the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania whose primary focus is the advancement of veterinary care through the implementation of clinical trials for client-owned companion animals.

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