

High-Tech Hospital for Animals

Diane Kepley:

High-tech health care is going to the dogs. Literally.

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Scotland's Glasgow University is home to one of the most advanced veterinary clinics anywhere.

Ian Ramsey:

This hospital's one of the most advanced hospitals in Europe, or certainly in the world. Um, it's got fantastic facilities all under one roof. One of the big examples would be the imaging suite where we can diagnose and then go on and treat animals all under the same roof. For example, we've got a CT scanner, an MRI scanner... We can then take a dog through, do other advanced testing on it like electrodiagnostic testing its muscles and nerves. We've got a theater complex, um, just adjacent all in the same building, and an IC high-dependency unit. So we can offer a standard of care and facilities that can't really be matched many other places in the world.

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Alfie is one of the clinic's newest patients. A spinal injury left him without the use of his back legs. Part of Alfie's rehabilitation involves working out in this hydrotherapy pool.

Alfie's owner:

I don't know what we would've done without it, because he's just...it's been such a help. Like, we thought it wasn't really looking good for him at the start, well, we thought anyway. It just...it was that bad, but it's just been so good.

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The animals aren't the only ones to benefit from the latest high-tech medicine. Video cameras broadcast the medical procedures as they occur, allowing students to get a close-up view of complex surgeries.

Antonia Bomba:

I think it allows us to see what can be done. It allows us to see if we were to be given a case in first opinion practice, erm, that we might not be able to work out to the best of our ability because we don't have the facilities. We know what can be done at a referral hospital; therefore, we know to refer those cases on 'cause they'll get the-the best care needed, so...

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With such a broad array of advanced medicine in one facility, it's likely giving sick pups like Kenny and Alfie the assurance they need to get well.

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