

Startups cash in on pot for canines

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Suzanne Kisting's burly 10-year-old, 120-pound St. Bernard, Moose, hobbled down the 40 stairs of her former San Francisco apartment every morning, crippled by pain from severe arthritis.

Kisting tried everything she could to ease it, buying expensive prescriptions drugs and taking him for acupuncture treatments.

But none of it worked the way she hoped.

Then she caught word of a possible new treatment: medical pot.

It's a controversial approach to treating pain in animals that has drawn criticism from everyone from the ASPCA to the Food and Drug Administration to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

In California, medicinal marijuana is legal, but the dosing of pets still lands in a gray area.

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