



Could my dog be a donor?

Healthy donors are in great demand here in the Northwest. The Pet Emergency Clinic Blood Bank in Spokane is currently looking for volunteer donors that are:

1. Happy and healthy
2. Greater than 60 pounds
3. Between 1-6 years old
4. Willing to lie still for 10 minutes

We ask our donors to stay current on vaccinations with their regular veterinarian and commit to the program for two years or about 12 collections.

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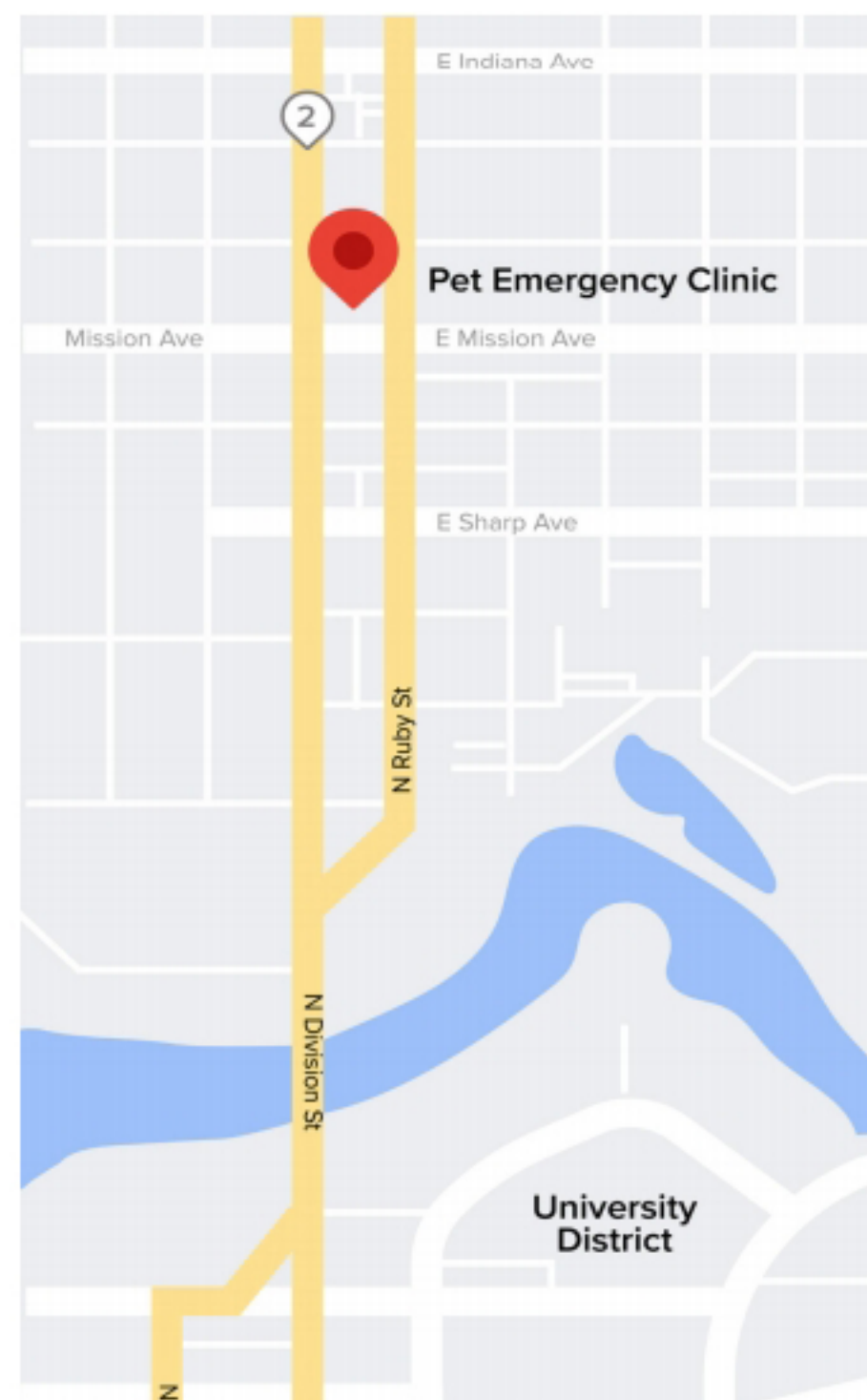
If you would like to learn more about the transfusion program and how your dog can save lives, please contact the Pet Emergency Clinic Blood Bank to schedule an appointment for a **Canine Blood Donor Evaluation**.

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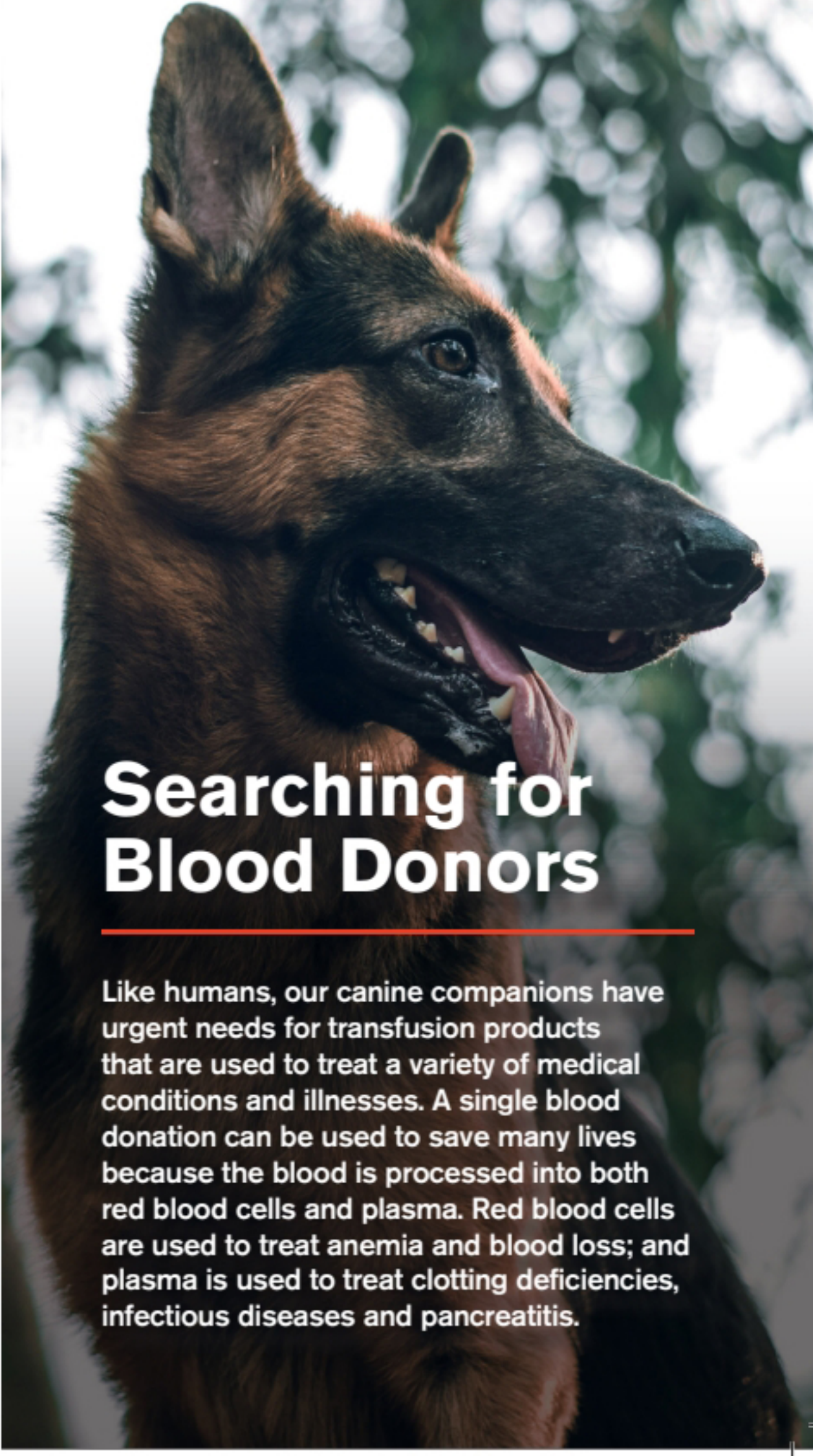
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Searching for Blood Donors

Like humans, our canine companions have urgent needs for transfusion products that are used to treat a variety of medical conditions and illnesses. A single blood donation can be used to save many lives because the blood is processed into both red blood cells and plasma. Red blood cells are used to treat anemia and blood loss; and plasma is used to treat clotting deficiencies, infectious diseases and pancreatitis.

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What is a “Canine Blood Donor Evaluation?”

An initial visit of less than an hour to the Pet Emergency Clinic will be used to evaluate your dog's physical condition and behavior; to be sure both are suitable for blood donation. A small blood sample will be drawn to determine your dog's blood type. We are especially interested in dogs with a “universal” blood type, which is uncommon, but produces less risk of a reaction when given to another dog. Your dog may or may not be chosen as a future donor, based on his or her blood type. Results for the initial blood typing can take up to one week. If your dog is chosen as a donor he or she will be screened for blood borne diseases and will move on to the next stage of the donation program.

Your donor dog, as well as all dogs in this area, benefit by having blood products available in the event of an emergency. Your dog will receive a full blood panel each year at no cost to you. Donor dogs will have a complimentary exam each time they come in to donate, but we do require that they see their own veterinarian for an annual exam and vaccinations.



There is a constant need for donors.

The more donors we have, the bigger difference we can make.

Does donation hurt my dog?

No. We use the same equipment that is used when you donate blood. Our procedure is very similar to that exacted by human standards. We clip a small amount of hair on your dog's neck to expose the jugular vein. The site is then surgically scrubbed to remove any potentially harmful bacteria, and the needle is inserted into the skin and underlying vein.

How often would my dog donate?

A canine donor can give blood as often as every 4 weeks with proper dietary supplementation, but we ask your dog to donate only once every 8 weeks. Their donation is processed into red blood cells and plasma. The red blood cells can be refrigerated for 5 weeks while the plasma can be frozen and kept for up to 1 year!

How long does donation take?

The actual donation takes less than 8 minutes. However, we spend time before and after getting the donor ready and making them comfortable. They enjoy many pats and cookies following the donation, and also an energy packed meal before they go home. The entire time we spend with your pet is about an hour. We generally ask that you leave your dog with us and go run a few errands for this time.

How much blood is collected?

450mLs of blood are collected from the donor each time they come in. This is just under 2 measuring cups.