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KATZ AND DOGS UPDATE!

LOCAL OPHTHALMOLOGIST AND VETERINARIAN DECLARE YESTERDAY'S RETINAL SURGERY ON TROY A HUGE SUCCESS

May 4th, 2009, Boynton Beach, FL.... Florida Eye Microsurgical Institute's Dr. Randy Katz successfully operated on Troy this past Wednesday, a two-and-a-half-year-old Shih Tzu who would have otherwise lost his sight. The surgery was performed at 7:00 p.m. in the evening at the Animal Eye Specialty Clinic in Deerfield Beach, and everything went smoothly.

Dr. Katz, a retinal and macro degenerative specialist in Palm Beach County, was originally asked by Dr. Susan Carastro to demonstrate how to perform retinal surgeries, and to assist her with the two dogs a week and a half ago. On April 26th, Dr. Katz started with Fozzie, a Bichon/Poodle mix who resides in Boca Raton. The surgery took much longer than anticipated, and wasn't fully completed, so Troy's surgery was rescheduled for Wednesday.

Both dogs had retinal conditions that if left untreated, would have resulted in permanent blindness. Dr. Katz, who had never operated on a dog before, decided to try and help. Dr. Carastro had asked him several times in the past and the timing had never been right.

With Fozzie, the first dog he worked on, Dr. Katz says there was some excess bleeding during the procedure, so he opted to stop and let Fozzie recuperate. "The surgery is about 60% done, and we

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need to go back in after he has time to heal.” Dr. Carastro says that healing process should take anywhere from ten days to two weeks, and then they will complete the procedure.

But with Troy, there were no complications and everything went as planned. “Troy,” says Dr. Carastro, “had a spontaneous retinal detachment springing from a genetic condition, and would have become permanently blind without corrective surgery.”

To prepare himself for the surgeries, Dr. Katz studied veterinary films of the procedure, but as far as a new career in medicine, Dr. Katz says he’s very happy with his own practice, and he’s going to stick to his human patients. “I am glad I was able to help Troy, and hopefully, Fozzie will be fine too when we finish with him.”

Dr. Katz is an experienced ophthalmologist and surgeon, having diagnosed and treated thousands of patients suffering from macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and other retinal conditions over the years. Well respected by his peers, he spends much of his time taking on cases other surgeons shy away from, specifically those involving trauma situations, newborns and young children. Dr. Katz is one of the only retinal specialists in Palm Beach County treating retinopathy of prematurity, a condition that when left untreated, leads to irreversible blindness in children.

The Florida Eye Microsurgical Institute offers a full range of comprehensive ophthalmologic care, including routine eye care and examinations, pediatric eye care, dry eyes, advanced corneal, retinal and cataract procedures, laser treatments, glaucoma and diabetic procedures, and various other sophisticated treatments. With its own pediatric wing and fully accredited outpatient surgical

center in Boynton Beach, the Institute has additional offices in Boca Raton, Wellington and Juno Beach.

Dr. Lee Friedman is the Institute's pediatric and adult strabismus specialist, Dr. Barry Schechter is the cornea and external disease specialist, and Dr. Jonathan Chua covers general ophthalmology. Dr. Jason Gorscak joined the practice this past year as an associate in general ophthalmology. For more information on the Institute, its physicians and current clinical trials, please contact Gwen Cohan at (561) 736-5050 and visit www.fleyedocs.com.

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