

“People”

Why I Did A Leslie Ash



Pamela Anderson and Jordan made the collagen pout famous, and now Leslie Ash has made the operation infamous. In fact Leslie's collagen-enhanced pout is so out of proportion with the rest of her face it's won her the nickname 'trout lips'. But should the bad publicity put people off?

Not according to top Harley Street plastic surgeon, Mr Jeya Prakash, the man responsible for Jordan's lips and her first two breast enlargements. He says there is a simple explanation why Leslie's lips appear too big.

"I think too much collagen was injected this time," he says. "In my experience people like the results the first time they have the treatment and when they go back they think having more injected will make it last longer, but that's not the case.

"A natural beauty like Leslie should never have had her lips made so big. Even allowing for swelling, Leslie's lips have been made over-sized for her face shape." Leslie herself has said: "Unfortunately there was a little bit too much put in."

When we meet Mr Prakash he is about to treat model Sherry Walker, 24, for her naturally thin lips. Sherry, from Bolton, has not been put off by celebrities who have gone for the puffy-lipped look. "The thought of them looking too big did worry me,

Think of lip enlargements and you think of Leslie Ash. But, despite the bad press, women are flocking for the injections. We follow model Sherry Walker as she has the treatment...



PUCKER JOB: Thin-lipped Sherry gets the collagen treatment. "It was quite painful," she admits. "But afterwards my boyfriend couldn't wait to kiss me"

wanted this done since I got talking to a girl and told her I wished I had lips like hers. She said she'd had collagen injected and that her lips were smaller than mine before the injections."

Sherry's first offered a choice of fillers for enlarging her lips: collagen, an animal product; Cymetra, a human body protein; or Restylane, a synthetic protein. All cost between £300-£500

Each last between three to six

months, depending on lifestyle and your own body's reaction to a foreign body being injected into it. Collagen is the oldest of the treatments.

"As it was my first time, Mr Prakash advised collagen to see if I liked the results," says Sherry.

He injected more filler into the right-hand side of her upper lip to help even her mouth out, and enough in the rest of the mouth to give her a fuller, but

not overly-dramatic look. Sherry says: "Even with the anaesthetic injections, it was quite painful. Halfway through I wanted him to stop, but I persevered."

And afterwards? Sherry was delighted with the result and went out the next night.

"All my girlfriends thought I was wearing an amazing new lip gloss, then one guy spotted I'd had a lip job done and told me I looked like Daffy Duck. After that, some people told me I was stupid because I didn't need to have them done.

"But on the brighter side, my boyfriend couldn't wait to kiss me! He had to wait a few days, though, as my lips were still a little painful, but when he did,

How to have a safe lip job

1. Check the doctor's credentials, through the British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (Tel: 020 7405 2234).
2. Avoid blood-thinning medication, or vitamins (including garlic, vitamin E oil and aspirin) for two weeks before the treatment.
3. Stop smoking and excessive drinking at least six weeks before.
4. After treatment, make time to relax. Don't party for at least two weeks.