



Newsletter

February 2019

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello 2019, here we come. I hope everyone is having a great start this year. At the end of 2018, we had a wonderful Holiday party on December 5 at the Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club. I never knew how much our veterinarians can dance and really get down, especially evident towards the end of the evening. It was a fun time with great food, music and friends. Kudos to Dr. Stephanie Jones for planning and arranging the whole evening.

For our spring social, please mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon March 10 at Jungle Island. Dr. Stephanie is planning an afternoon of fun, animal encounters and food for the whole family. BCVMA and SFVMA are partnering up- so we will have a chance to enjoy the day with our Miami veterinary community. More details to follow.

We are also planning a Happy Hour event as well and will give you details when we have them ironed out. Proceeds will benefit a charity and I am accepting recommendations. We could collect monies for the FVMA's charity to Hurricane Michael veterinarians or we could collect for AVMF or towards a scholarship for a local student going to veterinary school. Let me know your ideas.

Feel free to email me at lisafeinstein@bellsouth.net.

See you all February 13 at our next CE event at the Fort Lauderdale Country Club.

A Belated Happy New Year,

Lisa Feinstein DVM MPH



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The Board of Veterinary Medicine meets throughout the year at different locations throughout the state.

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Friday, March 1, 2019

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Please contact Linda Tinsley with any questions:

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2019 Veterinary Conference Schedule

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February 17-20, 2019

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<http://www.wvc.org/>

FVMA Annual Conference

May 16-18, 2019

Tampa, FL

<http://www.fvma.org/>

AVMA Convention

August 2-6, 2019

Washington, D.C.

<http://www.avma.org/events>

Upcoming Events

"Medical Management of Canine Hyperadrenocorticism "

Presented by: Dana L. Fertig, DVM, MS

Wednesday February 13th , 2019

Registration **6:30pm**

Dinner will be served at **7:00pm**

Lecture begins at **7:30pm**

Admission is free to BCVMA Members.

For all others wishing to attend, there is a \$35.00 fee.

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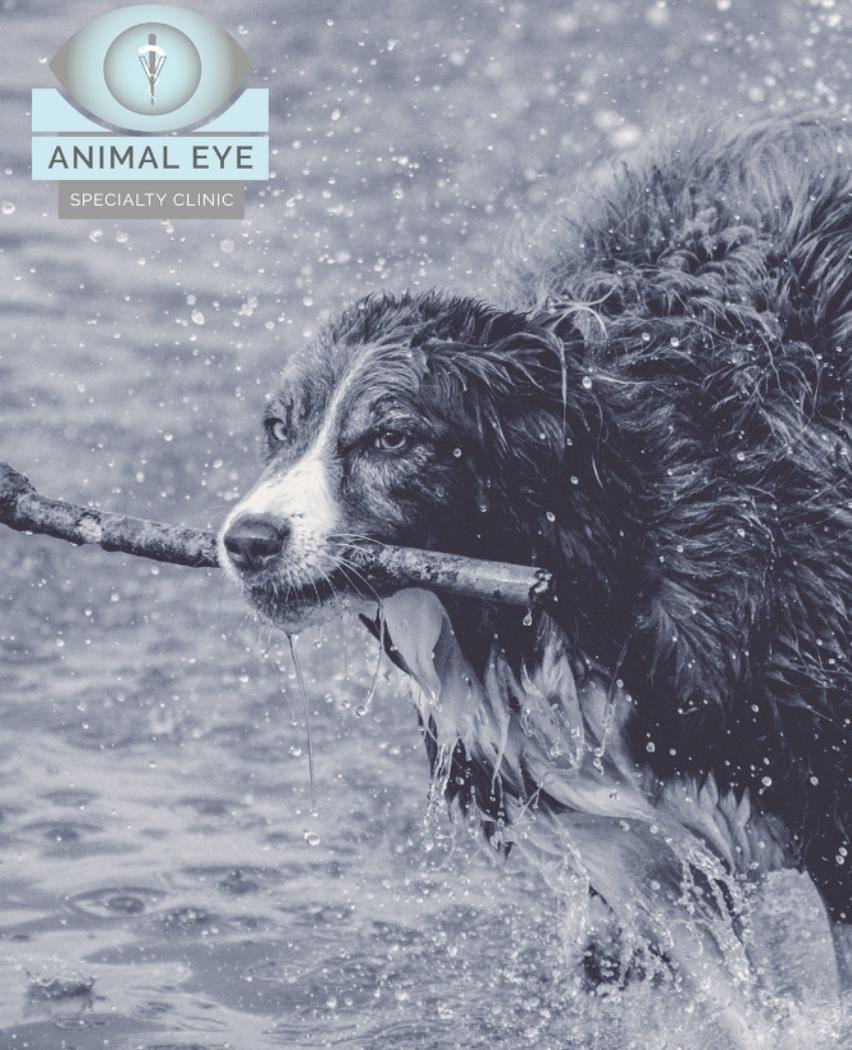
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When: Sun, March 10, 2019 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM EDT

Where: Jungle Island: 1111 Parrot Jungle Trail Miami, FL 33132

PURCHASE TICKETS

BCVMA Jingle and Mingle Holiday Party

December 5, 2018



View more photos on the [BCVMA website](#) and [Facebook page](#).



FVMA Update from Dr. Marta Lista

FVMA District 6 Representative

Hello Colleagues,

In 2018, the FVMA realized a record number of members and financial success. Our FVMA is working hard to build upon and continue these successes. Below are some highlights for 2019:

January 2019: We have strength in numbers. Last year the FVMA represented 4200 veterinarians and 1200 affiliate members. Let's all join in and approach 100% membership.

March 13-14: Annual Legislative Action Days. Our advocacy work will continue in order to advance the veterinary medical profession and promote animal health. This year we will continue to advocate on the importance of an established veterinary client patient relationship when practicing veterinary medicine in person or via telemedicine.

May 16-19: FVMA Annual Conference, Tampa FL. Members enjoy discounted rates at our world class CE events.

May 25 UFCVM Commencement. We look forward to welcoming our new colleagues and continue our work so that future generations can be afforded personal, professional and financial successes in our field.

October TBA FAEP/FVMA Promoting Excellence Symposium

December TBA TGAVC Boca Raton, FL We will be back at the Waldorf Astoria for another resort style world class CE.

In addition to the work of the FVMA, the Florida Veterinary Foundation is reintroducing the Charlie Bild visiting practitioner programs. This program offers FVMA members a valuable 2-week CE opportunity alongside UF faculty with excellent housing accommodations adjacent to the vet school. The FVMF has also been fully engaged and on the ground with relief recovery efforts for those impacted by recent hurricanes as well as preparations for any future occurrences.

FVMA is developing strategies to better serve all veterinarians. Please join me and the 4200 other vets in Florida with your membership in the FVMA.

Thank you,

Marta Lista DVM



Solar Dermatitis

William Oldenhoff, DVM, DACVD

In warm, sunny climates like south Florida, solar dermatitis is a relatively common problem. Other parts of the country do still experience this disease. I saw a case of this in a Chinese crested dog back in Wisconsin!

Pathogenesis:

Just like in humans, chronic sun exposure can damage the skin. Over exposure to UV light, in particular UVB rays, can lead to phototoxicity (sunburn) and keratinocyte damage. The UV spectrum is broken into several categories. UVA radiation (320-400 nm) penetrates deep into the skin, and is associated with photosensitivity reactions. UVB (290-320 nm) is the primary cause of sunburn, and is about 1000 times more erythemogenic than UVA radiation. Lastly, UVC (<290) is also quite damaging to cells, but is filtered out in the Earth's ozone layer. UV radiation can lead to keratinocyte necrosis, and increased levels of prostaglandins, leukotrienes, inflammatory cytokines, and reactive oxygen species. Repeated, prolonged sun damage leads to keratinocyte proliferation and DNA damage, which can lead to neoplasia. Melanin protects against solar damage by absorbing UV light and scavenge free radicals produced during sun exposure. For this reason, we typically see solar dermatitis in sparsely haired or lightly pigmented animals. Solar radiation is most intense from 9 AM to 3 PM, and 11 AM to 2 PM in particular.

Clinical Signs:

Dogs:

Lesions are often found at the bridge of the nose in dogs, or on the ventral abdomen in chronic

sunbathers. Initially, the area becomes erythematous and scaly. Alopecia, exudate, ulceration, and fissures can be seen eventually. As the lesions heal, pronounced scarring can be seen. This area of scarring is more susceptible to further sun damage in the future. In dogs with ventral abdominal solar dermatitis, follicular cysts and pyogranulomatous inflammation are also common, in addition to the findings described above. Neoplastic lesions, such as squamous cell carcinoma, can develop in time.



Chronic solar dermatosis on the ventral abdomen of a sun-bathing dog



Chronic solar dermatitis resulting in ulceration and fissure formation on the ventral abdomen



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Cats:

Lesions are usually on the ears, eyelids and nose. Typically, white or sparsely haired areas are affected. Initially, the skin is erythematous with fine scaling. With repeated exposure, exudation, crusting and ulceration can be seen. With chronic exposure, the skin becomes thickened and scarred. Secondary staphylococcal infection is common. With even more time, sun induced neoplasms like squamous cell carcinoma, hemangioma and cutaneous hemangiosarcoma can develop.

Diagnosis:

Solar dermatitis can mimic other skin diseases, which can make diagnosis challenging. If there is a clear history of sunbathing, and the lesions are limited to lightly pigmented skin, the diagnosis may be fairly straight forward. As with all dermatology cases, start with the minimum database of skin scraping, cytology and bacterial or fungal culture to rule out other causes of scaling and folliculitis. If response to empiric therapy is not seen, then biopsy is warranted for definitive diagnosis. If a skin mass is clearly evident, then biopsy would be recommended right away.

Treatment:

Prevention is the best treatment! Animals should have limited sun exposure when the sun's rays are most intense, from 9 AM to 3 PM. Dogs can be treated with sunscreens. Use a waterproof product of SPF 30 or greater that is labeled as safe for babies. Caution should be used with zinc contained sunscreens, as zinc toxicity may occur if the animal licks it off. Having the dog wear a t-shirt may also be helpful.

Oral glucocorticoids at anti-inflammatory doses may be helpful in early cases. Beta-carotene administration (50,000 IU q12hr for 30 days, then q24hr indefinitely) may be helpful in dogs. Beta-carotene use has not been well studied in cats. In animals with irreversible changes, or if the lesion has progressed to actinic keratosis or squamous cell carcinoma, more aggressive therapy with surgical removal, radiotherapy, chemotherapy, or cryosurgery may be indicated.



Squamous cell carcinoma on the pre-auricular tissue from chronic solar dermatitis

Biography:

Dr. Oldenhoff is the dermatologist at [Leader Animal Specialty Hospital](#) in Cooper City. He was born and raised in rural Wisconsin. Dr. Oldenhoff attended the University of Wisconsin for undergraduate studies and veterinary school. Following veterinary school, he worked in small animal general practice in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He returned to the University of Wisconsin for a dermatology internship and residency. After finishing his residency, he practiced in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for two years before relocating to south Florida. His clinical interests are recurrent skin infection, *Malassezia* hypersensitivity, allergies and ear disease.



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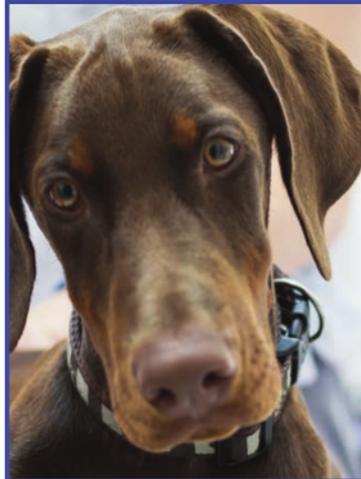
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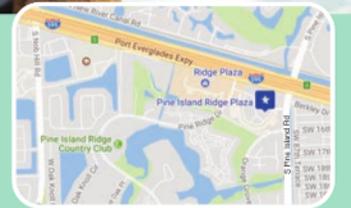
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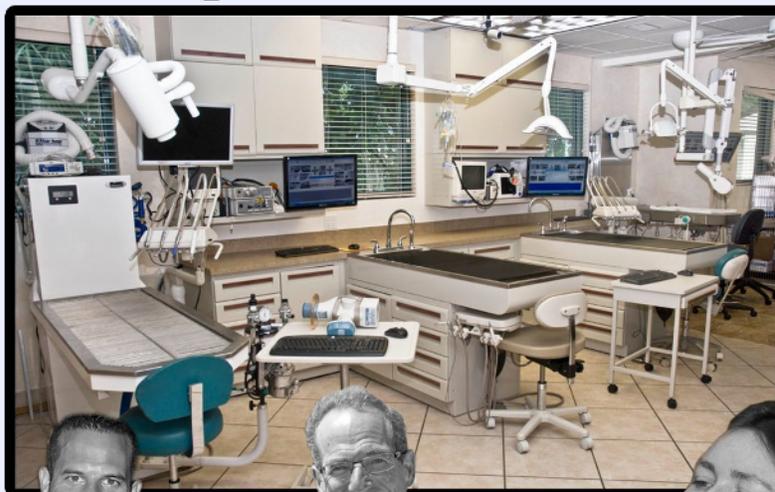
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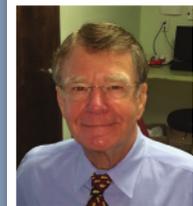
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*Taffy, the 2019 Walk for the Animals Cover Dog.
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Mark your calendars! The 2019 Spirit Walk for the Animals presented by VCA Animal Hospitals is March 2, 2019. The cover dog for the big event, appearing on walk brochures and posters is nine-year-old Taffy a miniature Dachshund who got her start in New York City. Her pregnant doggy mom was surrendered to a shelter by a backyard breeder. The shelter placed her with a foster family to care for her and her puppies when they were born. Her foster mom had a good friend named Dorothy who loved Dachshunds and was heartbroken at the loss of her own 15-year-old Doxie. Dorothy was given her choice of the puppies, and it was Taffy who stole her heart. Taffy and Dorothy were snowbirds, who have participated in the walk for many years, but now permanently reside in Davie. Taffy is a client of Dr. Clarke from VCA Imperial Point.

Taffy is taking her role very seriously and can often be seen around town in her stroller collecting donations for the big Walk. She hopes you, your staff and clients will join her and thousands of other animal lovers at Huizenga Plaza in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. The fun begins with registration opening at 8 a.m. and the 1.25 mile walk through Fort Lauderdale starting at 10 a.m. You can register now, by visiting www.Walk4theAnimals.com and start collecting donations. Last year enthusiastic walkers raised over \$570,000 for the animals and the goal is even higher this year.

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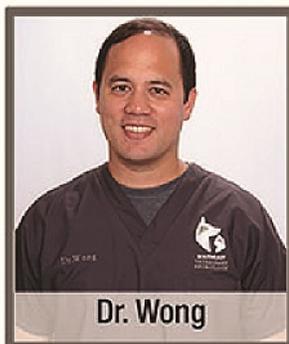
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We've been serving the local community since 1986! In this position, you'll use your superior medical judgment combined with a high level of empathy, confidence and humility to heal pets. We'll help you sharpen your edge through continuing education, and as a General Practitioner with VCA, you'll have access to our brain trust of board certified Specialists, among the many resources of North America's leader in veterinary medicine.

Our modern facility features 6 exam rooms, a dedicated dental suite with dental x-ray, and electronic medical records. Our team conducts daily huddles to keep everyone up-to-date on all patients seen in the hospital. Additionally, we have long-standing relationships with the local Humane Society and rescue groups.

As a member of the VCA family, your passion for medicine and compassion for pets and people is matched with a commitment to your professional growth. Among the reasons to consider joining VCA are:

- Network of 3,800+ doctors, including more than 600 Specialists.
- Largest provider of Private Practice Internships and Residencies in the U.S.
- WOOF University, offering abundant CE for Doctors & Staff.
- Robust Clinical Studies program.
- Opportunities to give back through strong Shelter partnerships and VCA Charities.

VCA Stirling Square adds value to your compensation package with the following:

- Competitive salary plus bonus potential.
- Medical, Dental & Vision insurance.
- Generous CE allowance.
- Opportunity to teach and mentor.
- 401(k).
- Life and Long Term Disability insurance.
- Professional Liability coverage.

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