

The New York City Veterinarian



President's Message

As we have all heard at some point in our lives, "all good things must come to an end". Serving as your president this year, has been truly gratifying and an experience that I will always cherish and take with me as I continue volunteering in organized veterinary medicine at the local and state level. I would like to thank all of the members of the board for their dedication, hard work, and their time.



Many of this year's achievements and outcomes, would not have been possible without the board's assistance and support. We were able to hire the association's first lobbyist; establish a high school Introduction to Veterinary Medicine program; and continue to provide first class CE's to the association members. I also would like to thank Linda Chiaverini, our Executive Secretary, and her staff for organizing our monthly meetings, preparing our schedule, securing our meeting space, and planning our yearly awards banquet.

This month I will be turning the gavel to our next president, Dr. Mary Buelow. I know that we will be in great hands and I look forward to serving on her board as past president. As of January 1st 2016, I will be taking over as Treasurer of the NYSVMS and finishing my last term as the VMA of NYC Representative to NYSVMS.

Thank you and happy holidays to all.

Sincerely,
Allan Bregman

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Calendar of Events

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The schedule of the VMA of NYC Continuing Education meetings for the 2015 calendar year is listed below, including the speakers and topics. All meetings will be held at Ciatelli Associates, 505 Eighth Avenue, 20th Floor, NYC. The meetings will start at 6:45 pm. Please bring a photo ID with you to allow entry to the facility. Members must register prior to each meeting.

December 2, 2015

Speaker: Bernie Hansen
North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine
Topic: Shock & Respiratory Emergency



January 6, 2016

Speaker: Michael Leib
Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
Topic: Lower GI, Pancreatic, Probiotics and Diarrhea Topics

February 3, 2016

Speaker: Karyn Harrell
North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine
Topic: Updates from ACVIM and Cool Medicine Cases

March 2, 2016

Speaker: Martha Cline
Red Bank Veterinary Hospital
Topic: Obesity

April 6, 2016

Speaker: Douglas DeBoer
University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine
Topic: Feline Dermatophytosis

May 4, 2016

Speaker: Andrea Fascetti
UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine
Topic: Cats, Carbs, Myths

June 1, 2016

Speaker: Gregg Takashima
Parkway Veterinary Hospital
Topic: Human Animal Bond

July NO MEETING

August NO MEETING

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Partners in Practice (PIP) Practical Clinical Workshops

Designed to promote sound diagnosis and effective therapies.

Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners

Continuing Education lectures are free and open to all area veterinarians. Registration is required and is done by sending an email to Dr. David Wohlstadter at david.wohlstadter@bluepearlvet.com. Dinner begins at 7:00 pm and the lectures begin at 7:30 pm. BluePearl is approved as a New York State sponsor of CE. Unless otherwise noted, lecturers are given in Queens then Manhattan and then Brooklyn at the addresses listed below.

Brooklyn

32 4th Avenue (at Pacific Street)

Brooklyn, NY 11217

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107-28 71st Road

(between Austin St. & Queens Blvd)

Forest Hills, NY 11375

Manhattan

410 West 55th Street

(between 9th and 10th Avenues)

New York, NY 10019

Liaison Committee

The Liaison Committee interacts with our local specialty hospitals, educational institutions and not-for-profit organizations and lists in this column any information which is relevant for our membership. Specifically, we highlight continuing education which is complementary to our membership. Please contact us if your hospital has information that you would like to share with our membership.



Partners in Practice (PIP) Comprehensive Clinical Conferences Sundays from 8:00 pm - 4:00 pm, unless otherwise noted.

- **Sunday, January 31:** Dentistry
- **Sunday, May 1:** Anesthesia and Pain Management

Partners in Practice (PIP) Practical Clinical Workshops Tuesdays from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

- **December 1:** Exotics Medicine and Surgery, Presented by Dr. Katherine Quesenberry

Partners in Practice (PIP) Veterinary Technician Workshops Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursday from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

- **December 3:** Aseptic Technique, Presented by Dr. Pam Schwartz



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December 7, 8, 9

Topic: Ophthalmology

Speaker: Joseph Gerding, DVM, DACVO

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Animal Medicine & Surgery Clinic. Full-time small animal veterinary position needed for 37 year established 3 DVM animal hospital in Brooklyn, New York. Experience preferred and new graduates are welcomed. Strong communication, diagnostic, medical, & surgical skills preferred. Equine work available for interested candidates. Please send resumes to schai4806@aol.com and call (917) 543-7379.

Banfield Pet Hospital is currently hiring full and part time Associate Veterinarians and Chiefs Of Staff for our hospitals on **Long Island!** We have a thriving practice with growth possibility, both in income and leadership potential. Join a team committed to practicing the highest quality preventative medicine with state of the art equipment and diagnostics, and committed, well trained paraprofessional staff to support your growth and success. We see a diverse caseload and focus on preventative care, teamwork and long lasting relationships with the pets and clients we serve. For new doctors to the practice, both experienced and new graduates, we offer up to 12 weeks of development and mentorship. Banfield offers incredible benefits, including medical, dental vision, prescription drug, life insurance, a matching 401(k) plan, CE allowance, generous paid days off and many more benefits. To hear more, or simply to see what we have available, call Nick Ball at (503) 922-5379 or e-mail nick.ball@banfield.net.

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Banfield Pet Hospital is currently hiring Relief/Locum Veterinarians for our hospitals in **Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Long Island, NY!** We have a thriving practice with growth possibility, both in income and leadership potential. Join a team committed to practicing the highest quality preventative medicine with state of the art equipment and diagnostics, and committed, well trained paraprofessional staff to support your growth and success. We see a diverse caseload and focus on preventative care, teamwork and long lasting relationships with the pets and clients we serve. To hear more, or simply to see what we have available, call Nick Ball at (503) 922-5379 or e-mail nick.ball@banfield.net.

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Greenwich Village Animal Hospital. A full-time position and a per diem position are available at Greenwich Village Animal Hospital for a New York licensed practitioner. The work week is five days, 40-45 hours/week. Experience is preferred but new graduates and interns will be considered. The candidate is expected to be able to perform the more routine surgeries, ie. spays, neuters, growth removals, etc. as well as oversee a great number of dental procedures. The pace is highly variable, with an approximately 75% canine to 25% feline breakdown. The owner of the hospital has special interest in laser-assisted surgery. Please have any potential candidates contact Dr. Tracy Sane at 212-691-1100 or 347-413-1482 or send resumes to fax 212-691-6991 or gvah504@gmail.com.

Kings Bay Veterinary Hospital. Join our modern, well equipped Brooklyn practice. We've been here 4 years and are looking to expand. We will be interviewing for energetic, smart graduates and experienced clinicians for part time work schedules. Compensation will be production based and is negotiable. Practice and live as you dreamed. We supply the facility and staff. You bring your energy and expertise. We can fulfill our goals of balanced work and family life in the great borough of Brooklyn. Contact Dr. Edward Osterman at 718-339-0557 or (c) 917-916-4012.

VETERINARIANS NEEDED

Middletown Animal Clinic. Full-Time Associate Veterinarian. Experienced Veterinarian needed for Small animal practice located in the northeast bronx. Great middle class neighborhood close to westchester county and the long island sound. Very well equipped and modern facility with great support staff and established clientele. No after hours emergencies. Medical/dental/vision and 401-k benefits. competitive salary. Two years experience preferred, but will consider all applicants. please contact Dr. Earle at 718 824-8300. or send CV to info@middletownanimalclinic.com.

Queens Animal Health is currently looking for a Veterinarian to join our team for a part-time or per-diem position located in Fresh Meadows, Queens on Horace Harding Expressway. We are looking for a energetic and great team player that works well with people. No after hours emergencies. We will be interviewing for experienced clinicians for part-time work schedules. Please email your resume along with days and hours of availability to info@queensanimalhealth.com.

St Marks Veterinary Hospital is seeking a full time Associate DVM with enthusiasm, integrity and a strong commitment to veterinary medicine to join our dedicated team. Our hospital is a busy, well-established, 5-vet practice in the vibrant East Village of NYC. In addition to treating small animals, we also see a wide variety of avian and exotic species. Our well-equipped hospital has digital and dental radiography, endoscopy, tonometry, surgical laser, in-house laboratory, and more. Our ideal candidate would have strong diagnostic and surgical skills, be self-motivated with strong communication and interpersonal skills, and have high professional standards. If you are interested in helping us care for New York City's best friends, please submit your resume to jimma@stmarksvet.com or stmarksvet@aol.com or fax to [\(212\) 475-8351](tel:(212)475-8351).

Urban Vet Animal Hospital. Manhattan Animal Hospital located in Village seeks full time, part time, relief doctor. Experience preferred but new graduate/intern trained considered. Send resume to 212-674-8600, or email to onedogtwo@aol.com.

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Williamsburg Brooklyn Clinic. Part-time or per-diem veterinarian with interest in preventive and shelter medicine needed for one or two days a week. New York State license and prior experience required. Email resume to feltonvet@verizon.net or fax to 718-388-6968.

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East Village animal hospital with space to rent out to a veterinarian. We have a large commercial 3000 square foot space that is operating and approved for small animal veterinary medicine and surgery in the East Village. Our animal hospital is fully equipped for surgery, x-ray, dentistry, and also contains a pharmacy and pet food shop. We're looking for someone to rent part of our space as we have only two veterinarians and there is space to share. This would be especially useful for a board certified veterinarian looking to build a practice around their specialty and build a clientele base in the East Village as well as veterinarians with mobile clinics who seek a home base. We are happy to discuss different ideas and exchange cases that might be mutually beneficial. Rent will be reasonable and dependent on the number of hours/ space required. If interested, please send your CV and details of what you are interested in to : veterinarianinquiry@gmail.com .

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Canine Distemper Virus Found in Raccoons from Queens and Brooklyn

During the months of September and October, the New York City (NYC) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) was notified by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation of several raccoons exhibiting signs of neurological disease in Central Queens including Forest Hills, Maple Grove Cemetery, Forest Park and Flushing Meadow Corona Park. Several raccoons collected from this area and submitted to the DOHMH Public Health Rabies Laboratory have been negative for rabies. A raccoon collected from Maple Grove Cemetery was submitted to the New York State Wadsworth Laboratory where it tested positive for canine distemper virus. This alert summarizes clinical and diagnostic information regarding canine distemper in dogs.



A second raccoon collected on September 25, 2015 near Highland Park in Brooklyn tested positive for canine distemper virus (CDV) at the New York State Wadsworth Laboratory. Canine distemper virus is a paramyxovirus and is related to human measles virus. It is most commonly identified in dogs and other canines, but can also affect mustelids such as ferrets, minks, and skunks, and procyonids such as raccoons. It is a highly contagious, systemic, viral disease of dogs with potential gastrointestinal, respiratory and neurological complications. Clinical illness in dogs can vary depending on their age and immune status. Mild illness can include fever, anorexia, fatigue, upper respiratory illness and oculonasal discharge that may mimic “kennel cough”. Severe systemic manifestations are most common in younger dogs with inadequate immunity. In addition to the signs described, dogs may go on to develop lower respiratory illness, vomiting and a watery and/or bloody diarrhea. Dogs that develop vesicular or pustular skin lesions rarely go on to develop central nervous system disease (CNS), whereas dogs that develop hyperkeratosis of the nasal planum and digital pads usually do have CNS involvement. CNS illness may develop concurrently or 1 to 3 weeks after recovery from systemic illness and is typically progressive. Signs may include myoclonus, ataxia, paresis, hyperesthesia and seizures with “chewing-gum”-like behavior. Infected dogs with minimal clinical illness that develop CNS signs months to years later are described as having old dog encephalitis (ODE). Infection is spread primarily via respiratory secretions from infected animals, and the virus can be shed for several months. The virus is sensitive to lipid solvents and most disinfectants so routine disinfection is effective in its destruction. It is inactivated by ultraviolet light, heat, and desiccation and is relatively unstable outside the host, although it has been known to survive in affected tissues or secretions for up to 3 hours at room temperature.

Infection can be prevented in dogs through routine vaccination of puppies starting at 6 to 8 weeks of age, using a canine distemper vaccine, and at 2 to 4 weeks intervals until 16 weeks of age. The vaccine is usually given as part of a combination canine vaccine. Booster protocols for older dogs may vary from annually to every three years.

Diagnosis can be made by serologic demonstration of virus-specific IgM antibodies or an increased ratio of CSF to serum virus-specific IgG antibodies. In dogs with multisystemic signs, an immunofluorescent assay can be conducted on smears of the conjunctiva, trachea, vagina, or other epithelium, or the buffy coat of blood, although results may be negative when the dog is showing only neurologic manifestations and/or when circulating antibody is present.

Clinical laboratory findings include lymphopenia caused by lymphoid depletion; regenerative anemia and thrombocytopenia may be less consistent findings. Distemper inclusion bodies may be evident in lymphocytes, and less frequently in monocytes, neutrophils, and erythrocytes. Necropsies performed on affected dogs have identified neurologic lesions of leukoencephalomyelitis, upper respiratory tract lesions of conjunctivitis, rhinitis, inflammation of the tracheobronchial tree, and hyperkeratotic lesions of the nasal planum and digital pads. Thymic atrophy has been noted in puppies affected prenatally or neonatally.

Testing is offered at the Cornell University Animal Health Diagnostic Center. For more information on appropriate specimens and submission call the AHDC at 607-253-3900. Treatment involves a regimen of supportive care that may include intravenous fluid therapy, antiemetics, and antibiotics to curb the likelihood of secondary bacterial infection of the respiratory tract. Treatment of neurologic signs may include steroids and anticonvulsants.

Dogs and raccoons infected with canine distemper virus may have a clinical presentation similar to that of rabies. Remember to consider rabies for any animal presenting with an acute, rapidly progressive neurologic illness. Rabid animals have been reported regularly in New York City. For the most recent rabies activity in NYC, visit our website at www.nyc.gov/health/rabies.

The virus is not thought to be transmissible to humans, although general precautions should always be taken when handling any suspicious animals, as infection with rabies may mimic that of canine distemper.

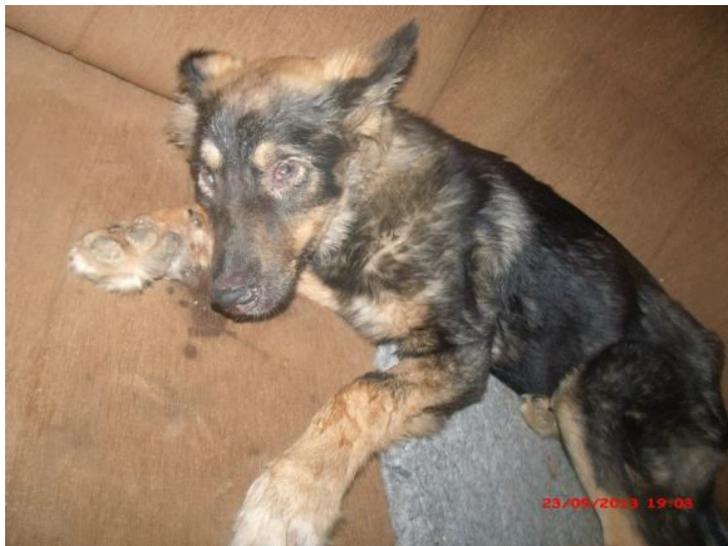


Photo of stray dog diagnosed with canine distemper virus.



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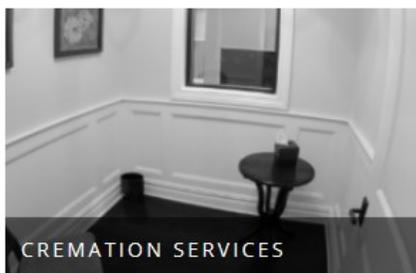
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Rabbit breeder Betty Chu, with English angora rabbit Clementina in San Jose...

Picture: Josh Freund / Barcroft USA



Bloodhounds wait to be blessed during a blessing ceremony for animals outside the Basilica of St Peter and Paul in Saint-Hubert in Belgium

Picture: Yves Herman/Reuters



A kestrel sticks out a claw towards a vole being carried by an owl. This aerial battle took place above an English field as they fought for the same prey.

Picture: Chris Castling/Solent

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*To improve and advance the education of veterinarians
and the science of veterinary medicine; to foster and maintain high
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