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## VMA NYC Newsletter



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Piggyback rides! Glenda, a four-year-old gorilla, catches a lift from her mother, Rapunzel, at the Los Angeles Zoo. Glenda and Rapunzel are western lowland gorillas, a critically endangered species native to Africa that has been hard hit by the bush meat trade and Ebola virus. On Tuesday, researchers announced [the discovery of 125,000 western lowland gorillas](#) in the Republic of the Congo. If confirmed, it would more than double the world's estimated gorilla population.

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## President's Message

By Dr. David Wohlstadter

This past December, Executive Secretary Effie Cooper retired after serving the VMA of NYC for 35 years. Effie will be greatly missed. Effie's retirement announcement prompted much discussion about who we could have pick up where she would soon be leaving off. After much discussion and interviewing, it was decided that the best fit for our organization was the management firm, Solutions Plus of New York. I would like to welcome Linda Chiaverini to the position of Executive Secretary of the VMA of NYC. Linda has big shoes to fill, but is doing a fantastic job! Already, records have been computerized and our website has been made to be more resource-full and user friendly. Please feel free to contact Linda and the rest of our new organizational team at any time.



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Goals for this year include continuing our smooth transition to Solutions Plus, enhancing our website, increasing membership, and taking coordinated action on issues facing our members and our profession.

At the March board meeting, we created a committee to address the performance of "dentals" without anesthesia by non-veterinarians. This group will be headed by veterinary dentists, Drs. Mary Buelow and Stephen Riback. The goals of this committee are to communicate directly with the New York State Veterinary Medical Society in order to maintain a consistent message and to facilitate the dissemination of information on the subject to veterinarians. This information will include when and how to contact your representative and educational materials for clients. Please let us know if you have any concerns to address. The more we work together and with other elements of organized veterinary medicine, the more we can accomplish.

The 2012 Annual Awards Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, April 21 at Bridgewaters at the South Street Seaport. I hope to see all of you there!

Sincerely,

David Wohlstadter, DVM

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## SUBMISSIONS WANTED!

**We are looking for members to submit medical articles, photographs, stories and essays. If interested, or you want to know more, please contact Sally Slavinski at [sslavins@health.nyc.gov](mailto:sslavins@health.nyc.gov)**

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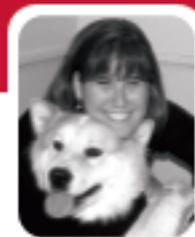
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## Nominees for the 2012 Senior High School Awards

Dr. Lisa Esposito

The VMA of NYC is seeking nominations for the 2012 High School Awards. Students who have demonstrated a commitment to pre-veterinary activities and have achieved academic excellence may be nominated.

Please send in letters of reference and a copy of the students transcript from their respective school either electronically to [info@vmanyc.com](mailto:info@vmanyc.com) or by fax to 212-721-1620 (fax)



## 2012 Westminster Recap

Dr. Mari Morimoto, WKC Coordinator,

The VMA was represented by an excellent cadre of veterinarians at the 136th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, including 6 first-timers, despite a record (high) number of cases seen and the return of PETA protesters disrupting Best in Show. This year, 2011 runner-up Malachy the Pekingese (a.k.a. Champion Palacegarden Malachy) took the coveted crown.

Unlike last year, there were no first-time breeds among any of the group winners, the others of which were: Veni Vidi Vici the Doberman Pinscher (Working Group), Captain Crunch the German Shepherd (Herding Group), Playing With Fire the Wirehaired Dachshund (Hound Group), Chelsey the Kerry Blue Terrier (Terrier Group), Caught Red Handed the Irish Setter (Sporting Group), and last but not least, Ruffian the Dalmatian (Non-Sporting Group). One prominent celebrity sighting this year was Martha Stewart with her Chow Chow GK (Champion Pazzazz's Genghis Khan), who actually took Best of Breed and competed Monday evening for Best of Group (Non-Sporting).



Malachy, a Pekingese, winner of the best in show title at the 136th Annual Westminster Kennel Club dog show, eats a chicken and rice meal at Sardi's, Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, in New York. Photo: Craig Ruttle / AP

I would like to thank my almost 30-strong crew of volunteers, especially Dr. Andrea Tu, who helped me out enormously as my second-in-command. They all had their hands full, for while in years past the majority of cases were owners trying to get a quick ticket out of the show after losing in the ring, this year we had 10 cases! Furthermore, they were all legitimately symptomatic dogs, 8 of which were permitted to leave the show immediately, including a bite wound that happened ringside. We also launched a new policy where those seeking last-minute health certificates for travel were referred to member house-call practices.

And just as we started settling into our new space in between the grooming and benching areas, I have been informed that there will be a partial venue change for next year. The daytime Best of Breed competitions will be moving to Piers 92/94 due to the ever-shrinking backstage space at Madison Square Garden. The evening Best of Group and Best in Show will remain at MSG. The dates for the 137th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show are tentatively February 11th and 12th, 2013!

## The Social Committee -WE NEED YOU!!

Dr Mari Morimoto, Chairperson

Regrettably, Dr. Mari Morimoto will be stepping down as the Chairperson of the Social Committee. During her years of service, she did an exceptional job of providing the NYC VMA membership with a multitude of outings including trips to watch the Staten Island Yankees, happy hours, and organizing the NYC VMA volunteers for the Westminster Kennel Club show. While she will still coordinate the Westminster Kennel Club show, she no longer has the time to coordinate other social events. As such, we are in need of one or more volunteers to assume the duties for the Social Committee. If you are interested, or have additional questions please contact the NYC VMA at VMANYC@aol.com .

## The Animal Health Committee

Dr Amy Attas, Chairperson

### FDA caution about chicken jerky treats manufactured in China

The FDA is reporting an increase in the past 12 months in the number of complaints from dog owners and veterinarians regarding illnesses in dogs associated with consumption of chicken jerky products –tenders, strips and treats that are from China. Symptoms reported are: decreased appetite, decreased activity, vomiting, diarrhea, sometimes with blood; increased water drinking and urination. Blood work done on affected dogs has indicated kidney failure and urine tests have indicated Fanconi syndrome. The FDA has reported that although most dogs recover some have died. The FDA and several U.S. animal health diagnostic labs are trying to determine the cause of illness associated with these products. Chemical and microbial testing has not yet identified a contaminant. Veterinarians and clients can visit the website [www.fda.gov/petfoodcomplaints](http://www.fda.gov/petfoodcomplaints) which provides information about how to report animal illnesses associated with pet foods.

### Pet Food Recall

Several companies have recalled dry dog foods after detection of aflatoxin concentrations above the acceptable limit. Veterinarians and their clients can check products and lot numbers of recalled foods at [www.avma.org/petfoodsafety/recalls](http://www.avma.org/petfoodsafety/recalls).

WOW!



Newspix via Rex USA

When her horse suddenly sunk neck deep into the thick mud of Avalon Beach in Australia, the owner held the head of 18-year-old Astro from drowning in the rising tide. Members of the fire department, emergency services, and a vet attempted to free the 1,100-pound horse over the course of 3 hours. First they tried using fire hoses, then a winch. Making little progress, the vet, sedated him so that he could be pulled out with a tractor. Throughout it all, the owner stayed waist high in the mud, calming the horse through every attempt and holding his nose above the water. Luckily they were able to pull him clear before the tide came in.

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## Liaison Committee

Amy I. Attas, V.M.D.

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. Please feel free to contact me if you or your hospital has information that would be relevant. Specifically, we highlight continuing education which is complementary to our membership and new hires in specialty areas. I invite you to contact me if your hospital has information that you would like to share with our membership at [dramy@citypetsvets.com](mailto:dramy@citypetsvets.com).

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## CE and the City

### May 19, 2012

Speakers provided by: BluePearl Veterinary Partners, The Animal Medical Center, Fifth Avenue Veterinary Specialists, and Veterinary Emergency and Referral Group. There is a \$25.00 charge per person which will be donated to NYSAVE (Save Animals in Veterinary Emergencies). Lunch and refreshments will be served. The all day seminar (9 am- 6pm) will be held at the Westin Grand Central (formerly The New York Helmsley Hotel) located at 212 East 42nd St, New York, NY 10017

For more information or to r.s.v.p. contact Dr. Dave Wohlstadter at [david.wohlstadter@bluepearlvet.com](mailto:david.wohlstadter@bluepearlvet.com).

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## News from Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners:

Continuing education lectures are free and open to all area veterinarians. There are also veterinary technician CE lectures which are open to all veterinary technicians and assistants. Registration is required and is done by contacting Dr. David Wohlstadter at [david.wohlstadter@bluepearlvet.com](mailto:david.wohlstadter@bluepearlvet.com). Dinner begins at 7 PM and the lectures start at 7:30 PM. Unless otherwise noted, lectures are given in Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan at the addresses listed below:

<p><b>Manhattan</b> <b>410 West 55th St</b> <b>(Bet 9th and 10th Avenues)</b> <b>New York, NY 10019</b></p>	<p><b>Queens</b> <b>107-28 71st Rd</b> <b>(Bet Austin St and Queens Blvd)</b> <b>Forest Hills, NY 11375</b></p>	<p><b>Brooklyn</b> <b>32 4th Ave</b> <b>(at Pacific St)</b> <b>Brooklyn, NY 11217</b></p>
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### March 2012

Surgery- Cranial Cruciate Ligament Disease: An Update On Pathogenesis and Treatment  
Tuesday March 20 Queens  
Wednesday March 21 Manhattan  
Thursday March 22 Brooklyn  
Speaker: Kelson Danielson, DVM

### April 2012

Critical Care- Updates on CPR  
Tuesday April 17 Queens  
Wednesday April 18 Manhattan  
Thursday April 19 Brooklyn  
Speaker: Meredith Daly, VMD, DACVECC

### June 2012

Behavior—Title TBA  
E'Lise Christensen  
Tuesday June 19 Queens  
Wednesday June 20 Manhattan  
Thursday June 21 Brooklyn

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## News from Animal Medical Center:

The Animal Medical Center's *Partners in Practice* Continuing Education program will host a day long conference on Sunday, May 13, "Feline Medicine- New Insights." This seminar will highlight diagnostic and treatment advances associated with feline cancer, cardiorespiratory disease, GI disease, diagnostic imaging, and IR. In addition, Dr Bonnie Beaver, an internationally recognized behaviorist, will discuss important aspects of managing feline behavior problems.

## Liaison Committee Continued.....

### VERG

Verg will be hosting a dinner lecture on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Jeff Ko, DVM, DACVA

New Developments in Anesthesia and Analgesia

Peter Luger Steakhouse, 178 Broadway Brooklyn, NY 11211. For more information or to r.s.v.p. please contact Dr.

Brett Levitzke at [blevitzke@vert-brooklyn.com](mailto:blevitzke@vert-brooklyn.com)

### Animal Endocrinology

Animal Endocrinology will be hosting a half day seminar on entitled:

*Perils and Pitfalls in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Endocrine Disease*

For more information and to register go to <http://www.animalendocrine.com/vet-resources/aec-seminars/>

#### Lecturers:

Mark E. Peterson DVM, ACVIM

#### Location:

Antun's of Westchester 35 Valley Ave. Elmsford, NY 10523 (20 miles north of NYC)

#### Date:

Sunday, March 18, 2012 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

A continental breakfast will be provided.

#### Registration:

9:00 - 10:00am

### Fifth Avenue Veterinary Specialists

Fifth Avenue Veterinary Specialists Spring CE event.

Tuesday May 8, 7p-10p

Union Square Ballroom, 27 Union Square West, New York, NY

RSVP to Monica Dunn at (212)924-3311 or [monica.dunn@vcahospitals.com](mailto:monica.dunn@vcahospitals.com)

Dr. MJ Hamilton will be speaking about "Euthanasia in Oncology Patients: Too Early vs. Too Late" discussing considerations in evaluating oncology patients relative to difficult decisions

Join us for a lecture and group discussion with interactive participation on a very relevant topic which is not commonly discussed enough.

## The Membership Committee

Alexandra van der Woerd

A total of 10 veterinarians were introduced as new or returning members of the VMA of NYC during the December meeting of 2011 and the January and February meeting of 2012. They are as follows:

#### New members December 2011

Jessica Chavkin, VMD, Dipl ACVIM

Neddie Cruz-Maldonado, DVM

Jatinder Gulani, DVM, PhD

#### New members January 2012

Sarah Jay-Atherton, DVM

Ashley Harris, DVM

Nina Mohr, DVM

Stephanie Pylka, DVM

Gamal Yousry, DVM

#### New members February 2012

Tracy Akner, DVM

Sharon Barotz, DVM

Joseph Delson, DVM

Ann Heskell, VMD

Richard Goldstein, DVM, Dipl ACVIM, Dipl ECVIM-CA

As always, we welcome these new members into our association, and hope to see them regularly at our meetings.

## Calendar of Events

### Program Committee

Dr. Mark E. Peterson, Chairman , Dr. Deirdre Chiaramonte, Dr. Sally Haddock



### April 4, 2012

Speaker: Catharine Scott-Moncrieff, DVM, Dip. ACVIM, ECVIM  
Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, Purdue University,  
Indiana  
Topic: Addison's disease; Diabetic in cats: What Do We Really Know  
about Factors that Influence Remission?

### May 2, 2012

Speaker: Justine Lee, DVM, Associate Director of Veterinary Services Pet Poison Helpline  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Topic: Top 10-20 Toxins and How to Treat Them

### June 6, 2012

Speaker: Margie Scherk DVM, Dip. ABVP  
Editor, Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery, Vancouver, BC Canada  
Topics: Advances in Feline Medicine

### September 5, 2012

Speaker: Open  
Topic: To be decided

### October 3, 2012

Speaker: Barrak M. Pressler, DVM, PhD, Dip. ACVIM, The Ohio State University  
Topic: Treatment of Proteinuria

### November 7, 2012

Speaker: Karen Rosenthal, DVM, MS, St. Matthew's University  
Grand Caiman Islands  
Topic: Exotics

### December 5, 2012

Speaker: Bruce Keene, DVM, Dip. ACVIM  
North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine  
Topic: Cardiology

Remember, our Continuing Education program is meant for our VMA of NYC members, so please do not ever hesitate to provide your input and suggestions for great speaker or timely topics to make our C.E. program the best it can be. I can always be contacted via email ([mark@animalendocrine.com](mailto:mark@animalendocrine.com)). Or feel free to call me in my office (212.362.2650) if you have any suggestions.

# Facility Accreditation Standards

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## Veterinary Facility Accreditation Program Standards

Compiled as a member resource and benefit

The NYSVMS Veterinary Facility Accreditation Program (VFAP) standards offer NYSVMS members a solid and practical foundation on which to evaluate their practices. VFAP evaluators work with hospital owners to help them ensure their facility is in compliance with acceptable standards of practice as well as with state and federal laws and regulations.\*

Membership in the NYSVMS facility accreditation program signifies a commitment to excellence in facility professionalism, appearance, maintenance, and quality patient care. Evidence of adherence to these standards is determined through an on-site evaluation by a trained and experienced veterinarian evaluator every three years.

Three-year VFAP-accredited facilities receive a door decal, are listed in the NYSVMS publication, *Veterinary News*, and receive a VFAP certificate suitable for framing that lists the practice areas evaluated. Veterinary hospitals that successfully complete a three-year VFAP evaluation may use the VFAP logo in advertising, including telephone directory listings.

In 2011, the NYSVMS executive board approved an accreditation fee of \$350 to cover program and evaluation costs. All member facilities, including AAHA members, are assessed the \$350 fee. Practices that do not employ at least one NYSVMS member in good standing at the hospital location will be assessed \$1,000 in addition to the current VFAP evaluation fee. If a veterinarian at the practice applies for membership and pays that year's state and regional dues, the \$1,000 additional fee will be waived.

Veterinary facilities owned by a lay corporation and leased to a veterinary practice are eligible for VFAP accreditation and assessed the regular evaluation fee if at least one NYSVMS member veterinarian works at the evaluated facility.

Members interested in receiving more information or in having their facility evaluated are invited to contact NYSVMS headquarters, (800) U-R NY-VMS (876-9867)

*\*Participation in the Veterinary Facility Accreditation Program does not guarantee full compliance with local, state, and federal laws and regulations.*

***To access the latest VFAP standards updated as of January 2012 please log on to the NYS VMA website and go to the information page about Facility Accreditation Standards***



## Veterinary Medicine Prorated Continuing Education Hours

So you've heard that NYS will now require 45 hours of CE for veterinarians and veterinary technicians each triennial registration period, but not sure how it applies to you? The following chart was made to help **veterinarians verify the number of CE hours due at your time of re-registration. If you are unsure of when you need to re-register, visit <http://www.op.nysed.gov/opsearches.htm>** . Once you are on this site, select your profession (veterinarian) and type in your name as directed so you can see the details of your license.

Want to get a head start on CE? You can claim 3 hours of CE by successfully completing an online quiz offered by the New York State Education Department for veterinarians and veterinary technicians. The quiz offers a series of questions that pertain to various laws, rules and regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine and veterinary technology and can be found at <http://www.forms2.nysed.gov/op/prof/vetmed/vetcetest.cfm>

Information provided by the New York State Education Department.

<i>Month of Registration</i>	<i>Year of registration 2012</i>	<i>Year of registration 2013</i>	<i>Year of registration 2014</i>
<i>Jan</i>		15 Hours	30 Hours
<i>Feb</i>	1 Hour	16 Hours	31 Hours
<i>Mar</i>	2 ½ Hours	17 ½ Hours	32 ½ Hours
<i>April</i>	3 ½ Hours	18 ½ Hours	33 ½ Hours
<i>May</i>	5 Hours	20 Hours	35 Hours
<i>June</i>	6 Hours	21 Hours	36 Hours
<i>July</i>	7 ½ Hours	22 ½ Hours	37 ½ Hours
<i>Aug</i>	8 ½ Hours	23 ½ Hours	38 ½ Hours
<i>Sept</i>	10 Hours	25 Hours	40 Hours
<i>Oct</i>	11 Hours	26 Hours	41 Hours
<i>Nov</i>	12 ½ Hours	27 ½ Hours	42 ½ Hours
<i>Dec</i>	13 ½ Hours	28 ½ Hours	43 ½ Hours
<b>Next Registration</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>

## Legislation Proposed to Require Veterinarians to Write Prescriptions for All Medications

*Note: This article was written by Sue Zizza and printed with the permission of the LIVMA and WRVMA. It was reported at the NYSVMA Executive Board Meeting, on December 9, 2011. Members are asked to send letters to their state and local representatives, opposing this bill. The AVMA link at the end of this article makes it very easy for you to register your opposition to this proposed law.*

“The Fairness to Pet Owners Act, “ HR 1406, proposes a new federal law requiring veterinarians to write prescriptions for every medication prescribed.

According to the AVMA, this bill, initially proposed back in April 2011, imposes new stipulations on veterinary prescriptions. The bill requires a veterinarian to:

1. Write a prescription whether or not he/she will dispense the products;
2. Provide a written disclosure notifying clients that they may fill prescriptions at the veterinary clinic or at an off-site pharmacy;
3. Verify a prescription electronically or by other means consistent with applicable state law.

This means that, if an owner decides to fill a prescription with a veterinarian then a consent form will need to be signed, but the client, documenting that they were advised that they have the right to fill this prescription anywhere, including with online pharmacies.

Additionally, the veterinarians may not:

- Required the purchase of an animal drug for which the veterinarian has written a prescription;
- Charge a client a fee for writing a prescription as apart of, or in addition to, the fee for examination and evaluation of a pet; or,
- Require a client to sign, or supply a client with , a waiver or liability disclaimer should the prescription be inaccurately filled by an off-site pharmacy.

The AVMA opposes this bill. NYSVMS’s AVMA representative, Dr. McCarthy, requests reaching out to the US House of Representatives, to protest the passage of this bill.

According to the minutes from the December 9, 2011 NYSVMS meeting, Walmart is going after veterinary prescriptions. If HR1406 fails, Walmart may attempt to accomplish this on a state by state basis.

NYSVMS moved to support the AVMA’s position on HR1406. Dr. McCarthy also requested letters from the NYSVMS president and regional directors, supporting the AVMA’s position. Ms. Barbara Ahern, NYSVMS/s General Council, recommends that these letters be on personal (not NYSVMS or regional) letterhead.

Dr. McCarthy also suggested that all members support the AVMA with personal letters as well.

Mr. Tom Gosdeck, the NYSVMS lobbyist pointed out that Walmart is willing to make a significant financial commitment to get similar legislation on the state level. He suggests not ignoring this possibility and that members may need to fight on both the federal and state levels.

Read more at [www.avma.org/advocacy/federal/legislative/112th/issue\\_briefs/HR-1406-Fairness-to-Pet-Owners-Act-of-2011.asp](http://www.avma.org/advocacy/federal/legislative/112th/issue_briefs/HR-1406-Fairness-to-Pet-Owners-Act-of-2011.asp)

## RABIES IN NYC—2011 SUMMARY

Dr. Sally Slavinski

This summary is of the 2011 rabies testing data from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Rabies Laboratory. The most up-to-date information regarding rabies can be found on our website at [www.nyc.gov/health/rabies](http://www.nyc.gov/health/rabies). As in the past, urgent matters regarding rabies will be brought to your immediate attention via fax or email.

Between January 1 and December 31, 2011, 12 animals from NYC tested positive for rabies at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Rabies Laboratory: 7 raccoons and 2 bats from the Bronx, and 2 raccoons and 1 bat from Manhattan. In addition, a kitten that had been rescued from a church parking lot in Livingston, New Jersey, and brought to a veterinary hospital in Manhattan also tested positive for rabies at PHL.

Throughout the US, different variants of the rabies virus exist and are maintained in their respective vectors, following geographically distinct patterns. Those vectors include raccoons, skunks, bats, foxes and coyotes. The raccoon variant is present along the Atlantic Coast and the bat variant throughout the US except Hawaii. Since the arrival of raccoon rabies in New York City in 1992, it has persisted enzootically, and raccoons remain the primary reservoir species in the City (**Table 1**). Occasionally, rabid raccoons transmit the virus to other wild animals, usually skunks. Historically, most rabid animals have been identified in the Bronx and Staten Island, with isolated reports of rabid raccoons in Queens.

A third round of trap, vaccinate, release (TVR) was conducted in November of 2011 as part of the response to the large epizootic of raccoon rabies that emerged in Manhattan during 2009 and 2010. To date, approximately 500 raccoons have been vaccinated against rabies, ear tagged and released since 2010 in an attempt to control the outbreak. The number of rabid raccoons declined dramatically, and only two rabid raccoons were reported from Manhattan in 2011.

A much smaller number of rabid bats have been found in all 5 boroughs, and it is important to note that bats are the primary vector of human rabies infections in the US. Dogs and cats are also susceptible to rabies, but vaccination and animal control have significantly reduced the numbers of rabid dogs and cats both in NYC and in the US. No rabid dogs have been reported in NYC since 1954, although dogs with the raccoon variant have been reported in neighboring areas outside NYC. Since 1992, only 12 rabid cats have been identified in NYC; among these, 10 were strays. Nassau County has been free of raccoon rabies since 2007 and Suffolk County since 2009.

Rodents (e.g., squirrels, rats, mice) and members of the rabbit family are not considered to be vectors of rabies. The one exception is the groundhog, which has tested positive for rabies in NYC (one in 2007 on Staten Island) and surrounding areas. Rabies infections in domestic rodents or rabbits should be considered only in unusual circumstances, such as when the animal has history of a bite wound and has been housed in an outdoor hutch, or when a rabies vector species (e.g., raccoon) has been observed in the vicinity.

Please review the annual summary, along with comparative data from the previous three years. For questions regarding the summary, general questions regarding rabies, or for consultation regarding rabies titer testing or rabies vaccinations for you or your staff, please contact Dr. Sally Slavinski at 347-396-2672. For acute issues during regular business hours regarding possible rabies exposures please use the main number for the Bureau of Communicable Disease (347-396-2600), and after hours call the NYC Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 or 1-212-POISONS.

This information is made available through the collaborative efforts of the DOHMH Public Health Laboratory and the office of Veterinary Public Health Services, along with the Bureau of Communicable Disease. As always, we greatly appreciate your partnership and cooperation.

**TABLE 1. Total Laboratory-Confirmed Rabid Animals  
in NYC, 1992- 2011**

Animal Species	Bronx	Queens	Manhattan	Staten Island	Brooklyn	Total Positive	Total Tested	% Positive
Raccoon	182	10	145	121	2	460	6097	7.5
Skunk	41	0	0	2	0	43	262	16.4
Bat	13	4	8	5	5	35	858	4.0
Dog	0	0	0	0	0	0	1836	0
Cat	3	0	2*	7	1	13	2852	0.5
Other**	2	1	0	3	0	6	1933	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>13838</b>	<b>4.0</b>

\*One cat from Columbia County and one cat from New Jersey were tested in NYC.

\*\*Other includes 2 coyotes (1999 and 2010, Bronx), 3 opossums (1994 and 1992, Staten Island, and 2010 Queens), and 1 groundhog (2007, Staten Island).

**TABLE 2. Annual Summary of Animals Rabies Testing Performed by**

SPECIES	BRONX		KINGS - BROOKLYN		NEW YORK - MANHATTAN		QUEENS		RICHMOND - STATEN ISLAND		OUT OF TOWN		Grand Total	
	# tested	# positive	# tested	# positive	# tested	# positive	# tested	# positive	# tested	# positive	# tested	# positive	# tested	# positive
Bat	2	2	5	0	8	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	20	3
Cat	10	0	20	0	31	0	16	0	8	0	3	1	88	1
Coyote	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Chinchilla	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Dog	7	0	4	0	12	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	28	0
Fox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Opossum	11	0	6	0	1	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	26	0
Rabbit	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Raccoon	26	7	19	0	27	1	44	0	28	0	0	0	144	9
Skunk	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>13</b>

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Two specimens were unfit for testing.

**Table 3. Animals Rabies Testing Performed by NYC Rabies Laboratory in 2011 Compared to Previous Years by Animal Species**

ANIMAL	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	# tested	# positive						
Bat	48	2	39	1	38	3	20	3
Cat	178	1	116	0	87	1	88	1
Beaver	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dog	81	0	38	0	51	0	28	0
Ferret	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fox	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Groundhog	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Coyote	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0
Monkey	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muskrat	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opossum	69	0	70	0	21	1	26	0
Rabbit	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Raccoon	315	9	292	28	339	138	144	9
Skunk	34	7	15	0	11	1	5	0
Squirrel	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>13</b>

**Table 4. Animals Rabies Testing Performed by NYC Rabies Laboratory in 2011 Compared to Previous Years by County**

COUNTY	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	# tested	# positive						
BRONX	178	13	138	15	81	18	61	9
BROOKLYN	83	1	65	0	58	2	54	0
MANHATTAN	97	0	117	12	267	123	79	3
QUEENS	244	1	204	1	107	2	71	0
STATEN ISLAND	129	4	48	1	38	0	46	0
OUTSIDE NYC	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>13</b>

## VETERINARIANS AVAILABLE

**-Per Diem or Steady Part-Time Work.** Available most Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Excellent people skills. Good practice builder. 35 years experience. References available. Contact Dr. Tobias Jungreis at 516-295-1125.

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**-Relief Veterinarian.** Experienced with excellent medical, surgical and client skills. Contact Dr. Christine Asaro at (631) 806-9343 or (718) 238-2513, or e-mail: [chrisasaaro@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisasaaro@hotmail.com)

**-Donald W. Stremme, VMD.** Experienced veterinarian (34 years) available for small animal and exotic relief work in Manhattan. Licensed (including DEA and USDA) in PA, NJ, and NY. Please send inquiry via e-mail to [CCAC-DWS@aol.com](mailto:CCAC-DWS@aol.com)

**-Experienced veterinarian available for relief work including surgery.** Please call Shirley Koshi 212-288-9088 or Email: [kitydogdoc@gmail.com](mailto:kitydogdoc@gmail.com)

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**-Full or part-time** Dr. Eduarda Krieger. NY Licensed. Seeks work at small animal practice in NYC. Phone: 917-239-3377.

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