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Animal Dermatology Clinic

Advancing the Art of Veterinary Dermatology

Feline Hyposensitization



“Hazel” constantly groomed herself due to itching caused by her allergy. Much of her fur was gone from her limbs and lower body.

In past newsletters when discussing allergic animals, it has nearly always been a dog that is the patient.

This month we present “Hazel”, a 6-year old cat from Indiana. She was seen by Dr. Lori Thompson in our Indianapolis clinic and just based on her physical appearance it was clear that Hazel was grooming a little too much. Because of the itchy sensations that she was feeling, Hazel would lick at her body to the point that much of her fur from her limbs and lower half of her body had been removed.

An intradermal skin test was performed and Hazel was injected with a series of various allergens to determine what she was allergic to and was creating the itching sensation. She reacted strongly to molds, some trees as well as a number of other allergens.

Once it was identified what Hazel was allergic to, a hyposensitization solution was formulated so that the very things that she was allergic to would now be given as injections to her. By injecting the allergen in

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Animal Dermatology Clinic Celebrates 30th Anniversary

August 2011 marks the 30th anniversary of Animal Dermatology Clinic. Dr. Craig Griffin established Animal Dermatology Clinic in 1980 seeing cases in Community Animal Hospital in Garden Grove, CA. Dr. Wayne Rosenkrantz was a recent veterinary school graduate and just completing his internship at another veterinary clinic when he became the first Resident at Animal Dermatology Clinic in 1983. Soon after, they opened their own clinic (pictured below) in that same city.

Dr. Griffin, Dr. Wayne Rosenkrantz and a small dedicated staff represented the entire company.

Today, Animal Dermatology Clinic now has 7 full-time clinics in four states and 17 satellite locations. Currently, there are 17 Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Dermatology on staff. Animal Dermatology Clinic is now the largest single group of veterinary dermatologists in the world.



Undated photo of Animal Dermatology Clinic in Garden Grove, CA.

Hazel the Cat, *continued*



“Hazel” undergoing intradermal skin testing. A patch of hair is shaved and marked for the injections.

fixed measured amounts, Hazel’s body becomes accustomed to the allergen and it no longer recognizes it as an allergen and stops the allergic response alleviating her symptoms.

Pictured below is Hazel about eight months after starting her antigen injections. Hazel’s itch level has been reduced and she has stopped grooming herself excessively and her coat is now fully restored. Antigen injections are generally a life-long regime to keep her allergies under control.

Allergy hyposensitization has been found to be successful in 70% of dogs and 60% of cats that undergo this treatment.



Calling All Groomers: ADC vets to give free seminars

This month Animal Dermatology Clinic doctors will be hosting an informational seminar to pet groomers in the Orange County, CA area.

Earlier this year, Dr. John Angus (Pasadena, CA) was a featured speaker at the Groomer Expo held in Pasadena, CA. This west coast event was attended by groomers from as far as Japan and had over 2600 attendees. Last month Dr. Joya Griffin (Louisville, KY) spoke to groomers at a similar event in Ohio.

Many groomers are eager to learn more about animals’ skin: recognizing common skin disorders and understanding the many products that are currently available and can be beneficial to pets.

These local seminars are a revitalization of programs held in the past and nearly all Animal Dermatology Clinics will be hosting a talk in their area in the future.

If you are a groomer and located near one of our fulltime clinics, please email Don Fruta dfruta@adcmg.com or call 949-936-0066 to place your name on our mailing list and perhaps discuss topics that you would like the doctor to present.

If you are a client and you believe that your groomer would be interested in these seminars, please pass this information on to him or her.

Employee Spotlight: Tami Cochran



“I have worked for the Animal Dermatology Clinic since 2001. I started out as a part time receptionist and was promoted within two years to front office supervisor. Prior to moving to San Diego I worked for four years in a large and small animal clinic in Coeur

d’ Alene, Idaho. I have added many new job responsibilities over the years, which I truly enjoy.

Working at the clinic as long as I have has given me the opportunity to really get to know our clients and their pets. It is so nice to see familiar faces and to see the progress of our special patients.

My spare time is taken up by my two Chihuahua’s named Cholo and Selena. But whenever possible I also enjoy traveling to Washington State to spend time with my two granddaughters.”

“The smart cat doesn’t let on that he is.”

H.G. Frommer

Pet Returns Home after 5 Years

Owner moved four times during that period

If you move four times in five years, it’s hard enough for the mail to find you, let alone a dog. But that’s just what one smart Shih Tzu did recently.

According to an NBC News story, Myrna Carillo lost her beloved dog Prince over five years ago in California. Since then, she got married, had two sons and moved four times.

Myrna says that Prince showed up on her doorstep and she immediately recognized her long lost furry friend. More impressively, the dog recognized her. Prince is reacquainting himself with the family and bonding with Myrna’s sons.

It is certainly a mystery and many theories abound as to how a pet can return home after an extended absence. Equally astounding are pets that have been found hundreds of miles away from home having survived only by his wits and perhaps by the kindness of strangers.

There are many amazing stories of pets that were presumed to be gone forever, suddenly reappear. A cat returned home after going missing during Hurricane Katrina and Australian dog returned home after a nine year disappearance. As for Prince, while his house may have changed four times in his absence, there seems to be no place like home.

Source: NBC News, Huffington Post

Pet Events in Your Area

The following events are listed for informational purposes only. Please contact the organization prior to attending as schedules may change without notice. Animal Dermatology Clinic has no affiliation with these events.

Brownsburg BowWOW Bash!

Saturday, August 6 10am – 2pm

Williams Park

940 S. Locust Lane

Brownsburg, IN 46112

Cost: \$5 per Human / Dogs are Free!

Mark your calendars for Brownsburg BowWOW

Bash!! August 6, 2011 10:00am to 2:00pm

The Brownsburg BowWOW Bash is a fundraiser for the Hendricks County Humane Society. 100% of the proceeds will be donated for a new dog park in Brownsburg! This event will be fun for the entire family! + 1 mile dog walk + Children's Activities + Vendor Booths + Fetch Contest + Frisbee Contest + Cutest Dog Contest + Best and more!

Surf City Animal Response Team

Sunday August 21 9:30am – 3 pm

Long Beach Marine Stadium Park

5225 E Paoli Way

Long Beach, CA 90803

Cost: FREE

Stop by this pet friendly event to learn about disaster preparedness for pets and their families.

Pet microchipping, dog agility demonstrations, vendors and much more.

Information: SCARTdonor@yahoo.com

Dog Day at the Park 2011

Tuesday, August 30 Game time: 7:05pm

Louisville Slugger Field

Fund raising event for furry friends and the Kentucky Humane Society by allowing fans the opportunity to bring their dog(s) to the ballpark on specially selected game dates.

A \$30 donation per dog to the KHS allows owners to sit with their pooch in a special section and receive a special doggie bag (1st 500 dogs only). Tickets for humans are specially discounted at \$6 per person.

All dogs must remain on a leash at all times (no exceptions). Release form must be signed.

Info: www.kyhumane.org or call 502-366-3355

Chihuahua Rescue of San Diego Adoption Event

Saturday, August 13, 10am – 3 pm

Aberdeen Dr. between Newcastle Ave. & San Elijo Ave, Cardiff By The Sea, CA

This event is a chance for people interested in adopting from the chihuahua rescue to see and interact with our rescues. Looking for something fun to do with your dog? Want a little exercise, socialization, and bonding with your dog in addition to FUN? Come enjoy dog contests, custom pet products and animal adoptions. Vendors will display the latest dog products and much, much more. Dog Days of Summer is San Diego County's largest dog-centric event, hosted in Cardiff-by-the-Sea by Cardiff 101 Main Street. This day-long event involves over 150 vendors, dog contests, live music, food, an agility course, a doggie photo booth, doggie crafts, a silent auction and large ticket item raffle. Come join the fun!

Paws in the Park

Centennial Olympic Park, Atlanta, Ga

September 25, 2011

12:00 noon to 5:00pm

Admission: visitors are Free, registered walkers - \$30 Benefiting the Atlanta Pet Rescue & Adoption

Paws in the Park dog walk and pet expo is a fun-filled day that will feature a walk around Centennial Olympic Park, canine demonstrations, vendors and entertainment. Paws in the Park will highlight the importance of healthy, active lifestyles for both humans and their pets. JOIN US, REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Registered walkers will receive an event t-shirt, walker gift bag, special walker benefits the day of the event and prizes awarded based on pledges collected. Every dollar of pledge money raised goes directly to the animals at Atlanta Pet Rescue & Adoption. APRA is a nonprofit, volunteer-based, no-kill shelter dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating and adopting homeless dogs and cats into loving homes.

For more information, please call 404-815-6680 or email info@atlantapetrescue.org.