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## New Diplomates at Animal Dermatology Clinic



Andrew Rosenberg, DVM, ACVD left and Eva Ganz, DVM, ACVD, right, new Diplomates

Animal Dermatology Clinic is pleased to announce that Dr. Andrew Rosenberg and Dr. Eva Ganz have attained Diplomate status with the American College of Veterinary Dermatology.

The path to becoming a veterinary dermatologist is a rigorous three-year program of intense study and research projects as a Resident. Acceptance into a Dermatology Residency program is for those who have completed a program of general veterinary medicine and then being selected by an approved Residency Program. Usually there are far more candidates than there are Residency positions available and it is not unusual for the number of vacant residency positions to number in single digits for the entire United States.

Drs. Rosenberg and Ganz are now part of an elite group of individuals; there are about 200 boarded veterinary dermatologists in the United States and many of these are in research or academia.

Dr. Rosenberg receives cases in the Pasadena, CA clinic. Dr. Ganz receives cases in the Marina del Rey, CA clinic.

## Holiday Dangers to Pets

Veterinary Pet Insurance (VPI) has written a helpful guide of their top five holiday dangers to pets. VPI is the largest pet insurance company and has seen it's share of claims when it comes to the holiday season and pets.

Tinsel and ornaments are eye-catching objects to pets and although tinsel itself is not toxic, these metallic strands could be ingested and become entangled in the intestines possibly resulting in death. Ornaments can be knocked down and shatter if they are glass, creating a hazard for paws. Sharp edges may lacerate your pet's mouth, throat or intestines.

Candles and holiday lighting should be kept out of pets' reach. Lighting strands can be pulled down or cords can be chewed which can cause serious mouth burns or possible death. Candles can topple which may result in house fire or hot wax burning pets' paws. Never leave a lighted candle unattended.

Gift wrap ribbon can be ingested causing intestinal problems and potentially a visit to the emergency room. Although it is colorful and festive, ribbon should not be used to wrap around your pet to create a choking hazard.

Food. Holiday food abounds and pets are enticed by the aromas of sweet and savory treats. The general consensus is that pets should not be fed table scraps but certainly avoiding chocolate, nuts and fat trimmings should be placed on your watch list. Let visitors know that pets are not to be fed, no matter how much they beg or look cute.

Holiday plants such as pine trees, poinsettias, holly, mistletoe and indoor bulbs are seasonal items that may intrigue pets leading them to be eaten. The impact could be anywhere from oral irritation to vomiting to collapse.

Take care in creating a safe environment for your pet to help ensure that all members of the household have a happy and safe holiday season. *Source: Veterinary Pet Insurance.*

## Marietta completes relocation to new building

Animal Dermatology Clinic - Marietta has completed their relocation and unpacked their boxes to begin seeing patients at their new location in Marietta, GA.

The new state of the art clinic is located at 1453 Terrell Mill Rd. SE in the Terrell Mill Village Shopping Center situated among other popular businesses and offering easy access from the I-75.

Animal Dermatology Clinic in Marietta has been in business for ten years to offer support and services to veterinarians and pets in the greater northern Georgia area and metro Atlanta communities.

Joel Griffies, DVM, ACVD and Sarah Bartlett, DVM, ACVD are the veterinary dermatologists for Marietta along with a friendly and supportive staff who look forward to welcoming you and your pet.



*Photo of the new Marietta, GA clinic located in the Terrell Mill Village Shopping Center, 1453 Terrell Mill Rd. Suite 119. The business telephone number remains the same (770) 422-2509.*

## Service Dogs Trained to Do Laundry

*Can fluff and fold be the next step?*

Service dogs are amazing creatures offering assistance to their owners who are unable to perform certain duties. Trained from an early age, service dogs learn to guide, push, pull and retrieve. It has been said that often the dog knows what to do before his owner can vocalize the command.

Now, doing the laundry can be added to the list of commands. Most of us mindlessly go through the chore of doing laundry, yet for a wheelchair bound individual, it can be a calculated task. JTM Service in the UK has taken its commercial laundry solutions in partnership with manufacturer Miele to create the Woof to Wash machine. The washer is designed to be used by assistance dogs.

A 2-year-old golden Labrador is the test pilot for the machine. The assistant dog is being trained by Support Dogs, a charity organization that provides assistance dogs for people with physical disabilities. The assistant dog opens the door, loads it from a laundry basket, closes the door and then barks to activate a voice sensor to turn the machine on.

The machine is set to work on a single cycle and automatically dispense the correct amount of detergent. The door has been fitted with a pull handle that fits the dog's mouth and he has been trained to unload the machine when the cycle is complete.

Inventor John Middleton was inspired to create the machine after he saw a video from Support Dogs where a dog strips a bed and loads the washing machine. The inventor then took it to the next step where the dog activates the machine.

Woof to Wash can also be used by people with visual impairment, manual dexterity problems or learning difficulties where the complexities of modern washing machines can be a challenge.

**“Cat Law of Selective Hearing” A cat can hear a mouse yawn a mile away, while filtering out the sound of a pleading human just six feet away.”**

**~Author: Unknown**

## Have Pet, Will Travel

If you travel with your pet, the following articles may offer some useful information for you. These articles are from the *New York Times* just in time if you expect to hit the road with a four-legged friend.

**BY AIR:** Animals traveling through Chicago on United Airlines can now stay in 28 temperature-controlled enclosures at the carrier's kennel at O'Hare International Airport. (Overnight stays are \$100.) Staff members will walk and exercise pets, and groom and bathe them on request. The facility also has vans to transport pets to and from flights. The kennel is United's third and is part of the airline's PetSafe program for animals not eligible to travel in the cabin. The carrier operates similar facilities at airports in Houston and Newark. *Source: New York Times/Tanya Mohn*

**BY CAR:** Just about anyone with a large dog can appreciate a vehicle with a large rear compartment. The trouble is, with all that space back there it can be difficult to keep things secured in one spot — particularly an animal with a mind of its own. Many dog owners buy those cagelike steel partitions that mount just behind the rear seats of a sport utility vehicle, crossover or wagon, but what if you want to drive a car that doesn't look like a mobile pet transport, the 2014 Jeep Cherokee has a solution.

Along with a cargo management system available in its all-new Cherokee, Chrysler will offer another handy accessory: a folding pet enclosure. With cloth and mesh sides — not unlike children's playpens or those pet trailers some dog owners tow behind bicycles — the tentlike enclosure clips into the floor of the Cherokee's cargo area.

The soft-sided pet compartment can be folded flat when not in use, and it comes with a carrying handle. Expanded to its full size, the enclosure takes up most of the cargo area of a Cherokee with the rear seats up. There's plenty of room for a large dog, and the driver doesn't have to worry about it jumping over the seats into the passenger compartment while the vehicle is in motion.

The cargo management system, which consists of a rack mounted in the rear compartment and various pouches and containers that can be clipped onto it, is a separate affair. So technically you could put your dog in the pet compartment and some groceries in the reusable grocery bag that clips to the rack. In practice, though — especially if there's bacon in the bag — it might be a better idea to keep the groceries up front.

The pet carrier will be available this year as an accessory through the Mopar catalog, which carries a number of model-specific goodies, like first-aid kits, performance upgrades and even a tent that connects to a vehicle's open tailgate. *Source: New York Times/Benjamin Preston*

The following is a selected list of no-kill animal shelters and rescues near you. Most of these organizations are run by dedicated, unpaid volunteers and your generous donation would be appreciated. If not monetary support, call ahead to your local shelter and see if they can use donated supplies such as pet beds, food, or equally important your time, to assist with the operations. Animal Dermatology Clinic has no affiliation with these organizations and makes no claim of endorsement. The following is for informational purposes only.

**Orange County, CA**

Animal Assistance League of Orange County  
15102 Jackson St.  
Midway City, CA 92655  
714-893-4393

A Wish for Animals  
PO Box 4954  
Dana Point, CA 92692  
949-648-7924

**Los Angeles County**

Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA  
361 S. Raymond Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91105  
626-792-7151

NKLA - No Kill Los Angeles  
[www.nkla.org](http://www.nkla.org)  
1845 Pontius Ave  
West L.A. CA  
424-208-8840

Pet Adoption Fund  
7507 Deering Ave  
Canoga Park, CA 91303  
818-340-1186

C.A.R.E.  
Cat & Canine Assistance, Referral and  
Education  
[www.care4pets.org](http://www.care4pets.org)  
P.O. Box 56631  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403  
818-685-9980

West Coast Animal Rescue  
Long Beach, CA  
[www.westcoastanimalrescue.org](http://www.westcoastanimalrescue.org)

**Indianapolis, IN**

Cats Haven  
P.O. Box 30206  
Indianapolis, IN 46230  
[www.catshaven.org](http://www.catshaven.org)

IndyCLAW Rescue  
60 West Habig Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN 46217

**Louisville, KY**

Animal Care Society  
12207 Westport Rd.  
Louisville, KY 40245  
502-426-6303

Kentucky Humane Society  
241 Steedly Dr.  
Louisville, KY 40214  
502-366-3355

**Atlanta, GA area**

Good Mews  
736 Johnson Ferry Rd., Suite A3  
Marietta, GA 30068  
[www.goodmews.org](http://www.goodmews.org)

Atlanta Pet Rescue  
4874 S. Atlanta Rd SE  
Smyrna, GA 30080  
[www.atlantapetrescue.org](http://www.atlantapetrescue.org)