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Animal Dermatology Clinic

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## ADC Employees Bring Holiday Cheer

Although the holidays are behind us there has been some residual happiness from a local Southern California family thanks to the generosity and kindness of Animal Dermatology Clinic employees.

For the past two years the staff at Animal Dermatology Clinic- San Diego has participated in an "Adopt a Family" program hosted by the Say San Diego organization. This past year the clinic was matched with a single mother, a victim of domestic violence trying to get back on her feet along with her three young sons.

Recently, letters were routed back to our Secret Santas in San Diego from the adopted family. One child wrote:

*Dear Donationers,*

*You people were the greatest people to give us the presents to us and I was happy and excited for the presents and said who gave us all these presents and it was you Donationers. I thank you for the presents.*

*Sincerely,  
Cesar*

Employees enjoy the gift-giving says Dr. Brett Wildermuth, "It has been heartwarming participating in the Adopt-A-Family program the last few years. We have been in a fortunate position to provide holiday gifts to families in need, and it has brought us as much pleasure as the families we donated to."

## Feline Scabies Notoedric Mange



*Cat affected by feline scabies.*

Notoedric mange is caused by a parasitic mite (*Notoedres cati*) in cats. This is a contagious disease and spreads to other cats by direct contact so all cats in a household will be affected if one is carrying the mite.

The mite can also affect dogs, foxes and rabbits. As with other mites in the Sarcoptes family, *Notoedres cati* can infect humans. The disease, though, is generally self-limiting, causing only temporary itching. Once the source cats are identified and cleared of the mites, other animals and humans will no longer be affected.

Diagnosis is confirmed by a physical examination, history and a microscopic examination of skin scrapings.

The symptoms of the condition are severe itching and crusting on the face,

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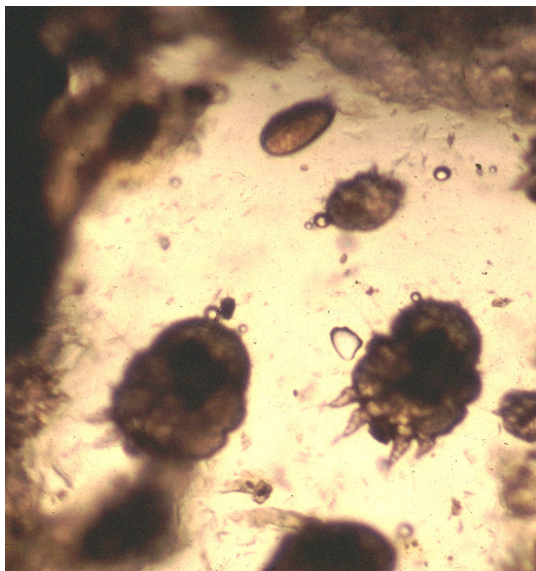
## Feline Scabies, cont.

ears, neck and legs. As the disease progresses, the mites will spread to the feet and groin.

This characteristic spread is possibly related to the cat's habit of grooming and sleeping curled up in a ball. As the disease progresses, the skin will become thickened, wrinkled, and covered with grayish/yellow crusts. Secondary infections may develop due to the intense itching as the cat scratches himself to seek relief. The surrounding lymph nodes may also become enlarged as the problem worsens.

Treatment of the mites may involve ivermectin injections or lime sulfur dips. The most common method of treatment is topical application of Revolution (generic name selamectin) and shampoos are helpful in removing the crusts. Some cats may require a sedative to be properly bathed and treated.

*Source: Canine and Feline Skin Disease, David Duclos, DVM ACVD*



*Microscopic image of mites that cause feline scabies.*

## AKC Announces Three New Breeds

The Entlebucher Mountain Dog, the Norwegian Lundehund, and the Xoloitzcuintli were the newest dog breeds recognized by the American Kennel Association. There are now 170 recognized dog breeds, the Club said.

"The AKC is delighted to introduce these three distinct breeds to the public," AKC spokesperson Gina DiNardo said in a statement. "Each loveable breed has a unique and diverse history and is a wonderful addition to the AKC."

The Entlebucher Mountain Dog was originally bred to herd cattle in the Swiss Alps, is easily trained, and loyal, the AKC noted. Like other herding dogs, the Entlebucher is high-energy and needs to run around a lot.

The Lundehund has six toes on each foot and an unusually flexible spine. This enables the dog to climb rocky cliffs to hunt puffins, a flightless bird the dogs were bred to hunt. The dogs are considered loyal but sometimes are afraid of strangers if they aren't well socialized, the organization said.

Finally, the Xoloitzcuintli, pronounced show-low-etz-queent-lee according to the AKC, is considered one of the world's rarest breeds of dogs. The dog is sometimes hairless and is sometimes coated. It is nicknamed "The Healer," thought by indigenous people in Mexico to help people who are ill. The AKC said that the breed is "attentive and calm," requiring some exercise and grooming.

## Employee Spotlight: Ken Chan



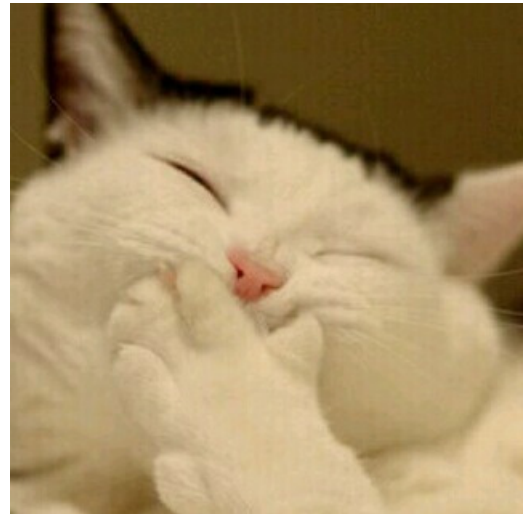
This month's Employee Spotlight is our technician Ken Chan. Ken was working for a general veterinary practice when he joined Animal Dermatology Tustin, CA in December 2006.

He continues his college studies part time to complete his degree in Animal Sciences and then pursuing certification as a Registered Veterinary Technician.

You can find Ken working in both the Tustin and Pasadena clinics. "I don't mind the drive between clinics, and besides, it gives me the opportunity to meet and help twice as many clients and their pets."

During his free time, Ken enjoys spending time with his family and his 7-year old Labrador Retriever "Brownie" and tending his numerous planted aquariums. He also likes to be active by playing sports and hitting the gym as much as possible.

## Did You Know...?



There are some unusual animal laws that have been enacted in cities across the United States. Here are but a few:

Cats in International Falls, MN are not allowed to chase dogs up telephone poles.

In Kentucky, dogs are not allowed to attack or bother cats, though they can legally fight with each other.

If you are living in the city limits of Topeka, KS, you are breaking the law if you own more than five cats at a time. In Shorewood, WI, however, no more than two dogs or cats can be owned by the same family.

In Chicago, it is illegal to take a French poodle to the opera.

In Virginia, state law prohibits a dogcatcher from bothering cats while he or she is looking for dogs.

## 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.

### Louisville, KY

FurBall 2011

Saturday, February 19, 2011

Mardi Gras theme party to raise funds for Pet Groups United, offering support to pet welfare groups in the Louisville area. Dinner, raffle tables, award presentation, music and more. \$65 per person.

Crowne Plaza Hotel

830 Phillips Ln

Louisville, KY

See: [www.petgroupsunited.com](http://www.petgroupsunited.com) or call 502-899-7387 for more information.

### San Diego Canine Cancer Walk

Saturday, Feb 19 9:00a to 12:00p  
at [Walnut Grove Park](#), San Marcos, CA

Walk with or without a dog, on a short 1 mile trail walk. After the walk, visit vendors, exhibits and listen to experts discuss cancer prevention, wellness and cancer research. All attending walkers will receive prize drawing tickets, a bandanna for their dog and an awareness band. Registrations and donations benefit Morris Animal Foundation's Canine Cancer Campaign to fund research for canine cancer.

Info: [www.caninek.org](http://www.caninek.org)

### Animal Assistance League of Orange County

Friday, February 11 11am to 2pm

Valentine Luncheon & Boutique

The Hacienda Restaurant

1725 College Ave

Santa Ana, CA \$15.00 per person

Seating is limited.

### Love Your Dog Pooch Parade

Wednesday, Feb 9 at 7:00p

at [Pershing Square](#), Los Angeles, CA

#### FREE RAFFLE!

This \$40 value includes treats for you and your pooch! The Bark & Clark Pooch Parades teach uptown manners for Downtown dogs. This class is so fun, it's more like an outing... We'll take a stroll through different parts of the city and focus on doggy's ability to deal with the public, the lively city and all the other pooches out and about. Please see their site at [barkandclark.blogspot.com](http://barkandclark.blogspot.com)

### Hobnob for Hounds

Thursday, Feb 24 6:00p to 7:30p  
at [Hobnob Neighborhood Tavern](#),  
Atlanta, GA

Meet volunteers for Mostly Mutts Animal Rescue and Adoptions and learn how you can get involved in dog rescue. Light Hors-d'oeuvres served, cash bar. This is a kid friendly event. More information at [www.mostlymutts.org](http://www.mostlymutts.org)

### DOGA (Doggie Yoga)

**When:** Every Saturday, 2:30-3:30:pm

(small dogs), 4:00-5:00pm (large dogs)

**Where:** Humane Society of Indianapolis,  
7929 N Michigan Rd, Indianapolis, IN

**Cost:** \$10

**Website:** [www.indyhumane.org](http://www.indyhumane.org)