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Animal Dermatology Clinic

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## New Resident in Indianapolis



Animal Dermatology Clinic is pleased to announce that on January 1, 2011, Dr. Darin Dell will join the team in Indianapolis, IN.

Dr. Dell graduated with honors from the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine. While in veterinary school, he learned that his adopted rough coat collie had food allergies and that began his interest in dermatology.

Most recently, Dr. Dell has worked in small animal general practice for six years and animal emergency medicine for two years before starting with Animal Dermatology Clinic.

Dr. Dell has already completed two years of his veterinary dermatology residency and will be completing his training at Animal Dermatology Clinic.

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## Juvenile Cellulitis (Puppy Strangles)

This disease often involves swelling and raised red bumps around the eyes, mouth and ears of puppies less than four months old. It is also called Puppy Head Gland Disease and the more ominous, "Puppy Strangles" and although a dog may not have actually strangled from a swollen gland, it may have given the appearance of having the potential to do so.

It is rare for an older dog to develop this disease.

The sores that develop may occasionally extend to the skin of the feet, belly, prepuce and vulva. The lymph nodes of the head, neck and shoulders may also be very large.

Often high fever will accompany the disease causing lethargy and depression as well as a loss of appetite. Some dogs may show signs of joint pain. All breeds are susceptible, but golden retrievers, dachshunds and Gordon setters are more prone to this condition.

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*Pictured above is a classic case of juvenile cellulitis with the eyes and muzzle affected.*

## New Indy Resident

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"I am very excited to begin seeing cases at Animal Dermatology Clinic Indianapolis this January. The opportunity to be able to do what I love and focus solely on veterinary dermatology is both immensely gratifying and profoundly liberating. Other exciting news is that I recently finished the data collection portion of my research project (a web-based survey on the long term outcome of allergic dogs). The preliminary data is extremely interesting and I believe it will prove very useful to our profession." says Dr. Dell.

He will be under the mentorship of the senior dermatologist, Dr. Lori Thompson, Diplomate, ACVD.

## Extended office hours now available

Animal Dermatology Clinic now offers extended office hours to better accommodate clients.

Each office will be open until 9:00pm, one day per week.

Executive Director, Sharon Galan says "There had been a number of requests to keep late hours for those who are unable to make an appointment before 5:00 due to work or family obligations. Staying open until 9:00pm, we hope will meet the needs of those clients."

Please call your preferred location and ask which weekday will be scheduled for extended office hours and book your appointment when it works best for your schedule.

## Juvenile Cellulitis

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The most common test performed to confirm the diagnosis is a skin biopsy. This procedure is often done with sedation or local anesthesia and is painless to the patient. Bacterial and/or fungal cultures are also often done to rule out other diseases that may present similarly. Juvenile cellulitis is a fairly uncommon disease, although when diagnosed early and with proper medications there is a high probability of a full recovery. Sores will resolve, but scarring is common.

Therapy involves the use of immuno-suppressive therapy generally in the form of oral corticosteroids with gradual tapering. Antibiotics are often used but are generally not necessary and rapid response is generally noted in these cases.

The cause of juvenile cellulitis is not known but infectious agents, parasites and immune system trauma potentially caused by vaccines have all been proposed and investigated.

*Source: David Duclos, Canine & Feline Skin Diseases  
Rusty Muse, DVM, ACVD & Joel Griffies, DVM, ACVD  
Animal Dermatology Clinic*



*Here is our little friend about one month after treatment. Sores are resolving and on a path to a full recovery.*

## Employee Spotlight: Jessica Lazovich



"My name is Jessica Lazovich and I have been working in the veterinary field for 10 years and am now a licensed Registered Veterinary Technician. I worked in General Practice for 5 years and gained a lot of veterinary experience in surgery and critical care.

I have been with ADC now for 5 years and I enjoy the challenges that my job brings me on a day to day basis. I look forward to coming to work every day because I am able to work with animals and enjoy educating the clients about the care of their pets.

I live with my husband, 1-year old daughter, 1 dog and 3 cats. On my time off, I enjoy going to the beach and spending time with family and friends."

*"There's just something about dogs that makes you feel good. You come home, they're thrilled to see you. They're good for the ego."*

*Janet Schnellman*

## Animal Trivia

**Question 1:** You just opened your cat's favorite food. How fast can he run to get there: (a) 20 miles an hour; (b) 30 miles an hour; or (c) 40 miles an hour?

**Question 2:** Which dog has the best eyesight: (a) Chihuahua; (b) doberman; or (c) greyhound?

**Question 3:** Has duck research at Indiana State University shown that sleeping ducks: (a) snore; (b) keep one eye open; or (c) quack in their sleep?

**Question 4:** Before leaving their homes, do one-third of pet owners: (a) hug their pets goodbye; (b) give their pets a treat; or (c) turn on a radio or TV to keep their pets company?



**#1 Answer:** The average cat can hit 30 miles an hour for a short distance. Your cat may vary.

**#2 Answer:** The Greyhound, better than any other dog.

**#3 Answer:** Ducks on the outer edges of a group sleep with one eye open. Those in the center of the group confidently close both eyes.

**#4 Answer:** Turn on a radio or TV to keep their pets company (*Health* magazine).



## Most Popular Dogs

The American Kennel Club has compiled their annual list of the most popular breeds by city for 2009. Following are selected cities in the U.S. (Registration data pulled from zip codes as specified by U.S. Postal Service.) Is your pet on the list?

### Indianapolis' Most Popular Breeds 2009

1. [Labrador Retriever](#)
2. [German Shepherd Dog](#)
3. [Yorkshire Terrier](#)
4. [Boxer](#)
5. [Golden Retriever](#)

"Just like the "Colts" on their way to the Super Bowl, the Boxer rushed from seventh place to become the fourth most popular breed in Indianapolis," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "The Bulldog disappeared from the city's top five in 2009 despite its increase in popularity in the nation."

### Louisville's Most Popular Breeds 2009

1. [Labrador Retriever](#)
2. [German Shepherd Dog](#)
3. [Boxer](#)
4. [Poodle](#)
5. [Golden Retriever](#)

"In a stunning come from behind finish for 2009, the Poodle earned fourth place in a dead heat with the Golden Retriever after starting in tenth and ninth places respectively in 2008," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "Louisville dog owners don't pick the favorites either with national top breeds like the Yorkshire Terrier, Beagle, Dachshund and Bulldog not even placing in the top 5 locally."

### Atlanta's Most Popular Breeds 2009

1. [Labrador Retriever](#)
2. [Golden Retriever](#)
3. [German Shepherd Dog](#)
4. [Boxer](#)
5. [Yorkshire Terrier](#)

"Atlanta has remained loyal to its favorite dogs over the past two years, with the same breeds remaining in the top five," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "The German Shepherd Dog and Boxer have also tussled playfully in their rankings since 2007, but this year, the German Shepherd Dog triumphed."

### Los Angeles' Most Popular Breeds 2009

1. [Bulldog](#)
2. [Labrador Retriever](#)
3. [Golden Retriever](#)
4. [German Shepherd Dog](#)
5. [Yorkshire Terrier](#)

"Angelenos pride themselves on their uniqueness and originality, and they lived up to that by making L.A. the only city to have the Bulldog rank as most popular dog," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "Despite the top four dogs being large breeds, a number of smaller pooches fill out the Top 10, including the Yorkie, Maltese, French Bulldog and Poodle, perhaps due to their prevalence as companions to the stars."

### San Diego's Most Popular Breeds 2009

1. [Labrador Retriever](#)
2. [Bulldog](#)
3. [Golden Retriever](#)
4. [Yorkshire Terrier](#)
5. [German Shepherd Dog](#)

"Residents of San Diego continued their love affair with the Bulldog in 2009," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "The popularity of the Bulldog in San Diego mirrors a national trend in which the breed's popularity has soared in the past decade."

### Long Beach's Most Popular Breeds 2009

1. [Labrador Retriever](#)
2. [German Shepherd Dog](#)
3. [Bulldog](#)
4. [French Bulldog](#)
5. [Yorkshire Terrier](#)

"The French Bulldog is an unusual favorite of Long Beach residents, ranked fourth in Long Beach but only twenty-fourth nationally," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "The German Shepherd Dog rose to second in the city for 2009, however, mirroring the national rankings."