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Animal Dermatology Clinic

Advancing the Art of Veterinary Dermatology

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Indiana Zoo Hippo Treated for Skin Ailment by ADC Doctor

'Erythema multiforme'



Photo courtesy of Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Garden

Animal Dermatology Clinic primarily treats dogs, cats and horses. In the past, there have been calls to treat other animals which have included a goat, a camel, a gorilla, and now a hippopotamus.

"Donna", a Nile hippopotamus (pictured above) had become ill with numerous skin lesions according to Dr. Maria Spriggs, the veterinarian at Mesker Park Zoo in Evansville, IN. She then contacted Dr. Chris Reeder of Animal Dermatology Clinic - Louisville to see if the veterinary dermatologist could make a "zoo call".

A visual examination of Donna by a slightly nervous Dr. Reeder was performed and he determined that skin biopsies would be needed to make a diagnosis. (A biopsy requires a skin tissue sample of the affected

area. The sample is sent to a laboratory where a microscopic layer is placed on a glass slide and the doctor can view the cellular component.)

Dr. Reeder biopsied Donna with the help of Dr. Spriggs and the zoo keepers.

The biopsies confirmed a skin disease called 'erythema multiforme' thought to have been created by a bacterial infection.

Donna the Hippo is the oldest Nile hippopotamus in captivity. She is the main attraction and celebrity of the zoo with children celebrating her birthday yearly. To learn more about Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Garden call (812) 435-6143 or visit their website www.meskerparkzoo.com



Photo courtesy of M. Spriggs

This photo shows the lesions that had developed on Donna's body.

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Hippo, continued



Detail of an affected area prior to treatment.

Erythema Multifome (EM) is a largely misunderstood disease with causes and variations being many. The most common cause in dogs getting this disease is a drug reaction, but cancer and infections can also cause reactions of this nature.

For Donna, Dr. Reeder initiated treatment with an oral medication and after about two months she was free of skin lesions and will be ready to have another birthday celebration.



Photos courtesy of M. Spriggs

Here is Donna a couple of months later. The lesions have resolved and are healing.

New Satellite Locations Planned for California Long Beach & Santa Rosa newest

Last month Animal Dermatology Clinic began a satellite location in Santa Rosa, CA which is about 55 miles north of San Francisco.

We will be working out of another specialty clinic, Eye Care for Animals, 3070 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

Dr. Jennifer Aniya will be seeing cases at this northern California location every other month. Frequency may increase depending upon demand.

Currently under construction is the newest satellite location in southern California in the city of Long Beach. Long Beach is about 20 miles south of downtown Los Angeles.

There have been many requests from clients in this area to situate a doctor in this location and no doubt will be pleased to have Animal Dermatology Clinic within a short driving distance. Please check our website www.animaldermatology.com for the official start date and address.

Dr. Laura Wilson will be seeing cases in Long Beach once construction is complete.

*Dogs are lousy poker players.
When they get a good hand they
wag their tails.*

~George Bernard Shaw

New Resident at Animal Dermatology Clinic

Another Completes Residency Program

Last month we reported that a new Resident, Tyler Udenberg was joining the group. We are pleased again to announce that another Resident has joined Animal Dermatology Clinic.

Dr. Ashley Stich begins her residency in Tustin, CA in July 2011.

Dr. Stich obtained her doctorate in veterinary medicine from the University of Missouri in 2010. She has been working in a rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. In addition, Dr. Stich brings her extensive clinical and research experience.

A native of the Midwest, she will now become a resident of Southern California for the next three years as she takes the spot of the 25th doctor to enter the residency program at Animal Dermatology Clinic.

The opportunity to enter a residency program is a highly coveted position because there are few vacancies for many doctors vying for one of those positions. Last year, there were four vacancies for veterinary dermatology residents in United States with estimates of up to 40 doctors seeking a dermatology residency.

Dr. Sarah Bartlett of our Marietta, GA location completes her residency this month. She will take her board examinations this summer and will continue her veterinary profession in Florida.

Originally from the Southeast, Dr. Bartlett will be now be joining her husband who is currently employed there and has established their new home.

All cases currently seen by Dr. Bartlett will now be under the care of Dr. Joel Griffies.

Top 5 Reasons Why Your Dog is Not Using the Computer



- 1. Irritated that you have a screensaver of the cat.**
- 2. Disables the mouse after covering it with saliva.**
- 3. Still trying to figure out how to stick his head out of Windows 95.**
- 4. Believes that using the computer is too nerdy for him. But the cat, on the other hand...**
- 5. Tski&78 { sj3#^ ls;l >mn**

Summer Fun

It's summer and maybe you and your dog need get out for a little fun? This month's list are selected dog activities in your area. Some are free, some require a fee and proof of current vaccinations, so please call ahead and inquire about requirements. Animal Dermatology Clinic has no affiliation with these venues and are listed for informational purposes only.

Please note that not all dogs are swimmers. Know your dog's capabilities before entering the water.

Atlanta, GA

Atlanta Dogworks
1690 Julius Bridge Rd
770-735-6200

15 acres of dog fun including a 24 x 40 ft pool. Every Saturday from 1 - 3pm the pool is open to all dogs for a \$10 fee.

Other amenities available. Please go to www.atlantadogworks.com for more info.

Westfield, IN

Bed n Biscuits
3809 West St. Rd 32
317-867-BONE

A full service pet boarding and dog park facility. A doggy pond is available on-site on this 5 acre facility. Open daily. One day visit is \$12 with package rates available for other services. Please see their website www.bednbiscuits.us for hours of operation, rates and photo gallery.

Louisville, KY

Louisville Dog Run Association
Sawyer Dog Park
3111 Freys Hill Rd.

Located in the 369-acre E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park. No water activities available but plenty of space to run off-leash and divided for small and large dogs. Lots of trees offering shade. Permits required starting at \$30 for the first dog. More information at info@louisvilledogs.com

San Diego, CA

Dog Beach at Ocean Beach

No entrance fee or parking fee to let your dog frolic in the waves! Bring your favorite doggy outdoor toy and doggy bags for clean-up. On weekends this popular site can have up to 100 dogs, so be watchful to maintain control.

Orange County, CA

Dog Beach at Huntington Beach

On Pacific Coast Highway between Seapoint Ave and 21st St. One mile of sand and sea for your dog to splash and play in the waves of the Pacific.

Open everyday from 5am - 10pm and parking is metered at \$1.50/hour. More details and information can be found on their website www.dogbeach.org

Sun Valley, CA

10268 La Tuna Canyon Rd
818-768-8708

Los Angeles County does not have dog beaches, but there is a dog resort offering a water park, grooming, training and boarding. Rates start at \$49 a night for new clients. Many package rates available. See their website for details and more information www.paradiseranch.net