

# Derm Digest

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Animal Dermatology Clinic  
Advancing the Art of Veterinary Dermatology

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## Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus pseudintermedius:

*“This boo boo is not going away!”*

Staphylococcus (staph) pseudintermedius is the most common bacteria found on dogs. This bacterium is a normal resident bacteria that happily lives on most dogs and rarely presents day-to-day problems. If there is a break in the skin barrier, then the bacteria can take advantage and overpopulate leading to infection.

Common antibiotics are usually the solution to these infections, but a small percentage of dogs may develop a skin infection caused by methicillin resistant Staphylococcus pseudintermedius (MRSP). MRSP does not cause more damage or worse disease than regular Staphylococcus, rather it is resistant to commonly used antibiotics and is more difficult to eradicate.

To confirm if a poor response to antibiotics is due to methicillin resistance, the veterinarian will take a sample for culture from the infected area and submit it to a microbiology laboratory. There, the lab will grow the bacteria and determine which antibiotic will be most effective in clearing the infection. Based upon the lab results, the veterinarian will then prescribe an antibiotic to treat the infection often in combination with topical antiseptic solutions (baths, rinses, wipes and sprays).

Often the plan is to gain control of the infection and then formulate a plan to discover the cause of skin irritation and begin treatment for that disease. MRSP is most common in pets with recurrent skin infections due to underlying causes such as allergies. Additionally, dogs that have had previous courses of antibiotics are susceptible to MRS.

MRS only affects animals and rarely causes infections in people, but those with immune compromised systems, the elderly or the very young should take extra caution after handling a dog with MRS by washing hands well and always before meals. The risk is low, but if a non-healing skin wound develops, see your physician.

## Dr. Andrew Rosenberg wins Resident Award at Derm Convention



Dr. Andrew Rosenberg, third-year resident at Animal Dermatology Clinic was recognized for his presentation of “Evaluation of azithromycin for the treatment of ciclosporin-associated gingival overgrowth in dogs” at the North American Veterinary Dermatology Forum (NAVDF) held in Louisville, KY last month.

The NAVDF is the annual meeting for veterinary dermatologists from across the United States to convene and learn of the latest findings and trends in veterinary dermatology.

It is also the forum used for dermatology residents to present their case study projects to their peers.

Dr. Rosenberg’s presentation was deemed the best among all other presenting residents as decided by the American College of Veterinary Dermatology research committee. He received a cash prize of \$1,000.

Dr. Rosenberg concludes his residency program this summer and will sit for his board certifying examination to become a Diplomate in November.

He sees patients in Tustin and Palm Desert.

## Former ADC doctor continues Derm career in Germany

From San Diego, CA to Germany has been the path taken by our former doctor Brett Wildermuth.

Dr. Wildermuth worked at Animal Dermatology Clinic - San Diego from 2003 to 2011. During that time, he completed his dermatology residency and successfully achieved Diplomate status with the American College of Veterinary Dermatology.

*Tierdermatologie Dr. Wildermuth* translates “Animal Dermatology Dr. Wildermuth” where he practices with his wife Kerstin Wildermuth. She too, is a board certified veterinary dermatologist who is also a native of Wiesbaden, Germany, the location of their practice.

Animal Dermatology Clinic and its dermatologists are very well known and respected internationally. Especially so in Germany since veterinarians who are interested in learning more about dermatology have taken European School of Advanced Veterinary Studies (ESAVS) courses in neighboring Austria, taught in part for many years by Animal Dermatology Clinic dermatologists Drs. Wayne Rosenkrantz (Tustin) and Craig Griffin (San Diego).

“My knowledge attained during my time as a partner with Animal Dermatology Clinic has been invaluable in Germany. Not only from a medical perspective, but also from the perspective of how a successful, modern dermatology specialty practice should be run,” says Dr. Wildermuth.

“Learning the German language has been and is extremely challenging, but also rewarding. The Germans have a lot of respect for Americans who learn German, as they know it is a very difficult language for an English speaker,” he says.

Dr. Wildermuth is missed by the staff and clients and wish him *Glück!*



Dr. Brett Wildermuth, from his website, [www.tierdermatologie-wildermuth.de](http://www.tierdermatologie-wildermuth.de)

## Atopic or allergic dermatitis most common health condition for dogs in 2012

Veterinary Pet Insurance (VPI) has released information of the most common ailments that were submitted for claim. For the first time, atopic or allergic dermatitis took the number one position on the list, replacing the usual otitis externa which is now listed second.

VPI researched its database of more than 485,000 insured pets and compiled the 10 most common medical conditions affecting pets, resulting in atopy as the top claim. Here are the top five for dogs and cats:

### Dogs

1. Atopic of allergic dermatitis
2. Otitis externa
3. Pyoderma/hot spot
4. Benign neoplasia (hystiocytoma)
5. Gastropathy

### Cats

1. Feline cystitis or FLUTD
2. Periodontitis/dental disease
3. Hyperthyroidism
4. Chronic renal disease
5. Gastropathy

It is interesting to note that the top four medical conditions listed for dogs are potential patients for Animal Dermatology Clinic if the condition persists or becomes chronic.

Even though cats are common patients at Animal Dermatology Clinic, according to VPI's list dermatology claims did not make their top ten list.

# Pets age faster than people



Determine your pet's "real" age.

ACTUAL AGE	AGE IN HUMAN YEARS	ACTUAL AGE	AGE IN HUMAN YEARS*
1	15	1	15
2	24	2	24
3	28	3	28
4	32	4	32
5	36	5	36
6	40	6	42
7	44	7	47
8	48	8	51
9	52	9	56
10	56	10	60
11	60	11	65
12	64	12	69
13	68	13	74
14	72	14	78
15	76	15	83
16	80	16	87

cat

dog

Pet ages are approximate calculations. Ask your veterinarian for your pet's age in human years.  
\* Based on a medium-sized dog weighing 21-50lbs. Many other factors, including weight and breed, may influence the aging process.



Dogs and cats age faster than people, and major health changes can occur in a short amount of time. Some pets can be considered "senior" as early as 6 years of age, and these pets can develop many of the same medical problems seen in older people. Pet preventive healthcare exams help your veterinarian diagnose, treat and prevent many health problems before they become life-threatening.

Regular pet preventive healthcare exams are necessary to help your pet live a longer, healthier and happier life. Talk to your veterinarian and schedule your pet's preventive healthcare exam today!



The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has released this informational poster showing the differences of pets' aging in human years. The AVMA encourages pet owners to schedule regular preventative healthcare exams for a healthier and happier pet.

## 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.

### Indianapolis, IN

**Monday, June 3, 2013 6PM**

#### Pet Pride

#### Garfield Park

Circle City IN Pride is proud to announce the 3rd Annual Pet Pride Presented by the FACE Spay and Neuter Clinic on Monday, June 3rd, 2013. Pet Pride's focus is to bring together the community and their pets for what promises to be a barking good time! This event is free and open to the public. All pets must be on-leash and attendees will be asked to register before entering the festivities. This year's Pet Pride will feature a Red Carpet Fashion contest for our pets, adoptions opportunities from local animal shelters, amazing food vendors, puppy play pools, lots of fabulous vendors, and 8 raffles for a \$25 gift certificate to **Barkefellers!** The categories for this year's Red Carpet Fashion Show are Pet/Owner Look-A-Like, Most Creative, A Face Only A Mother/Father Could Love and Most Couture. Go to [www.circlecitypride.org/pet-pride](http://www.circlecitypride.org/pet-pride) for more information and on-line entry forms.

### Louisville, KY

**Tuesday, June 11, 2013**

#### Dog Day at the Park

#### Louisville Slugger Field

Every summer the Louisville Bats host the very popular Dog Days at the Park at Louisville Slugger Field. These events raise money for our 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. Fans making a donation of \$3 per dog to the Kentucky Humane Society sat with their pooch in our very own V.I.P (Very Important Puppies) section and received a special doggie bag (1st 500 dogs). Tickets for humans were specially discounted at only \$6 per person

<http://www.kyhumane.org/pressandevents/annual-events/dog-day>

### Lawrenceville, GA

**Sunday, June 23 10 AM – 7:00 PM**

#### Dog Fest 2013

Admission: \$5 adults, \$2 children, children 5 and under free

Benefiting: Non-profit/Money for facility

We hope everyone will come out and show us support! This fundraiser will be huge! We have agility demos, obedience demos, protection demos, live music, educational seminars, detection demos, tons of pet vendors, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, face painting for children, children amusement games, cutest pet contest (winner wins 6 months free grooming!), cutest summer outfit (winner picks prize!!), tons of free stuff, door prizes, pet adoptions, and so much more!!! Please follow the event on facebook for updates

<https://www.facebook.com/events/459419330801599/>

For more information, please call (770)272-6357 or email [khloe.and.victorian@gmail.com](mailto:khloe.and.victorian@gmail.com).

### San Diego, CA

**Saturday, June 8, 2013 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

#### PAWS San Diego, Fiesta Celebration

#### 1048 Myrtle Way

#### San Diego, CA 92103

One of the premiere pet events in San Diego, PAWS celebrates their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as they continue their mission of helping low-income pet owners with pet food and vet care for their companions. Entertainment provided by Third Coast Jazz. Attire requested is classy, casual outdoor dress. Well behaved, leashed dogs are welcome! VIP reception with champagne, specialty hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and music, live auction and awards and so much more. Tickets for general admission start at \$75 and \$100 for VIP tickets. Call 619-297-7297 for more information.

### San Dimas, CA

**Saturday, June 1, 2013 7:30 AM – noon**

#### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Paws for Health Dog Walk

#### Bonelli Park

The Inland Valley Humane Society & S.P.C.A presents their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual – A Paws for Health Dog Walk. Join pet owners and pet supporters as they participate in a 1 ½ mile walk for animals at the West Picnic Area of Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park in San Dimas. The annual IVHA and S.P.C.A. Dog Walk is the biggest pet walk in the Inland Valley. From 7:30AM to noon, you will be entertained with games and activities for both you and your dog which include sponsor booths, a Vendor Village filled with dozens of pet boutiques and pet information booths, a pancake breakfast, music and so much more! All funds raised by this event will go directly to the animals at the Inland Valley Humane Society & S.P.C.A. Please call 909-623-9777, ext 605 to register to walk in this event.

### Irvine, CA

**Saturday, June 1, 2013, 10 AM – 4 PM**

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Pet Adoption

#### Irvine Animal Care Center

#### 6443 Oak Canyon

Join the Irvine Animal Care Center and more than 50 animal care agencies and rescue groups for Orange County's largest pet adoption event. More than 800 adorable and adoptable dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, rabbits and small animals will be looking for their forever homes. Plus, dozens of vendors will offer great deals on a plethora of products for you and your pet. Last year, 353 animals found homes and this year's goal is 400 lives saved. With your support, we can do it! Please check back frequently for the most current event information. Info: [http://www.cityofirvine.org/cityhall/cs/animalcare/events/super\\_pet\\_adoption.asp](http://www.cityofirvine.org/cityhall/cs/animalcare/events/super_pet_adoption.asp)