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Animal Dermatology Clinic

Advancing the Art of Veterinary Dermatology

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## Doctors of ADC Active in Dermatology College

The American College of Veterinary Dermatology (ACVD) is the official specialty organization accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association in 1982 and charged with maintenance of high standards of postgraduate training in veterinary dermatology. The purpose of the ACVD is to advance and promote excellence in veterinary dermatology, oversee postgraduate training in veterinary dermatology, sponsor research, and organize scientific and educational programs for both veterinary dermatologists and general practitioners.

The ACVD is empowered to examine qualified candidates and confer Diplomate (board certification) status in veterinary dermatology. Board certification requires completion of a 2-3 year approved residency training program, an original research project, publication in a scientific journal, and successful completion of the certification examination. Currently there are only 221 ACVD board-certified dermatologists *worldwide* who work in private specialty practices, academic positions, and industry.

Currently the Animal Dermatology Clinic is home to 17 of these ACVD diplomates and they are in our various locations throughout California, Georgia, Kentucky and Indiana. In addition to the ongoing active research that our doctors perform, ADC doctors have been and continue to be the most active group of dermatologists giving of their time and efforts in serving the ACVD as well as international groups of organized veterinary dermatology. Currently ADC has doctors that are serving the following capacities within the ACVD:

**Dr. Rusty Muse (Tustin, CA)** - Secretary of the ACVD and will assume the role of President of the ACVD in 2012. As Secretary, Dr. Muse is also on the ACVD Executive Board. He has also been chair of the Credential's Committee and Chair of the Research Funding Committee.

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## Food Allergy



*Severe skin changes with secondary infection of a food allergic dog. The intense itching as well as the chronic infections cause the thickening and pigment changes on the skin.*

An allergy is a condition in which the body reacts adversely to substances such as pollens, dusts, molds, mites, fibers or foods.

A food allergy is usually caused by eating the offending food substance for months to years. Pets do not become allergic to a particular brand of food, they become allergic to specific ingredients found in the food.

An intradermal skin test may reveal an environmental allergen that is causing discomfort to your pet, unfortunately a food allergy cannot be identified with proven accuracy via allergy testing (blood or skin testing). A food trial is conducted where the pet is fed only foods (commercial or home-prepared diets) that have never been previously fed. For example, diets such as a Potato & Rabbit diets can be used as food trials, since it is highly unlikely that most dogs have been fed a regular diet containing rabbit. During these trials other proteins are eliminated from the diet. In many cases multiple food trials may need to be done to find a diet to which the pet is tolerant. Home-prepared food trials when done well, are perhaps the best diets. If the pet's condition improves, single additional ingredients are added to the diet to see if an allergic reaction occurs.

## American College of Veterinary Dermatology, continued

**Dr. John Angus (Pasadena, CA)** - Chair of the Education Committee, one of the three standing committees of the ACVD. The Education Committee is charged with oversight of the educational programs training residents in the US and Worldwide.

**Dr. Colleen Mendelsohn (Upland, CA)** - Chair of the Credentials Committee, the second of the three standing committees of the ACVD. The Credential's Committee is charged with monitoring and reviewing as well as approval of the qualifications of the candidates to qualify and sit for the examination to become a diplomate.

**Dr. Mona Boord (San Diego, CA)** - Has served as the Chair of the ACVD Resident's Forum for many years. The Resident's Forum is an organized two day event put on by the ACVD and serves as a source of continuing education and advanced training for ACVD residents.

**Dr. Lori Thompson (Indianapolis, IN)** - Currently serves as one of the five members of the Education Committee.

**Dr. Chris Reeder (Louisville, KY)** - Currently serves as one of the five members of the Credential's Committee and is also on the AAVD/ACVD Interaction Committee.

**Dr. Rudayna Ghubash (Marina del Rey, CA)** - Just finished a 4-year participation as a member of the Credentials Committee.

**Dr. Allison Kirby (Marina del Rey, CA)** - Currently serves on the Finance Committee of the ACVD.

The two founding diplomates of ADC, Dr. Craig Griffin and Dr. Wayne Rosenkrantz have both served on many committees of the College and both

are Past-Presidents of the ACVD.

In addition, there have been 20 Diplomates that have received the Award of Excellence which is given out annually to recognize an outstanding College member that has contributed to education and science of veterinary dermatology and has served the College in various capacities. Both Drs. Griffin (2001) and Rosenkrantz (2007) have received this distinguished award.

In addition to the ACVD, several of the dermatologists at ADC have been involved with the World Association for Veterinary Dermatology (WAVD).

**Dr. Wayne Rosenkrantz (Tustin, CA)** is currently on the Board of Directors of the WAVD and serves as the member at large for North America. He is also on the fundraising committee for the 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology (WCVD7) to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia in 2012.

**Dr. Rusty Muse** is the Chair of the Publicity Committee for WCVD7 and is responsible for all aspects of the publicity for the meeting throughout the world.

So it is clear that not only are the doctors at ADC actively involved in helping their patients live more comfortable lives but also are committed to helping promote veterinary dermatology and serve the organizations to which they belong. We are pleased and proud that our doctors are recognized around the country and the world as being leaders in all aspects of the world of veterinary dermatology.

The holidays are upon us and often accompanying the celebrations are food. Who has a pet that is interested in what we're eating? Probably, most of us.

For a pet that has food allergies or is on a food trial, taking extra care in watching their food intake is important. Any deviation from the prescribed diet could derail the food challenge.

As you have probably guessed, a regular diet of table scraps for your pet is not recommended. Although your pet may enjoy eating table scraps, many veterinarians suggest that it is too fatty for the digestive systems of most animals. Here are a few tips to keep in mind during this season food and celebration:

- Chicken and turkey bones are highly dangerous; they can splinter and puncture the stomach or intestines.
- Don't fill the dog's bowl with table scraps. Most are too fatty for an animal's digestive system.
- Don't give chocolate to your dog; it can be toxic.
- Make sure to put garbage into tightly covered cans to prevent your dog from giving into temptation and making a meal of your discards.
- Call your vet if your pet shows signs of stomach upset – diarrhea or vomiting.

## Employee Spotlight: Cori Anderson



If you call the Marina del Rey clinic, one of the friendly voices that you will hear is that of Cori Anderson.

"I have been working as an employee her at Animal Dermatology

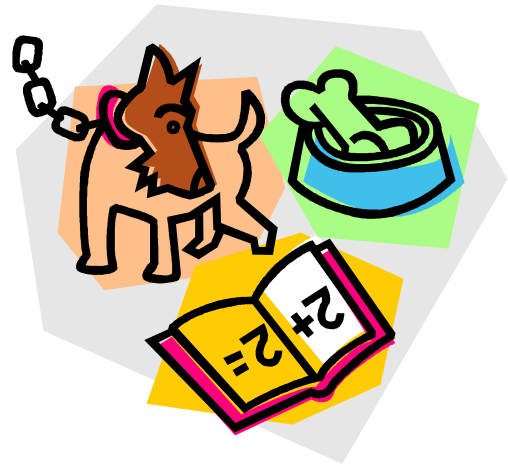
Clinic for 9 1/2 years. I started as a receptionist and then I was promoted to a Front Office Supervisor. I just recently got married on October 2nd to the love of my life. I look forward to many happy years with my husband...and many more happy years at ADC!"

"When a dog wags her tail and barks at the same time, how do you know which end to believe?"  
- Anonymous

## Submit your pet's photo

Go to our website [www.animaldermatology.com](http://www.animaldermatology.com) and upload a photo of your pet. Look on the left column and click on Pet Gallery. There you can see those who have posted their pet's photos. Click on the link to fill out the information form and upload your picture. We've love to see it!

## Did You Know?



French poodles did not originate in France. Poodles were originally used as hunting dogs in Europe. The dogs' thick coats were a hindrance in water and thick brush, so hunters sheared the hindquarters, with cuffs left around the ankles and hips to protect against rheumatism. Each hunter marked his dogs' heads with a ribbon of his own color, allowing groups of hunters to tell their dogs apart.

Ailurophobia is the fear of cats. Julius Caesar, Henry II, Charles XI, and Napoleon all suffered from this and would nearly faint in the presence of a cat.

A dog's whiskers are touch-sensitive hairs called vibrissae. They are found on the muzzle, above the eyes and below the jaws, and can actually sense tiny changes in airflow.

A polecat is not a cat. It is a nocturnal European weasel.

## Pet Events Happening in Your Area

Events listed for informational purposes only. Animal Dermatology Clinic has no affiliation with these events. Venue may change without notice.

### Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade

**When:** Dec 12, 2010 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
**Sunday**

**Where:** 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, between L & E Streets  
**San Diego, CA 92101**

The annual Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade will be taking place in the Gaslamp Quarter on Sunday December 12th, 2010 from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. San Diego pet owners and their pets will be invited to dress up in their best holiday costumes and march up Fifth Avenue and under the famous Gaslamp Quarter Arch. This event has been an absolute hit since its debut in 2008, and attracts entries from around the county.

### L.A. Kings & Pucks for Pitbulls!

**When:** Nov. 11

**Where:** Staples Center, Los Angeles

Take in an L.A. Kings hockey game at Staples Center and help needy pit bulls find loving homes all at the same time at Pucks for Pit Bulls. Game starts at 7:30 p.m.; tickets can be purchased online at:

[www.lakings.com/pucksforpitbulls](http://www.lakings.com/pucksforpitbulls), with prices starting at \$32. A portion of proceeds benefit local groups Dawg Squad Animal Rescue, Downtown Dog Rescue and Karma Rescue.

### Kitten Adoption Fair

**When:** Saturday, Dec. 11

**11:00a to 4:00p**

**Where:** Irvine, CA

At Passionate Pet in Irvine, CA MeowzResQ has partnered with Passionate Pet for Adoption Events All Weekend! 8871 Teller Ave., Irvine, CA 92612 (One block north of Jamboree in between Campus and Dupont.)

MeowzResQ is a 100% volunteer run, non-profit organization that rescues cats and kittens in the Southern California area.

### Great Indy Pet Expo

**When:** Saturday, November 13-14, 2010

**Where:** Toyota Exposition Hall - Indiana State Fairgrounds; 1202 E 38th Street

Bring your pet to visit local pet supporters and animal welfare groups for a fun-filled day all about your pet. Stop by IndyHumane's booth to learn more about our organization and get your IndyHumane retail items.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Paws for Cocktails - ATL

**When:** Thursday, Nov. 11, 5:30pm - 9pm

**Where:** Park Tavern

10th St & Monroe Dr, Midtown Atlanta  
A fun and lively event for Atlanta Pet Rescue & Adoption. There will be a silent and live auction of over 120 items. Purchase Lite Bites and Drink ticket while entertained by celebrity guests and emcees.  
Pet psychic, great deals on holiday gifts, trivia, raffle, prizes and giveaways!

### PICTURE YOUR PETS WITH SANTA Benefiting KY Area Animal Groups!

**When:** Dec 4 & 5 and 11 & 12

**Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Sundays, 12-4 p.m.**

**Where:** All area Feeders Supply stores

Get professional portraits of your furry friend with Santa during the Kentucky Humane Society's 23rd annual PICTURE YOUR PETS WITH SANTA...and help thousands of homeless pets in the Kentuckiana area! Same day photo service!

Photos are offered in various packages starting at only \$12. Personalized gift items, including ornaments, mugs, key chains and more, featuring your pet's photo also are available starting at \$9.

Proceeds benefit the Kentucky Humane Society, HOPE for Pets (Bullitt County, Ky.), Floyd County Animal Rescue League and Animal Protection Association of Clark County.

