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### **Animal Dermatology Clinic Marietta Announces the Opening of a New Location in Cherokee County.**

**June 11, 2014 – MARIETTA, GA** – Animal Dermatology Clinic Marietta, Inc announces the opening of a new satellite location in Cherokee County, GA. Dr. Joel Griffies will begin seeing appointments twice a month at Cherokee Veterinary Emergency & Referral Center, 7800 Highway 92, Woodstock, GA 30189.

Dr. Griffies is a *board certified* veterinary dermatology specialist as recognized by the American College of Veterinary Dermatology and the senior veterinary dermatologist at Animal Dermatology Clinic in Marietta, GA. More than just a special interest in skin disease, board certification means that a veterinarian is a true specialist who has completed a residency, completed research in the field, published in peer reviewed journals and has passed a rigorous board certification exam. Dr. Griffies has been with the Animal Dermatology Clinic group for the last 15 years and at Animal Dermatology Clinic, Marietta for 12 years. He and his colleague Sarah Bartlett, DVM, Dip. ACVD are the only *board certified* veterinary dermatologists practicing in Cobb and Cherokee counties.

“Diagnosing and managing skin disease is like being a detective,” says Dr. Griffies. “Many skin diseases look the same, so it often takes a combination of looking closely at lesions present and listening carefully to what pet owners tell us about how the problem developed and where it started.”

While many dogs and cats suffer from allergy and parasite infestations like fleas and ticks, Dr. Griffies describes that management of skin disease and itching is much more than just a blood test or dispensing the latest drug. “Without a good understanding of the disease or problem than a particular pet has, many drugs or even allergy shots fail. When we instead take the time to understand what disease they have, our success increases exponentially”.

As a veterinary dermatology specialty practice, Animal Dermatology Clinic performs such services as intradermal allergy testing, in-house cytology evaluation from skin samples, video otoscopy on challenging ear cases and CO<sup>2</sup> laser surgery.

Animal Dermatology Clinic Marietta is proud to be a part of the Animal Dermatology Clinic group, a collection of *board certified* veterinary dermatology specialists with locations in Indiana, Kentucky, California and Australia. Founded in 1980 by Dr. Craig Griffin, Animal Dermatology Clinic, is the largest group of veterinary dermatologists across the globe with nine full time clinics, 28 satellite facilities, and over 30 doctors. For more information, please visit the website at [www.animaldermatology.com](http://www.animaldermatology.com) or call 770-422-2509.