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Animal Dermatology Clinic

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Malassezia otitis “Ears looking at you, kid”

A number of patients who visit Animal Dermatology Clinic often have issues with their ears. Owners report that their pet will constantly shake his head or scratch at their ears. Many of these pets will have an odor or discharge emanating from the ears. These are often symptoms of otitis externa, an inflammation of the outer ear canal.

Many of the cases of otitis externa are complicated by yeast infections. Often these ear problems are a result of a primary disease such as allergies, keratinization defect, hormonal influences or parasitic problems and the bacterial and yeast organisms are not the true “primary” cause of the otitis. *Malassezia pachydermatis* is the most common yeast found in diseased ears and while a normal ear will have evidence of this yeast, a red and inflamed ear will have high numbers of yeast. (See photo, page 2) To determine the amount of yeast present in the ear, the veterinarian will carefully swab the outer canal, transfer the exudate to a glass slide and view the sample with a microscope.

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Ear mites in action! Visit our website to see a video of mites in a cat's ear. Dr. Allison Kirby of our Marina del Rey office captured the microscopic arthropods during an examination of the feline.

New location in Louisville KY



Photo courtesy of LVSES

Animal Dermatology Clinic - Louisville will now have two locations to serve you starting September 9, 2011.

Louisville Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Services, 13160 Magisteral Dr, Louisville, KY 40223 will be the new veterinary hospital where dermatology cases will be seen. This large modern facility is nearly 14,000 square feet and is open 24 hours for emergency care.

Scheduled days for dermatology will soon be announced. If you would like to make an appointment at our new location, please call 502-240-0947.

Drs. Chris Reeder and Joya Griffin are both Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Dermatology and look forward to seeing you.

ADC Doctor Completes Ironman Race



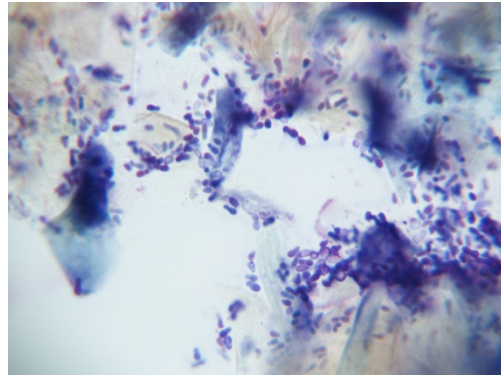
Dr. Chris Reeder of our Louisville, KY clinic recently competed in an Ironman race held on August 26 in that city. More than 2,500 entrants were scheduled to compete.

There are 23 Ironman Triathlon qualifying races held worldwide for the Ironman World Championships. This grueling competition requires a 2.4 mile swim, 112-mile bike and a marathon run of 26.2 miles raced in this order without a break.

This grueling event has stopped many competitors and to complete the Ironman Triathlon is physical and mental victory in itself.

Dr. Reeder is an avid fitness enthusiast and has been training for many months leading up to this event. He completed the swim in 1 hr 26 min, the bike race in 6 hr 11 min and the marathon 6 hr 3 min. His official total time was clocked at 14 hours, 7 minutes.

Otitis, *continued*



Malassezia pachydermatis organisms taken from a dog's ear. Viewed under the microscope, they are the purple shapes that look like peanuts or small footprints

The treatment of otitis externa consists of therapy for the existing *infection* and also for the *underlying condition* that allowed it to develop.

Long standing infections may require an ear “flush” to remove debris and is best performed under general anesthesia. During this procedure the doctor will use a video otoscope for a detailed look in the ear canal. This allows for a thorough assessment of the eardrum and canal, and to remove all the material that is present.

A medical treatment for otitis usually requires the pet owner to be actively involved in the process. Thorough cleaning of the affected ears is important while being mindful of using a deft touch in this delicate area. If a medicated liquid solution is prescribed, the doctor will give instructions how to apply and massage the pet's ears to get good application. Finally, oral medications may be prescribed.

Employee Spotlight: Lindsey Lachner



“I began working at ADC Pasadena in October of 2009 but have been a technician for 6 years. I received my Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from Cal Poly Pomona in 2008 but decided to pursue a career in Veterinary Medicine. I have put Veterinary School on the back burner for now, but know that if I do decide to become a vet, that I would want to specialize in Dermatology.

I really enjoy interacting with our clients and patients. It is a very rewarding experience to come to work every day and see the improvement of our patients because of our care. I am from, and currently reside in Pasadena with my Pug and Exotic Shorthair cat, both of whom have Environmental Allergies and are also patients at ADC.”

No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as a dog does.

- Christopher Morley

Groomers Invited to Derm Seminar

San Diego, October 9

Following on the success of the seminar that was recently offered to pet groomers in Orange County, CA, another meeting is now scheduled on October 9 for pet groomers in the San Diego area.

Dr. Mona Boord will be the speaker at this informational lecture offering tips, techniques and discussion of shampoos available for groomers when dealing with a pet that has a skin condition. A question and answer session will follow.

All pet groomers are welcome to attend this free event, there is no cost to attendees. Food and drinks will be available prior to the lecture.

If you know of a groomer who might be interested in attending, please pass this information on to them, or ask them to use the Contact Form on the Animal Dermatology Clinic website www.animaldermatology.com

Additional groomer seminars are anticipated for Indianapolis, IN, Louisville, KY and Marietta, GA.

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.

Marietta, GA

Saturday, Sept 10 10am – 4pm

Cobb County Animal Control Adopt-a-Thon
1060 Al Bishop Dr, Marietta, GA 30008
770-590-5620

Food, raffles prizes, rescue groups, police K-9 demonstrations, vendors and more! Help them win the ASPCA \$100K Challenge by adopting your new best friend!

Carmel, IN

Sunday, Sept 11 11am – 6pm

Dog Day Afternoon/Woofstock!

The Humane Society for Hamilton County is very excited to announce the combination of our two biggest events - Dog Day Afternoon and Woofstock! Dog Day Afternoon will take place on Sunday, September 11 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m at the Carmel City Center (the courthouse area by the fountains and lawn). Everyone can come be a part of the day filled with shopping, live entertainment on the Woofstock stage, contests and great family fun! We will also celebrating by hitting the trails for our dog walk, Parade of Paws. To sign up or for more information visit carmeloggday.com For more information, please email dbeck@hamiltonhumane.com or call 317-219-3324.

Los Angeles, CA

Saturday, Sept 24 Registration 8:30am

Strut Your Mutt at Pan Pacific Park

7600 Beverly Blvd (near The Grove)
Benefit for Best Friends Animal Society.
Individuals \$30 (\$35 day-of), Couples \$50
One mile dog walk with doggie festival afterwards. Trainers, doggie yoga and massage, photo opp's, pet specialists and more.
Info: events@bestfriends.org or 435-644-4481

Huntington Beach, CA

Sunday, Sept 25 9:00am, event day registration
7:30am – 8:45am

Huntington Beach Central Park East
Orange County SPCA Walk for the Animals
The 14th annual event! Vendors, pledge prizes, drawings and silent auction. 5K/2K events call 714-374-7738 or visit www.orangecountyspca.org for details.

San Diego, CA

Surf Dog Surfathon 2011

Sunday, Sept 11 8am – 2pm

North Beach (Dog Beach) in Del Mar, CA
Fund raising event for the Helen Woodward Animal Center. Owners and pets will surf in events based on weight and class. Lots of fun activities and vendors.

Thousands expected to be in attendance with media covering this exciting event. Visit surfdog.kintera.org to get more details to participate or make a donation.

Louisville, KY

Saturday, Sept 17 9am – 3pm

Bark in the Park at Seneca Park
Pee Wee Reese Rd & Cannons Ln near Soccer Field

Benefit for Animal Care Society 8th Annual Bark in the Park and Woof Walk. \$25 donation per walker, early registration, \$30 day of event. Your participation will help provide Animal Care Society with the much-needed funds to continue their mission of giving homeless animals a second chance.

Vendors, crafts for the kids, contests and much more.

Call 502-426-6303 or www.animalsociety.org