New Clinic Location:
Larchmont - Los Angeles, CA

Animal Dermatology Clinic has opened a new clinic location in Los Angeles in the popular neighborhood of Larchmont Village. The address is 428 N. Larchmont Blvd.

The first scheduled days of operation were July 16 & 17 and the clinic will maintain a Wednesday - Thursday schedule until further notice. Additional days will be added as the anticipated appointment demand increases.

The Larchmont clinic will offer convenience to new and existing clients who may be driving to the Pasadena or Marina del Rey locations. The addition of this location brings the total to 22 satellites for Animal Dermatology Clinic, in addition to the eight full-time clinics.

For questions or to make an appointment at Larchmont, please call 323-463-4228.

Directions to Animal Dermatology Clinic - Larchmont:
• Driving south on the 101 Fwy., exit Vine. Go south to Melrose Ave, turn left to N. Larchmont Blvd, turn right.
• Driving north on the 101 Fwy., exit Melrose Ave. Go west to N. Larchmont Blvd, turn left.

2nd Dermatology Forum for Veterinarians
September 18 - 21, 2014

Hotel del Coronado will be the venue for the 2nd Annual Dermatology Forum for Veterinarians. Last year nearly 100 veterinarians from across the United States attended this inaugural ADC sponsored dermatology conference.

This year offers new topics, a cytology wet lab and a special session for veterinary technicians.

There will be plenty of social activities to balance out your time in lectures, all with fabulous weather and within steps of the Pacific Ocean and fabulous weather.

See www.adcannualderm.com to review the list of scheduled classes and to register. We look forward to seeing you!

Dr. Meng Siak becomes Fellow of ANZCVS (Dermatology)

Dr. Meng Siak of Animal Dermatology Clinic Perth successfully passed all parts of his examinations and is now a Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (Dermatology). He is the first Australian candidate to pass the examination in the first attempt in the last five years.

Dr. Siak graduated with honors from Murdoch University Veterinary School in 2006. He then spent one year in private practice in North Queensland, Australia. He returned to Murdoch for his dermatology residency and completed the program in 2012 at Animal Dermatology Clinic Perth.

He receives cases at both the Murdoch University Veterinary Hospital and at Perth Veterinary Specialists.
Dr. Mona Boord (Animal Dermatology Clinic - San Diego) participated in the 2013 European Society of Veterinary Dermatology & European College of Veterinary Dermatology (ESVD - ECVD). This was the 26th annual congress and was held in Valencia, Spain. The following are the summaries of the presentations from Dr. Boord.

Lasers in Veterinary Dermatology from Theory to Practice
A laser can be an important investment, depending on the commonly performed procedures, and can help build business through improved patient experience and enhanced public image. Lasers are usually named for the lasing media (e.g., CO$_2$, argon, krypton). The laser beam's wavelength, a specific characteristic of the lasing media, is responsible for how its energy interacts with target tissue. Therefore, each tissue or procedure may require a different laser type. The CO$_2$ laser is preferred for most dermatology procedures. There are safety concerns to consider. The plume of smoke created by tissue vaporization may contain harmful viable organisms and requires removal via smoke evacuator. In addition, surgical preparation should not include flammable products (e.g., alcohol), as the generated heat may cause fire. Burns are possible if care is not taken to incise only the desired tissue. However, lasers help expedite surgical procedures, improve healing, and decrease postoperative pain (compared with traditional surgery). Most photothermal lasers seal small blood vessels while cutting (decreasing bleeding). As the laser energy vaporizes the tissue instead of crushing or tearing, there is less postoperative swelling and inflammation.

Surgical Treatment of Chronic Pododermatitis
Chronic pododermatitis, a common disease in the dog, refers to inflammation of the interdigital skin, folds, claw folds, claws, haired skin, pad junction, and/or pads. Pathogenesis, including primary, secondary, predisposing, and perpetuating factors, must be addressed to achieve treatment and avoid recurrence. Deep folds and fibrotic nodules protect and perpetuate secondary bacterial infections. Abnormal weight bearing can occur as the patient no longer walks on the pads but on the haired interdigital skin. Finding the underlying cause (e.g. food allergy, atopy, insect hypersensitivity) is imperative. Antimicrobials or corticosteroids are often needed to control allergic disease. Surgical removal of interdigital nodules or deep interdigital folds (i.e., fusion podoplasty) may be necessary if chronic factors cause abnormal weight bearing and deep follicular cysts prevent continued improvement. This salvage procedure may provide marked improvement in the quality of life and decrease in recurrent disease. Partial fusion podoplasty may also be an option if only part of the paw is diseased.

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Dr. Mona Boord graduated from the University of California Davis in 1992. She completed her residency with Animal Dermatology Clinic and became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Dermatology (ACVD) in 1997. Dr. Boord is co-owner of Animal Dermatology Clinic where she maintains special interest in claw disease, surgical dermatology, equine dermatology and dermatological laser procedures. She is a member of the Veterinary Surgical Laser Society and has lectured at the following locations: Western States Veterinary Conferences, Indiana State Veterinary Meeting, ACVD, and the University of Vienna in Austria. Dr. Boord's accomplishments continue with her contribution as contributing author of Kirk's Current Veterinary Therapy XIII and Current Therapy in Equine Medicine V.
RESIDENT PROJECT UPDATE:
Veterinary dermatology residents often rely on the veterinary community as a source for clinical research and research study projects. The following information has been provided by two residents of Animal Dermatology Clinic identifying an opportunity for patients to participate in their study projects.

Canine Claw Cytology: Kimberly Lo (Tustin, CA)
We are looking for patients to enroll in a new study investigating cytological collection techniques and prevalence of *Malassezia* yeasts and bacteria in claws of normal and allergic canines. The overall purposes of this study are a) to compare claw fold cytology collection via toothpick, acetate tape, and impression smear and b) to evaluate the prevalence of *Malassezia spp*. yeasts, bacteria, and inflammatory cells in canine claw folds.

We are looking for “normal” patients for our controls, as well as atopic and/or cutaneous adverse food reaction dogs with and without clinical evidence of paronychia/overgrowth. If you have patients that might fit into the study, please contact Dr. Kimberly Lo at our Tustin clinic to discuss the inclusion and exclusion criteria. E-mail: infotustin@adcmg.com. Phone: (949) 936-0066.

CLIENT INCENTIVE: Enrolled patients will receive an examination and diagnostic cytology at no cost to owner.

Incidence of Feline Parasitic Mites in the Ohio River Valley: Catherine Milley, DVM (Louisville, KY)
This resident research study currently in progress has two goals. The primary goal is to find the incidence of feline parasitic mites in the Ohio River Valley region, specifically we are looking to determine if *Demodex gatoi* can be found this far north as it has not yet been reported in this region. The second goal is to gather enough evidence to compare methods of mite retrieval from cats that have been parasitized. Because cats are such fastidious groomers it is often difficult to find evidence of mites as we suspect they are often groomed off.

This study is comparing skin scraping, acetate tape preparation, flea combing, ear swabs, and fecal flotation as methods of mite retrieval from cats. Our study population consists of cats that are being brought to monthly spay/neuter events which are held in Louisville by Alley Cat Advocates- a non-profit organization that provides humane treatment for unowned cats in the community.

Evaluation of Dermatophytosis Screening Tests: Charli Dong, DVM (Pasadena, CA)
We are looking to recruit suspect dermatophytosis cats for a research study on evaluating dermatophytosis screening tests. The purpose of the study is to find the quickest, non-invasive, and most accurate diagnostic screening test for dermatophytosis. The inclusion criteria are: 1) has to be a cat, 2) suspect dermatophytosis, and (3) no antifungal treatment. E-mail: cdong@adcmg.com Phone: (626) 577-8181.

CLIENT INCENTIVE: Clients will be offered a discounted examination fee, diagnostic screening tests at no charge, and be educated on decontamination techniques. Diagnostic screening tests performed will include: Wood's lamp, direct examination of hairs, dermoscopy (specialized magnifying camera), and fungal culture.
SPEAKING EVENTS
The doctors of Animal Dermatology Clinic are frequent lecturers across the country and internationally. Below are some recent and upcoming events. Check the website event calendar as we continue to add dates.

European School of Advanced Veterinary Studies (ESAVS) Dermatology III
Vienna, Austria July 21 - August 1, 2014
Dr. Wayne Rosenkrantz (Tustin) and Dr. Craig Griffin (San Diego) will be leading a one-week course covering an extensive list of dermatological disease, clinical signs and diagnosis. Case discussion and a wetlab are included.

City of Angels Veterinary Specialty Center
9599 Jefferson Blvd. Culver City, CA 90232
August 27, 2014 6:30P - 8:30P
Dr. Allison Kirby (Marina del Rey) will be offering a lecture to veterinarians “So You Have a Methicillin Resistant Infection, Now What?” The objective of this talk is to discuss the recent information regarding methicillin resistance and current therapeutic topical and systemic options. Call 310-558-6125 for reservations. Sponsored by Zoetis.

Valley of the Moon Winery
777 Madrone Rd, Glen Ellen, CA
August 26, 2014 7P
Dr. Andrew Rosenberg (Pasadena) will be presenting “Approach to Flea Allergy Dermatitis” to local veterinarians in the area. This event is sponsored by CEVA and Sogeval.

Dog Groomer Seminar
San Diego, CA
August 26, 2014 6P-8P
Dr. Kacie Stetina (San Diego) will be offering a lecture “Topical Treatment and Common Skin Disease” to pet groomers in the San Diego area. This seminar will help groomers identify common skin diseases that they may encounter. Steps, guidelines and description of topical therapies and application of shampoos that a veterinarian may have prescribed for a pet.

Advanced Veterinary Specialists Group
Hands On Wet Lab for Veterinarians
2965 Edinger Ave, Tustin, CA 92780
November 16, 2014 8:00A - 4:00P
The veterinary specialists of AVSG are slated to offer their all-day Wet Lab for veterinarians. Topics from each specialty dermatology, internal medicine, oncology, surgery, dentistry and more will be offered in this round-robin format with 8 to 10 doctors per group. Breakfast and lunch served and CE credit for sessions. Notification will be sent out when sign-up opens. Coordinated with the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association.

Chicago, IL
September 11, 2014
Dr. Darin Dell (Indianapolis) will be presenting the entertaining and informative “How to Win Friends and Influence People with Shampoo”. This talk emphasizes the importance of shampoo therapy and the avoidance of common pitfalls in prescribing shampoo. The lecture will offer extensive discussion and information on the active ingredients commonly found in shampoo. Event is sponsored by Dechra.

Southern Veterinary Conference
Birmingham, AL
August 7 - 10, 2014
Dr. Joel Griffies (Atlanta) will be lecturing at the Southern Veterinary Conference on four areas of veterinary dermatology on August 7 from 12 noon - 5:15P.
This conference will offer a wide of variety of veterinary medicine and business management lectures. To register or to review the program agenda see www.svconline.com