



# Palm Beach Veterinary Society NEWS

**Palm Beach Veterinary Society, Inc**  
P.O. Box 211655  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33421  
**Phone: 561-755-PBVS (7287)**  
Fax: 561-790-3059  
Email: [secretary@pbvs.info](mailto:secretary@pbvs.info)

## SPRING 2023

### *President*

Dr. Steve Simmons

### *Vice President*

Dr. Karina Salvo

### *Treasurer*

Dr. Steve Simmons

### *Secretary*

Dr. Leanne Browne-Feldman

### Inside the Issue

- 2 PBVS Information
- 2 CE Schedule
- 5 Knowing The Causes Behind Stomatitis
- 11 Relief Veterinarians
- 13 Florida Bills To Watch For 2023

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

**May 4, 2023**

### Location

Mayacoo Lakes  
Country Club

### Topic:

**Feline Infectious  
Peritonitis**

6:30-9:30 pm

Entry Fee: Free to 2023 Paid  
[www.pbvs.info/events](http://www.pbvs.info/events)

## Vet Society Members

Dear Palm Beach Vet Society Members,

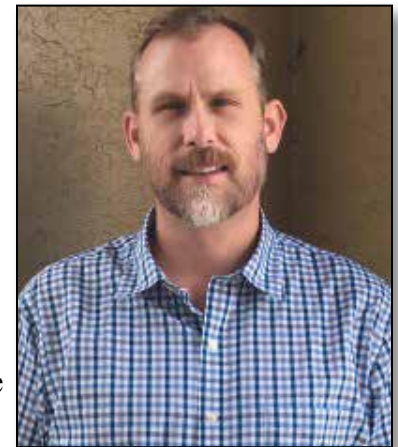
By the time you are reading this newsletter, our state senators and representatives will have concluded their business in Tallahassee for this legislative session. This particular session has been very contentious with the passage of several controversial bills, but the veterinary profession seems to have made it through unscathed. One bill entitled "The Practice of Veterinary Medicine" has passed both chambers and is on its way to be signed by the governor. This legislation will permit out-of-state veterinarians in good standing to perform spay and neuter surgeries as an unpaid volunteer, under the supervision of a Florida licensed veterinarian.

The more controversial bill "Cosmetic Animal testing", introduced by Senator Book of Broward County, has died in committee. Although this bill sought to prevent the sale of cosmetics that are tested on animals, there were several other provisions hidden in the bill. For example, it dictated how people could transport their pets in their personal cars, preventing owners from holding pets in their lap or allowing them to put their head outside the window. Additionally, it would all but prevent the sale of rabbits in pet stores during the months of March & April. And finally, it would prevent veterinarians from performing declaw surgeries on cats.

This is the second time Senator Book has introduced legislation that would affect the way veterinarians in Florida are allowed to practice, and probably will not be the last time. In my opinion, this bill was too wide in scope and would be an overreach by government. But what makes this particular bill more insidious is that the fact the language was hidden deep inside the bill and was not mentioned in the summary. It is only after reading the entire language of the bill, that the full scope was revealed.

We must continue to be vigilant and use our voices to let our elected officials know where we stand on issues affecting the personal, professional and economic lives of veterinarians. If we do not speak up, someone else will make those decisions for us.

Sincerely,  
Steve Simmons, DVM



Steve Simmons, DVM



# Palm Beach Veterinary Society, Inc.

## 2022 Board of Directors

### President

Steve Simmons, DVM  
[president@pbvs.info](mailto:president@pbvs.info)



Dr. Steve Simmons

### Vice President

Dr. Karina Salvo, DVM  
[vicepresident@pbvs.info](mailto:vicepresident@pbvs.info)



Dr. Karina Salvo



Dr. Leanne Browne-Feldman

### FVMA District 5 Rep

Beth Keser, DVM  
[ACCrep@pbvs.info](mailto:ACCrep@pbvs.info)

### AC&C Rep to PBVS

Michelle Durkee, DVM  
[ACCrep@pbvs.info](mailto:ACCrep@pbvs.info)

### Secretary/Membership

Leanne Browne-Feldman, DVM  
[secretary@pbvs.info](mailto:secretary@pbvs.info)

### Continuing Education Coordinator

Ellen Gray, DVM

### Treasurer

Steve Simmons, DVM  
[treasurer@pbvs.info](mailto:treasurer@pbvs.info)



Dr. Susan Carastro



Dr. Beth Keser



Dr. Michelle Durkee



Dr. Ellen Gray

### Member At Large

Susan Carastro DVM, DACVO

## RENEW YOUR 2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership is \$150 per calendar year.

[www.pbvs.info/join-us](http://www.pbvs.info/join-us)

This newsletter is published bimonthly by  
*Palm Beach Veterinary Society, Inc.*  
P.O. Box 211655  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33421

The PBVS newsletter is provided to PBVS members free of charge. **Membership is \$150.00 per calendar year.**

For more information about membership please contact: Dr. Leanne Browne-Feldman at [secretary@pbvs.info](mailto:secretary@pbvs.info) To advertise in this newsletter, please contact Dr. Karina Salvo at [vicepresident@pbvs.info](mailto:vicepresident@pbvs.info).

### Ad Guidelines:

Please submit high resolution ads (300 dpi) in a jpeg or pdf format to [newsletter@pbvs.info](mailto:newsletter@pbvs.info). Advertising rates are published on our website at [www.pbvs.info/advertising](http://www.pbvs.info/advertising). Payment must be received prior to publication. *Views and opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of the officers of the PBVS. Products and services advertised herein are not necessarily endorsed by us.*

### Join Us Today and Become A Member!

Thank you for taking an interest in our organization. At Palm Beach Veterinary Society, we strive to help and unite veterinarians who are dedicated in providing the best Animal care.

As a society, we provide a forum for veterinarians to further assist in the exchange of professional business relations and promote the exchange of professional information.

If you are a veterinarian and are interested in joining our society, please fill out the 2016 membership form on the last page.

Membership cost for the year is \$150.00

Membership begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st

## MEETING SCHEDULE - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**May 4, 2023**

### Feline Infectious Peritonitis

Speaker: **Dr. Michael Reese**

from **Southeast Veterinary Neurology**

Location: Mayacoo Lakes Country Club

**June 1, 2023**

### Clinical Pathology

Speaker: **Dr. Brad Ryan,**

**Professional Services veterinarian for Antech,**

1 hours of RACE CE credit

Location: Mayacoo Lakes Country Club

**September 7, 2023**

### Purina Cardio Care Diet

Speaker: **TBA**

1 hours of RACE CE credit

Mayacoo Lakes Country Club

9697 Mayacoo Club Drive • West Palm Beach, FL

[www.pbvs.info/events](http://www.pbvs.info/events)



We are pleased to announce that Dr. Jamie King has joined Dr. Peters on our Neurology team to help us provide appointment services Monday through Saturday and emergency services 7 days a week for your neurologic patients.

**SOME OF THE SERVICES WE ARE PROVIDING ARE:**

**ALL NEUROSURGERY**

- Intervertebral Disc Herniation
- Spinal Fractures
- Wobblers Syndrome
- Spinal Fractures & Tumors
- Brain Surgery
- AA Subluxation

**IMAGING**

- 1.5 Tesla HD MRI
- GE OES Elite C Arm for Advanced Imaging Procedures

**ELECTRODIAGNOSTICS**

- EEG (Advanced EEG Techniques)
- EMG/MNCV and Special Electrodiagnostic Techniques

4019 Hood Road, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410  
 O: (561) 625 9995 F: (561) 625 9954  
[www.vshpalmbeach.com](http://www.vshpalmbeach.com)



\* We are working collaboratively with our Comprehensive Care Facility on Hood Road.



# ALL PETS DENTAL

17100 ROYAL PALM BLVD WESTON FL 33326

Where all pets smile...

(954) 349-5800



STOMATITIS



AFTER TREATMENT  
(ONE MONTH)



David Bellows, DVM  
Dental Resident

Jan Bellows, DVM, DAVDC, DABVP  
Veterinary Dentist

Elizabeth McMoran, DVM  
Dental Resident



FRACTURED TOOTH



ROOT CANAL THERAPY

ALLPETS DENTAL . COM



SOUTHEAST  
VETERINARY  
NEUROLOGY



# WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!

Neurology is hard. We're here for you! Exclusively treating neurological conditions since 2010, it is our privilege to serve as an extension of your practice and provide exceptional neurological care to your patients.



**Our board-certified neurosurgeons are prepared with state-of-the-art equipment to meet your clients' needs.**



DR. REESE

DR. SENNECA

DR. TAYLOR

- High-Field MRI
- CSF Analysis
- Spinal Surgery
- Brain Surgery
- Physical Therapy
- Baer Hearing Testing

## Jupiter

505 E. Commerce Way  
Jupiter, FL 33458  
561-781-3777

## Boynton Beach

7280 W. Boynton Beach Blvd.  
Boynton Beach, FL 33437  
561-736-7736

[SEVNeurology.com](http://SEVNeurology.com)



# Knowing The Causes Behind STOMATITIS

Written by DON VAUGHAN

APRIL 2023, VOLUMBER 35/NUMBER 4  
VETERINARY PRACTICE NEWS



**“In the area of diagnostics, next-generation sequencing has proved a novel diagnostic method that can be used to identify active genes and associated pathways within clinical specimens obtained from sick and healthy patients.”**

*Systemic administration of mesenchymal stromal cells to a patient with feline chronic gingivostomatitis.*

Stomatitis is one of the most difficult conditions to treat among dogs and cats, often resulting in the removal of most—if not all—the patient’s teeth. In September 2022, the Dentistry and Oral Surgery Service at the University of California, Davis (UC Davis) Veterinary Hospital debuted its stomatitis clinic, with a focus on diagnostic and therapeutic options.

“Stomatitis cases can present significant diagnostic and therapeutic challenges,” says Maria Soltero-Rivera, DVM, DABVP, assistant professor of dentistry and oral surgery in the Department of Surgical and Radiological Services at UC Davis.

“We hope this dedicated clinic time will help support our patients, their caretakers, and the referral community in the management of these cases. This, along with the interdisciplinary collaborations that occur at the veterinary hospital and our ability to offer viable, novel treatment alternatives to

unresponsive cases will increase the quality of care offered to these patients,” says Dr. Soltero-Rivera.

Stomatitis is a general term to describe an inflamed and uncomfortable oral mucosa. Feline chronic gingivostomatitis (FCGS) is a moderate to severe form of stomatitis in cats that occurs in up to 12 percent of the species.<sup>1</sup> Prevalence in dogs is less well understood. In both species, the disorder is associated with significant morbidity.

“Stomatitis can be caused by infectious, immune-mediated or autoimmune, medication induced, cancerous, radiation-induced or idiopathic conditions,” says Soltero-Rivera. “We currently see a variable number of cases per month in dogs and cats. With the inauguration of the Stomatitis Clinic, we will be able to see at least five to 10 cases of stomatitis during the clinic days.”

## **Painful symptoms**

According to Soltero-Rivera, the most common signs of stomatitis

are oral pain and discomfort, which may manifest as difficulty eating or drinking, vocalization when eating, profuse salivation, decreased grooming, lethargy, and hiding behavior.

“We may also see bloody saliva and stained fur on the front limbs and neck, as well as weight loss,” Soltero-Rivera says. “The condition is typically diagnosed by evaluating the presenting clinical signs, performing an awake and anesthetized evaluation of the pet’s mouth, and obtaining samples of affected tissues for histopathological evaluation.”

Lilli, a tortoise shell tabby owned by Cynthia Luke and Michael Lewis of Davis, Calif., was a textbook example of stomatitis in cats. The couple went on vacation when Lilli was three years old, and came home a couple of weeks later to find their pet in distress. “When we returned, Lilli had lost about five pounds and her kibble was all over the floor,”

*Continued on page 8*



## Working Together To Provide Quality Medicine For Our Patients

**Robert Swinger**  
DVM, DACVO

**Cherlene Delgado**  
DVM, DACVO

**Amy Baker**  
DVM, DACVO

**Taryn Overton**  
DVM, DACVO

**Jessica Martinez**  
DVM, MS, DACVO

**Laura Proietto**  
VMD, MS, DACVO

**Alessandra Keenan**  
DVM, DACVO

### Our Facilities Provide:

Routine Ocular  
Consultations

Management of Challenging Cases including Corneal Ulceration,  
Systemic & Immune-Medicated Disease, and Neoplasia

Ocular Ultrasound, Electroretinography  
Systemic Blood Pressure

Sedative Cryotherapy for  
Eyelid & Corneal Abnormalities

Advanced Medical &  
Surgical Glaucoma Treatment

Cataract Removal with  
Intraocular Lens Implantation

Twenty-Four Hour  
Emergency Care

CORAL SPRINGS  
954-990-7743

FT. LAUDERDALE  
954-990-7743

MIAMI GARDENS  
954-826-8871

SOUTHWEST  
MIAMI  
305-900-8488

WEST PALM BEACH  
561-295-8544

NAPLES  
239-935-5082

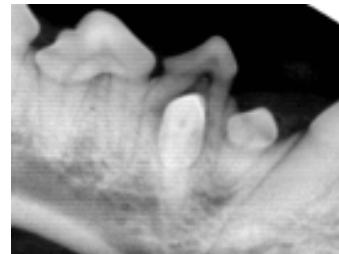
CAPE CORAL  
239-935-5082

✉ info@AnimalEyeGuys.com

WWW.ANIMALEYEGUYS.COM



# Florida Animal Dentistry & ORAL SURGERY CENTER



## Mike Wiegand, DVM, DAVDC

Diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College

Board Certified in Veterinary Dentistry and Oral Surgery by Referral Only

- Oral Surgery (Cancer)
- Orthodontics
- Crown Restoration
- Periodontal Surgery
- Endodontics (Root Canals)
- Oral Radiology / CT Scans

[www.FloridaAnimalDentistry.com](http://www.FloridaAnimalDentistry.com)

West Palm Beach  
3006 South Dixie Hwy  
West Palm Beach, FL 33405

**(561) 515-6711**

Stuart  
4446 SE Federal Hwy  
Stuart, FL 34997





**CALUSA**  
VETERINARY  
CENTER

24/7/365 Emergency & Critical Care



We appreciate the trust & confidence that veterinarians have in Calusa's referral services. **We remain staunchly committed to AAHA's Referral Guidelines.** Your clients remain your clients following their referral to Calusa Veterinary Center.

- All aspects of **Veterinary Rehabilitation** including hydrotherapy pool & treadmill, acupuncture, tui na, therapeutic ultrasound, therapeutic laser, biophotonics, TCVM, & force plate analysis
- **Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy**
- **Endoscopy, Rhinoscopy, Bronchoscopy**
- **Advanced Dentistry**



6900 Congress Ave, Boca Raton, FL 33487 | 561.999.3000 | [www.cvcboca.com](http://www.cvcboca.com) | [calusa@cvcboca.com](mailto:calusa@cvcboca.com)



Animal Allergy,  
Skin & Ear Specialists

**Kenneth Keppel DVM MS DACVD**

2239 S. Kanner Hwy. Stuart, FL 34994  
**772-220-8485**

4019 Hood Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410  
**561-967-5966**

3421 Forest Hill Boulevard • West Palm Beach, FL 33406  
**561-967-5966**

372 S. Powerline Road • Deerfield Beach, FL 33442  
**954-421-5099**

**Animal Eye**  
SPECIALTY CLINIC

**Susan Carastro, DVM MS DACVO**  
**Keith Collins, DVM DACVO**  
**Simone Schechtmann, DVM**  
*Practice Limited to Ophthalmology*  
3421 Forest Hill Blvd. • West Palm Beach FL 33406  
**561-967-5966**

**Julie Hempstead, DVM DACVO**  
2239 S. Kanner Hwy. • Stuart, FL 34994  
**772-220-8485**

# Knowing The Causes Behind STOMATITIS

Continued from page 5

says. "We knew something was wrong, so we took her to our local vet, who never used the word stomatitis. She looked in Lilli's mouth, told us there was nothing she could do, and suggested we take her to the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine."

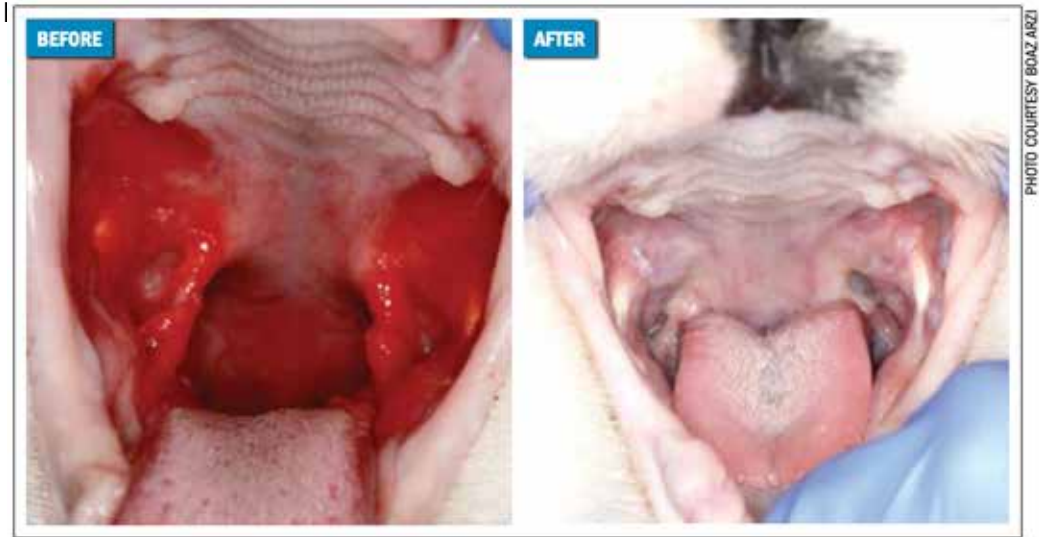
Due to the extreme pain that may result from stomatitis, the condition can have an adverse effect on an animal's quality of life, as well as its caretakers. The pet may run away from the food bowl, avoid interacting with other pets and their caretakers, are unable to pick up toys with their mouth, and can progressively lose weight. Lilli presented with all these symptoms, Luke says.

"These pets need constant veterinary attention and sometimes lifelong medications that can have unwanted side effects," says Soltero-Rivera. "Approximately one-third of cats affected by chronic gingivostomatitis, will not respond to any treatment and owners and veterinarians may be faced with the difficult decision of euthanasia due to exceptionally poor quality of life."

## Treatment can be tricky

The treatment of stomatitis depends primarily on identifying the cause of the condition and what veterinarians have historically learned works. Pain and infection are controlled with appropriate medications as well as extraction of infected teeth, and in certain situations, immunosuppressive medications may be considered.

"In cats affected with chronic gingivostomatitis, for example, the current gold-standard treatment is the extraction of most or all of the teeth," Soltero-Rivera says. "Even then, onethird of affected cats will show minimal to no improvement and alternative treatment options, such as stem cell therapy, immunomodulation, and pain



A 14-year-old cat that suffered from refractory gingivostomatitis and responded with a cure, four years after mesenchymal stromal cell therapy.

PHOTO COURTESY BOAZ ARZI



A 10-year-old cat suffering from refractory gingivostomatitis after full mouth extraction treatment and before mesenchymal stromal cell therapy.

PHOTO COURTESY BOAZ ARZI

management become necessary. In dogs affected by stomatitis, treatment also involves extraction of teeth with substantial periodontal disease, along with medical management."

When Luke and Lewis took Lilli to UC Davis, the attending doctor told them her prognosis was poor. "Really, all we could do was give her pain medication, and antibiotics when the lesions became really infected," Luke says. "The goal was to keep her comfortable and able to eat."

As a result, Lilli's quality of life was poor for several years. It was decided to

have all her teeth removed in the hope the infections would ease, but the treatment proved ineffective, and Lilli became more fearful of her family. Toward the end of 2011, Luke and Lewis began discussing having Lilli euthanized.

Indeed, in the absence of a definitive known cause and the potential for multifactorial causes, the treatment of dogs and cats with stomatitis can be extremely challenging. Luckily, there has

Continued on page 9



# Knowing The Causes Behind STOMATITIS

Continued from page 8

been some promising research regarding diagnostics and treatments, Soltero-Rivera says.

In the area of diagnostics, exteneration sequencing has proved a novel diagnostic method that can be used to identify active genes and associated pathways within clinical specimens obtained from sick and healthy patients. Veterinarians can evaluate patients for the presence of an array of microbes including viruses, bacteria, fungal, or parasitic organisms, and even neoplastic cells while at the same time determining how the patient is responding to the disease.

"This methodology will result in major advancements in pro-dental diagnostics, which have been traditionally limited to more subjective testing, namely dental charting and X-rays, along with histopathology at times," Soltero-Rivera says.

## Stem cells show promise

When it comes to treatment, UC Davis's Dentistry and Oral Surgery Service has a history of pioneering treatment for feline chronic gingivostomatitis over the past decade, establishing a novel clinical trial utilizing stem cell therapy. As success of the trial grew, with 72 percent of cats treated exhibiting positive results,<sup>2</sup> it evolved into several national trials at multiple clinics and universities around the nation. The final product for an accepted protocol of feline chronic gingivostomatitis is currently under clinical trials to enable FDA approval, says Soltero-Rivera.

Lilli was a beneficiary of UC Davis's stem cell research. Just as Luke and Lewis were discussing having Lilli euthanized, they were informed she qualified for a new stem-cell study. The first surgery used Lilli's own stem cells, which resulted in a small improvement. A second surgery using stem cells from a donor worked almost immediately.

"It was noticeable she was eating a lot and seemed to be happier,

so I started cutting back on her medications," Luke says. "She started playing with her sister, eating a lot, and frolicking in the backyard. Very shortly she was drug-free. We got to watch Lilli be a happy, normal cat for eight years after the surgery. It was a real gift."

Stomatitis is difficult to treat and can be equally difficult to prevent. "To date, there are no known preventive strategies for stomatitis in dogs and cats," Soltero-Rivera says. "Timely evaluations of the oral cavity of pets by veterinarians, as well as a strict oral care regimen at home, may help us pick up the earliest signs associated with this condition."

As research into stomatitis continues at UC Davis and other institutions, the information gleaned will be made available to all practitioners. "The creation of a first-of-its-kind focused clinic for cats and dogs is the next step in the natural progression of our groundbreaking work in the disease," says Soltero-Rivera. "Stomatitis cases are considered a high priority, as they have drastic negative impacts on the patient's quality of life. As such, this dedicated time offered by the Stomatitis Clinic will provide a means to serve more animals in a timely manner. Beyond immediately helping patients in need, the clinic will be a platform for interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research to advance knowledge on this devastating condition."

Lilli passed away in 2020, and her family was grateful for the extra time they had with her. "Lilli enriched the lives of our family and taught us so much about love and caring for an ill loved one," Luke says. "This experience sent my son, who was

close to Lilli, down a different path as well. He went to medical school and is now in his residency."

**Don Vaughan is an award-winning writer who frequently writes about veterinary-related topics.**

## References

1. Lee DB, Verstraete FJM, Arzi B. An Update on Feline Chronic Gingivostomatitis. *Vet Clin North Am Small Anim Pract.* 2020 Sep;50(5):973-982. doi: 10.1016/j.cvs.2020.04.002. Epub 2020 Apr 18. PMID: 32360016; PMCID: PMC7194110.
2. Arzi B, Peralta S, Fiani N, Vapniarsky N, Taechangam N, Delatorre U, Clark KC, Walker NJ, Loscar MR, Lommer MJ, Fulton A, Battig J, Borjesson DL. A multicenter experience using adipose-derived mesenchymal stem cell therapy for cats with chronic, non-responsive gingivostomatitis. *Stem Cell Res Ther.* 2020 Mar 13;11(1):115. doi: 10.1186/s13287-020-01623-9. PMID: 32169089; PMCID: PMC7071622.
3. <https://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/news/uc-davis-veterinary-hospital-opens-stomatitis-clinic> (Accessed September 2022).
4. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4947586/pdf/fvets-03-00054.pdf> Therapeutic Management of Chronic Feline Gingivostomatitis: A Systematic Review of the Literature by Jenna N. Winer, Boaz Arzi, et al. *Frontiers in Veterinary Medicine*



**Burned out? Stressed out?  
Seeking work-life balance?**

My name is Natalie Fayman. I'm a veterinarian and certified Life Coach. I can help.

Don't wait for "someday". We'll co-create the life you want right now.

NATALIE@NOLIMITSCOACHINGNOW.COM





# ADVANCED VETERINARY DERMATOLOGY

**DR. URSULA OBERKIRCHNER**  
BOARD CERTIFIED VETERINARY DERMATOLOGIST

## Advanced Veterinary Dermatology (AVD)

located in Wellington, Florida, is a specialized practice focused solely on skin, ear, and nail conditions in dogs and cats. Dr. Ursula is a board-certified veterinary dermatologist certified both in the U.S. and Europe. Her experience and focus on skin and ear care, enables Dr. Ursula to accurately diagnose the cause of the problem and develop the safest, most effective treatment plan.

Dr. Ursula is accepting referrals and will work with the referring primary veterinary on diagnosing and treating skin allergies, ear problems ranging from outer ear infections to middle ear infections, growths, auto-immune skin diseases, bacterial and fungal skin infections and more.



- Management of skin allergies
- Management of skin or ear infections
- Video-otoscopy
- Diagnosis and treatment of nail problems
- Diagnosis & treatment of alopecia
- Diagnosis & treatment of auto-immune skin diseases

Fellow practitioners please be sure and verify the certification of any veterinary dermatologist you refer at [www.ACVD.org](http://www.ACVD.org)

**12785 Forest Hill Blvd., Suite 8E, Wellington, FL 33414**

[www.avetderm.com](http://www.avetderm.com) • 561-484-7672 • [avetderm@gmail.com](mailto:avetderm@gmail.com)



*the leading answer to pet cancer*

## FLORIDA'S LEADING ONCOLOGY PRACTICE

HOPE, CARE, AND OPTIMAL OUTCOMES

- Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS)
- Radiation Therapy
- Chemotherapy
- Surgery / Stent Placement
- Immunotherapy
- CT Scan
- Integrative Therapy
- Clinical Trials
- Nutritional Support
- Bereavement Counseling

### OUR LOCATIONS:

Wellington <sup>new</sup>

Orlando

Melbourne

Stuart

West Palm Beach

Deerfield Beach

Fort Lauderdale

South Miami

**954.527.3111**

[www.animalcancercareclinic.com](http://www.animalcancercareclinic.com)



## FLORIDA VETERINARY BEHAVIOR SERVICE

EXPERT TREATMENT. COMPASSIONATE CARE.

**Lisa Radosta, DVM, DACVB**  
**Pamela Colareta, DVM**  
**Erica Grier, DVM**  
**Daphne Ang, DVM**

**Appointments: 561.795.9398 Fax: 561.795.8537**

[flvetbehaviorservice@gmail.com](mailto:flvetbehaviorservice@gmail.com)  
[www.flvetbehavior.com](http://www.flvetbehavior.com)

**Palm Beach County**

**3421 Forest Hill Blvd  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406**

**Broward County**

**2160 N University Drive  
Coral Springs, FL 33071**



**24X7 EMERGENCY CARE**

**SURGERY**

**OPHTHALMOLOGY\***

**INTERNAL MEDICINE**

**CRITICAL CARE**

**ONCOLOGY\***

**CARDIOLOGY\***

**NEUROLOGY**

**ACCESS**

**OPEN 24X7 FOR PET EMERGENCIES**

**ONE HOSPITAL. MULTI-FUNCTIONAL. MORE CARE FOR YOUR PATIENTS.**

10465 Southern Blvd., Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411  
(561) 774-8855 | [www.AccessVetsFlorida.com](http://www.AccessVetsFlorida.com)

**ACCESS**  
Specialty Animal Hospitals **Palm Beach County**  
Owned by veterinarians. Loved by animals.

*\* Services provided by independent group.*

## RELIEF VETERINARIANS

We are continually updating our list of relief veterinarians. If you would like to be listed on this page, please email [secretary@pbvs.info](mailto:secretary@pbvs.info). Your membership in the society must be up to date.

Relief Veterinarian	Specialty	Phone	Email
Karen Baker	Sm Animal medicine	561-762-7099	drkarendvm@aol.com
Doris Caraballo	Sm Animal medicine & surgery	787-410-9462	doriska32@yahoo.com
Alfonso Garcia Gonzalez	Sm Animal medicine & surgery	561-602-7104	algargon@hotmail.com
Mike McIntire	Sm Animal medicine	561-351-0862	mikenmindy@comcast.net
Peter Pion	Sm Animal medicine	561-702-7536	retepnoip@aol.com
Tatiane Rodrigues de Almeida	Sm Animal medicine	561-701-1853	trodriguesvet9@gmail.com
Karina Salvo	Sm Animal medicine	561-250-2031	salvodvm@gmail.com
Amanda Storms	Sm Animal medicine	970-689-9489	doctorstorms@outlook.com
Kelly Waller	Sm Animal medicine	954-242-2042	KellyKWaller@gmail.com
Stephen Waldman	Sm Animal medicine	561-214-3306	swaldman58@comcast.net



BE A **VEGETARIAN**.

Leave emergency care to us,  
so you can do what you do best.

### **24/7 EMERGENCY VETERINARY CARE**

**VEGetarians are our referring veterinary partners;** they send emergencies exclusively to us. Our collaboration with you is seamless; we send you all of your patients' records and you can speak with our doctors at any time. And since we care about your success and your clients' well-being, you can be sure we'll treat your clients the way you do.

#### **VEGetarian benefits:**

- Customized answering service that allows your customers to speak directly to an emergency veterinarian
- Discounts for all VEGetarian staff
- Co-branded marketing materials provided by VEG
- Exclusive access to Continued Care Packages
- Paid RECOVER CPR training and emergency training for all your staff



**VETERINARY  
EMERGENCY  
GROUP®**

**VEG BOYNTON BEACH**  
2246 N Congress Ave  
Boynton Beach, FL 33426  
(561) 752-3232

FIND A VEG NEAR YOU: [VEG.COM](https://www.veg.com)   



# FLORIDA BILLS TO WATCH FOR THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Below is a listing of current and previous legislative bills that have been introduced in the Florida Legislature.

For additional information visit our website at:

**[pbvs.info/legislation-updates](http://pbvs.info/legislation-updates)**

<p>HB 1061 SB 60</p>	<p><b>Animal Cremation</b></p> <p>Designating "Sevilla's Law"; requiring a provider of companion animal cremation services to provide certain individuals and entities with a written description of the services the provider offers; requiring certain persons or entities that make referrals to providers or accept deceased companion animals for cremation through a provider to make a copy of the provider's written description of services available to owners or their representatives; requiring certain providers to include a certification with the returned animal's cremation remains; requiring that certain fines collected by the department be paid into the General Inspection Trust Fund, etc.</p>	<p>H: First Reading 3/7/23</p> <p>S: Introduced 3/7/23</p>
<p>HB 157 SB 518</p>	<p><b>Animal Foster or Adoption</b></p> <p>Provides exemption from public records requirements for records containing information pertaining to persons with legal custody of animal from animal shelter or animal control agency operated by local government; provides for future legislative review &amp; repeal of exemption.</p>	<p>H: First Reading 3/7/23</p> <p>S: In Rules Cmte 3/29/23</p>
<p>HB 381 SB 932</p>	<p><b>Cosmetic Animal Testing</b></p> <p>Prohibits manufacturer from manufacturing, importing for profit, selling, or offering for sale cosmetics developed or manufactured using cosmetic animal testing conducted or contracted by certain persons or from conducting or contracting for cosmetic animal testing; provides labeling requirements for specified cosmetics.</p> <p><b>Animal Welfare</b></p> <p>Prohibiting a person from taking specified actions relating to the transportation of dogs on public roadways; citing a provision as the "Humane Cosmetics Act"; prohibiting a manufacturer from manufacturing, importing for profit, selling, or offering for sale in this state a cosmetic developed or manufactured using cosmetic animal testing conducted or contracted by certain persons or from conducting or contracting for cosmetic animal testing; prohibiting a person from performing a declawing on a cat within this state; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to post on its website by a specified date a publicly accessible registry of persons convicted of animal abuse offenses; providing penalties for specified violations, etc.</p>	<p>H: First Reading 3/7/23</p> <p>S: Introduced 3/7/23</p>
<p>HB 1117 SB 554</p>	<p><b>Medial Treatment of Animals</b></p> <p>Citing this act as the "Veterinary Telemedicine Act"; redefining the term "patient"; authorizing licensed veterinarians to practice veterinary telemedicine; authorizing a veterinarian practicing telemedicine to order, prescribe, or make available specified medicinal drugs and controlled substances; providing requirements for use of veterinary telemedicine in veterinarian referrals; providing that a supervising veterinarian assumes responsibility for any person working under the veterinarian's supervision or at his or her direction, etc.</p>	<p>H: Added to Special Order Calendar 4/10/23</p> <p>S: Introduced 3/7/23</p>
<p>HB 719 SB 722</p>	<p><b>Practice of Veterinary Medicine</b></p> <p>Exempts certain out-of-state veterinarians who provide specified services under responsible supervision of veterinarian licensed in this state from certain regulations governing veterinary medical practice; provides supervising licensed veterinarian is responsible for such services; specifies that such out-of-state veterinarians are ineligible for premises permit.</p>	<p>H: Passed 3/24/23 (106 Yes, 0 No)</p> <p>S: Added to Special Order Calendar 4/10/23</p>

# FLORIDA BILLS TO WATCH FOR THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Below is a listing of current and previous legislative bills that have been introduced in the Florida Legislature.

For additional information visit our website at:

**[pbvs.info/legislation-updates](http://pbvs.info/legislation-updates)**

HB 849 SB 800	Retail Sale of Domestic Dogs and Cats  Defining terms; prohibiting pet stores from selling or offering for sale domestic dogs and cats; providing civil penalties, etc.	H: First Reading 3/7/23  S: Introduced 3/7/23
HB 587 SB 380	Protection from Surgical Smoke  Defining the terms "smoke evacuation system" and "surgical smoke"; requiring hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to, by a specified date, adopt and implement policies requiring the use of smoke evacuation systems during certain surgical procedures, etc.	H: First Reading 3/7/23  S: In Rules Cmte 3/16/23
HB 941 SB 942	Authorization of Restriction Concerning Dogs  Authorizes public housing authorities to adopt certain policies relating to dogs; restricts types of ordinances & policies that may be adopted; removes exemption for local breed-specific ordinances adopted before specified date.	H: Added to Second Reading Calendar 3/31/23  S: Passed 39 Yes 1 No
HB 959 SB 1056	Dosage Form Animal Health Products  Requires manufacturers & distributors of dosage form animal health products to register with DACS; provides requirements for registration; provides conditions under which products are considered misbranded or adulterated, respectively.	H: In Commerce Cmte (4/12/23)  S: In Appropriations Cmte (4/13/23)
HB 989 SB 1006	Appointment of Courtroom Animal Advocates  Authorizes court to order separate advocate be appointed in interests of justice for certain civil & criminal proceedings regarding animal's welfare; provides judge's decision denying appointment is not subject to appeal; provides requirements for individual to serve as advocate.	H: In Judiciary Cmte 3/29/23  S: Introduced 3/7/23
SB 230 HB 583	Health Care Practitioners Titles & Designations  Providing that, for specified purposes, the use of specified titles or designations in connection with one's name constitutes the practice of medicine or the practice of osteopathic medicine; revising grounds for disciplinary action relating to a practitioner's use of such titles or designations in identifying himself or herself to patients or in advertisements for health care services; requiring certain health care practitioners to prominently display a copy of their license in a conspicuous area of their practices, etc.	H: 1st Reading 4/5/23  S: Passed 37 Yes 0 No
HB 267 SB 298In	Telehealth Practice Standards  Revises definition of term "telehealth."	H: In HHS Cmte 4/12/23  S: In Rules Cmte 3/16/23