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DERMATOLOGY AT THE VEC – MORE HOURS, MORE PEOPLE!

Message from Stephen Waisglass, BSc, DVM, CertSAD, Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Dermatology

It's hard to believe that it has been over a year since I was fortunate enough to join this remarkable team of specialists and support staff at the VEC. I would first like to take this opportunity to thank all of the practitioners who have referred to our service; your confidence is much appreciated.

In fact, your response has been overwhelming. It quickly became apparent that the old schedule of 2 dermatology appointment days a week could not be sustained if we wished to have a level of timely service and attention to detail that our patients deserve. However, the wheels of change turn slowly, as they say, and your patience while we worked on decreasing wait-times was much appreciated. I am pleased to announce that we have finally been able to make some very positive changes: **we have added an additional day per week to the Dermatology schedule at the VEC**. **As of November 4th, appointments can be scheduled on most Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Just have the owners call our booking co-ordinator, Kara French.**

Even more exciting is our plan to increase the numbers of dermatologists. Of course, more dermatologists at the VEC will mean even more appointment slots for our patients! As an adjunct professor at the Ontario Veterinary College, I have been involved in the education program of undergraduate veterinary students, new graduates in search of additional training and the current dermatology resident at the OVC. **I am now pleased to announced the addition of a dermatology resident to the VEC team. Dr. Karri Beck has started a full time American College of Veterinary Dermatology certified residency program.**

Dr. Karri Beck (pictured) is a 1996 OVC graduate. Prior to starting her residency program, Dr. Beck practiced general small animal medicine in Thornhill. More recently, she was the Medical Director of a group of hospitals in Southern Ontario, a testament to her high quality of medicine. Dr. Beck's extensive small animal experience has already made her a great asset to our team. Of course, every case seen by Dr. Beck will be under my supervision, as her mentor. Her clinical training will be greatly enhanced by our talented support staff; Shelley Shopsowitz will continue her role as head dermatology technician (Shelley trains techs in dermatology both in-person and on the web as an instructor on VSPN; she is on the dermatology specialty task force that will bring in a certified AVMA veterinary dermatology technician specialty), Subin Yoo, our great derm ACA who expertly looks after our minute to minute needs as well as the complement of numerous reception and support staff that keep us running smoothly.

Again, on behalf of all of the referral and emergency services here at the VEC, please accept our thanks for all of your support!

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