



Your Monthly News & Updates

Happy Holidays from our team to you and your furry family!! December has been a busy month, and we are so thankful for our amazing clients and patients! Here are some things that have happened and some additional information/tips for your furry loved ones! We hope you enjoy!

PICTURES WITH SANTA!

Santa came to DCVR and it was a success! Not only were we able to get the most adorable pictures of dogs/cats with Santa, but we also raised money for our donation fund to help patients who meet certain criteria in need!!

If you weren't able to come, we are still accepting donations for the fund!! Santa will be back next year!

[Click here](#) to view some photos!



Sharing the Holiday Cheer!

Stella was presented to the Neurology Department unable to lift her head and was having trouble walking. After reviewing the MRI, Dr. Neravanda diagnosed her with a herniated disc.

Due to cost of diagnostics and surgery the owner was afraid she would have to go down the euthanization route. However, a rescue group (who will remain anonymous) paid for Stella's medical costs and allowed Stella to stay with her family!!

Now, Stella is showing no signs of pain and is walking better! [Click here](#) to see a before and after video!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Stay safe and have fun! We hope 2019 will bring you a blissful, cheerful, vibrant and happy new year! As always, we are open 24/7. Should an emergency arise, we will be open on New Years Eve and New Years Day.

New Years Eve

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If you plan to stay home and have a get together at your house, consider [these four options](#) to help your pet(s) feel at ease. Sometimes pets need some extra TLC to keep them stress free!!

Does Your Dog Lick and/or Chew Their Feet?



If you ever notice that your dog is constantly licking his or her feet, consulting with your vet is encouraged. Especially if it happens suddenly, persists for a long period of time and the paw is red, swollen, bleeding, has a bad odor or he/she is limping. There are a variety of reasons why he/she could be doing this, and getting it checked out is always the best option. [Click here](#) to read more.

Keeping Your Cat and/or Dog Healthier and Happier

The obesity of dogs and cats are steadily growing. Many do not get the exercise they need, causing them to not only gain weight, but it also leads them to being bored, lonely and destructive. Many cats and dogs are food driven, so why not put their brain to work when searching for food?! [Click here](#) to learn more.



ATTENTION: GRAIN-FREE DIETS

Recently, the FDA has been investigating a link between grain-free dog foods (which have ingredients such as sweet potatoes, peas and lentils) and canine heart disease. Some veterinarians have reported a link between these foods and a type of canine heart disease called dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM), in which the heart becomes enlarged and doesn't pump blood properly. If you are feeding your dog a grain-free diet, please talk to your veterinarian!! [Click here](#) to learn more.



Why Donate, You Ask??

Meet Camila, a 2 year old Chihuahua mix who was the victim of a dog attack, and suffered multiple wounds and a broken jaw, resulting in thousands of dollars in supportive and surgical care. Because of the generous donations we have received through this holiday season, DCVR was able to assist Camila's owners with this unexpected medical bill, and absorb some of the cost of care. Today Camila will have her wounds repaired, and her jaw stabilized, and will be on the mend for the holidays!



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THANK YOU to those that have and continue to donate to our donation fund, which allows us to help pets and families meeting a certain set of criteria! Not only are you helping the patient, but you are also helping the patient's family.

To donate to our donation fund, simply call us at 301-809-8800 or drop in and say hi! Any amount will help us save or treat pets in need!

Car Rides, Dogs, and Motion Sickness

It's a flip of the coin to see how your dog will do on their first car ride. Some absolutely LOVE it, while others hide when they know they have to get in the car. If your dog is the latter, there are a variety of ways to help! [Click here](#) to learn more.

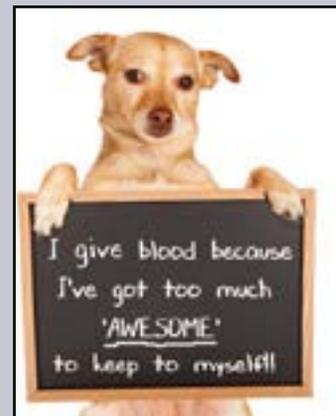


Dogs Need Blood Too: Give the Gift of Life!! DCVR Blood Donor Program

Much like giving blood to the American Red Cross to help save lives, DCVR's program does the same, only with dogs! Help save a dog's life by donating today!

Requirements: 1.5 - 8 years old & over 50 pounds - Up to date on vaccines, heartworm, and flea and tick preventative - No prior history of blood transfusions or pregnancy - No current health issues - Spayed or Neutered with good temperaments - Donate every 3-4 months.

Benefits: 10 % off DCVR services while in program - Free Annual Physical Exam - Free annual screening for infectious diseases and to monitor organ function - Potential to save many dogs!



Contact Jessica.Parry@dcvetreferral.com for more information.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see what we have been doing!!



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DCVR INSIDER:

Lois is one of our radiology technicians. Aside from working at DCVR, she also draws amazing photos of pets and people!!

[Click here](#) to view some samples! Whether you need art to decorate your wall, or a gift to give to someone, Lois is your go to! We have used numerous of her paintings for our practice!

You can contact her at loisauerart@gmail.com or visit her website at: www.loisauerart.com.



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