



## Your Monthly News & Updates

Dogs and Cats Veterinary Referral and ER will be putting together a monthly newsletter to keep you up to date and educated on dog and cat alerts, tips, and general information as well as what we have been up to! We hope you enjoy!

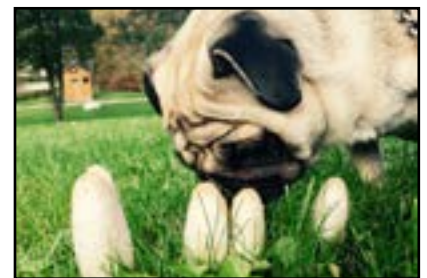
### Bowie Blade News Reader's Choice Awards: 2018 FINALISTS

We are happy to announce that we are the Finalists for the Veterinary Center category in the Bowie Blade News Reader's Choice award for 2018! Thank you to those who voted for us!



## Fall Brings Mushroom Poisoning for Dogs! Be Aware!

Believe it or not, Fall is here! With the weather changing, you may notice more mushrooms popping up from the ground. Every year, we do receive a handful of cases due to ingestion of poisonous mushrooms, so please be on a lookout when your dog goes outside!! [Click here](#) to learn more.



## Does Your Pet Have Itchy Ears?

If you notice that your pet is unusually scratching his/her ears or shaking his/her head, it could be more than just a little itch; it could be otitis. These conditions can cause serious problems if they last for long periods of time or are left untreated! Be sure to see your veterinarian if your pet is doing this more than usual! [Click here](#) to view a handout about Otitis.



## Obesity Isn't Just A Problem in Humans..

Did you know that 60% of cats and 56% of dogs are overweight?? While some see their cat or dog's extra 'fluff' as cute, your medical bills and the pet's health is not! [Click here](#) to read about pet obesity and the risk factors that come with it.



## Humane Rescue Alliance Raised over \$70,000!!

We were fortunate enough to be involved in the DC Walk For Animals Event this month where HRA raised over \$70,000 to benefit the HRA!! With this, they are able to continue to care for and support dogs and cats! For those that are considering getting a cat or dog, consider adopting!!

<http://www.humanerescuealliance.org/>



## COLUMBIA DOG DAY EVENT!

There is a Columbia Dog Day event on October 13th from 10:00AM - 2:00PM!! Enjoy a free afternoon of tail-wagging fun! Door prizes, raffles, contests, demos, caricature artists, treats, music, food, demos, face painting, a moon bounce and more! A pet supply drive will be held to benefit a local nonprofit.

**Website:** <https://www.columbiaassociation.org/events/dog-day-2018/>



Come join us! We will be giving away free swag!

## DCVR INSIDER: Lois Auer

Lois is one of DCVR's Radiology technicians. Aside from working at DCVR, she also draws portraits of pets and people on the side. If you are interested in having Lois draw a portrait for you, contact her at [loisauerart@gmail.com](mailto:loisauerart@gmail.com). Here is an example of one of the many pieces of art she has created!



You can also visit her website at: [www.loisauerart.com](http://www.loisauerart.com)

## DCVR Dog Cross Donor Program

DCVR has a blood donation program open to any healthy dogs who are eligible following screening. Even one dog donating blood can save many lives! [Click here](#) to read how Chase was saved by a donor dog!!



## 2018 Halloween Costume Contest!!

Keep your eye out for a Halloween Pet Costume Contest that we will be holding in October!

Information about submission and prizes are forthcoming!! Follow our Facebook and Instagram to stay connected!



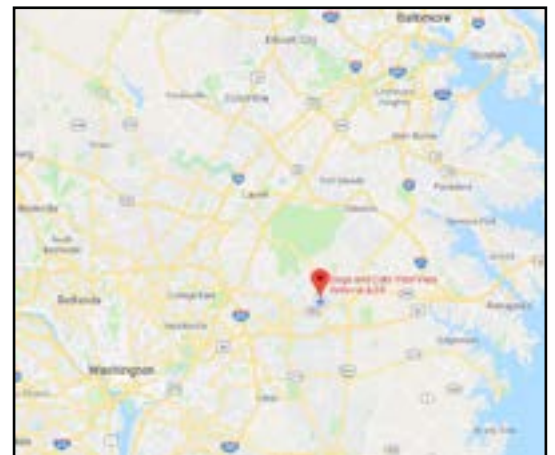
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