

Grand Opening for Expansion



All of the hard work and construction dust reached its culmination as Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital held a grand opening event for the new expansion and renovation on Nov. 12. Referring veterinarians toured the facility and were able to meet and speak with doctors and staff. The project included the addition of 16,000 square feet of space and the complete remodeling of the existing site. The resulting facility exemplifies the state of the art in veterinary medicine, with new surgery suites, diagnostic equipment and offices. The project has allowed us to add new services like cardiology, a CT scan, fluoroscopy, underwater physical therapy and more.

new equipment and capabilities. Guests also were treated to catered hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment.

One week prior to the grand opening event, staff and their families attended an open house to get a sneak peek at the renovation.

If you were unable to attend the grand opening event and would like to see our amenities and equipment, please contact hospital administrator Jim Sumner at 330.666.2976 to arrange a tour.

The grand opening event featured guided tours conducted by doctors, allowing veterinarians to get up-close looks and thorough explanations of



Employees of Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital/Metropolitan Veterinary Referral Group and their families got a sneak peek at the hospital's newly opened expansion at a Nov. 5 open house.



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Future Notes

Hear Metropolitan Veterinary Referral Group members Presenting at Conferences

Feb. 23-26, 2006, Dr. Sivula –
Midwest Veterinary Conference, Columbus, Ohio –
Dr. Sivula's topic, "Rehabilitation Therapy"

Jan. 25, 2006, Dr. Carothers –
Cleveland Academy of Veterinary Medicine –
Dr. Carothers' topic, "Gastrointestinal Disease"



Practice Points

Veterinary Surgery Services of Northeast Ohio has been busy this past quarter. Dr. Padgett recently traveled

to the University of Pennsylvania to visit Dr. Charles Weisse, a veterinary surgeon specializing in interventional radiology.

Dr. Weisse is a leader in the field of intratracheal

stenting for treatment of collapsing trachea and intravenous coil placement for intrahepatic portosystemic shunt occlusion. With the recent introduction of digital fluoroscopy to the hospital, Dr. Padgett is able to counsel your clients on these procedures. He currently offers intratracheal stenting for appropriate patients.

Dr. Daye has placed several ring fixators for severe fracture repair and for correction of complex angular limb deformities using distraction osteogenesis, which uses tension to produce new bone. This technique was first seen in the 1980s in the human medical field. Originally conceived by Dr. Grigor Ilizarov in Russia, it has been adapted and improved for use in animals. A puppy with a fracture immediately proximal to the radial growth plate recently had the fracture distracted, producing nearly three inches of new radius. Without distraction, this patient would have had unacceptable growth problems.

Drs. Bowman and Daye attended a veterinary pain symposium in September, part of a continued effort to stay on the cutting edge of pain management and prevention in our companion animal patients. You can reach VSS at 330.670.2358.

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Medicine/Oncology Practice wishes to thank all of our referring veterinarians who attended the open house on Nov. 12. It was great to see you and to put faces with names and voices! For those unable to attend, you were missed, but we are always available to give you a personal tour of our facility and discuss our services. Please call if you are in the neighbor-

hood and would like to drop in. We also would like to remind our veterinarians that we still offer MRI scanning in addition to the new in-house CT scanner. MRI scans are performed approximately once per month at a state-of-the-art human facility. Please let us know if you have cases that may benefit from CT or MRI scanning. We will be happy to help your client schedule these procedures. You can contact the practice at 330.670.2351.

Dancing Dogs Animal Wellness Center is promoting fitness packages that include use of the underwater treadmill and individual nutritional and exercise programs. The underwater treadmill



is excellent for improving general fitness and addressing quality of life issues for geriatric animals. Benefits include increased muscle tone and improved range of

motion. Nutritional supplements can be used for general wellness and pain relief. Please call Dr. Sivula at 330.666.2976 to learn more about adding these therapies to your patients' treatment plans.

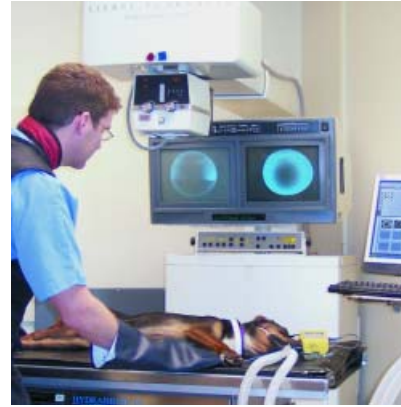
North Coast Bird and Exotic Specialties is pleased to announce expanded services and care for exotic pets. We feature extended appointment times, 24-hour care and a full range of state-of-the-art diagnostic, medical and surgical care. In addition to our appointment-based practice, we offer 24-hour avian/exotic emergency and hospitalized care overseen by a trained veterinary and technical staff. You can contact North Coast Bird and Exotic Specialties at 1.877.NC.XOTIC (1.877.629.6842) or 330.666.2976.

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Equipment Spotlight:

Digital Fluoroscopy Now Available at MVH



Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital's new fluoroscopy unit is operational and ready for use. Because it's digital, it provides improved resolution compared to live fluoroscopy and also decreases radiation exposure to the patient. This type of unit was state-of-the-art in human cath labs just five years ago. The specialty groups at MVH will use the fluoroscope to expand current diagnostic and therapeutic capabilities. Another benefit is enabling less invasive treatments of certain disease processes. Ohio Veterinary Cardiology (OVC) now offers transvenous pacemaker implantation, coil embolization of patent ductus arteriosus, transvenous heartworm removal, diagnostic cardiac catheterization and balloon valvuloplasty. These procedures commonly require nothing more than a small, superficial skin incision to obtain venous or arterial access. Drs. Padgett and Daye will use fluoroscopy for closed fracture reduction, placement of external fixators and intraluminal tracheal stents. Esophageal and ureteral motility studies are other possible applications for the unit.

Doctor Introductions

Two Practices Welcome New Doctors

Dr. Riggs and the staff of **North Coast Bird and Exotic Specialties** are

pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Christal Pollock to their team. A native of Northeast Ohio, Dr. Pollock brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience to help with your exotic pet's needs. Dr. Pollock is board certified in avian practice and has more than nine years of zoo and avian practice experience, recently serving as zoological medicine assistant professor at Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. In addition to teaching, her duties include work as an avian/exotic clinician and zoo practitioner.

Dr. Pollock has been a frequent lecturer in avian/exotic animal issues at numerous national veterinary conferences. She also has been a frequent contributor to veterinary texts and published articles on avian and exotic medical care.

Veterinary Ophthalmology Services of Northeast Ohio is excited to announce

the addition of Dr. Ellen Belknap, who joined the practice in October. Dr. Belknap recently completed her Ophthalmology residency program at Ohio State University and is eligible to sit for boards. The addition of Dr. Belknap will allow the ophthalmology service to provide expanded hours for appointments and an additional day for surgeries.

Give Us Your Input!

The goal of Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital's emergency service is to provide the best possible experience for clients and veterinarians. To help us continue that mission, please take a few minutes to fill out a survey on our Web site. Visit www.metropolitanvet.com and click on MVH's Contact the Hospital link or MVRG's Contact the Referral Group link.