Meet Neal Litvack, our New MSPCA-Angell President

On April 27th, we welcomed Neal Litvack as the new MSPCA-Angell President, replacing Carter Luke, who retired in April. Though Neal has only been with us a few months, he has hit the ground running during this challenging time.

Neal has brought an extraordinary background in the for-profit and not-for-profit worlds. He came to us from the American Red Cross, where he served as Chief Marketing Officer and previously as Chief Development Officer. Prior to his work at the Red Cross, he held executive roles at Milton Academy, Fidelity Investments, and HBO among others.

Neal has served on the board of PetSmart Charities and he was previously a board member at the Animal Rescue League of Boston, and at Buddy Dog Humane Society.

Finding Optimism in a New Era of Medicine
Neal Litvack, MSPCA-Angell President

If we were to roll back the calendar just a few months, it would have been almost impossible to imagine the ways in which our world would change.

As Angell alumni, most of you are on the front lines, delivering vital healthcare — now often through innovative means — to animals in need. As a lifelong animal lover, during the COVID-19 pandemic, I have been inspired by veterinarians like you and all you have done to take care of animals and to preserve the human-animal bond. I am grateful for your determination, flexibility and compassion.

Like you, our MSPCA-Angell team has continued to respond to the health and welfare needs of animals, to protect animals and relieve their suffering. They have barely broken stride as they have helped the MSPCA-Angell adapt amazingly well to deliver our critical mission amidst the pandemic. For this, I am both proud and grateful. It is an incredible feeling to know that I have joined an organization that is filled with such dedication.

The near-term challenges are many, both for us and for every veterinary practice operating under these conditions. But I remain extremely optimistic about our future, especially as I think about our recent Angell graduates — the first Angell class to have a virtual graduation! A veterinary internship or residency is a challenging experience unto itself, let alone during a pandemic. They demonstrated their compassion, capability and skill in the most daunting of times, and consequently, have become even better equipped to handle any veterinary challenge that comes their way in the future.

I look forward to meeting many of you, hopefully soon. In the meantime, stay healthy and safe.
There are pivotal moments when time seems to freeze just long enough to permanently etch the memory into your mind forever. John F. Kennedy’s and Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassinations; the crumbling of the Berlin wall; and 9/11 are some of these historical milestones. COVID-19 is now part of this list. It has tragically turned lives upside down and reached its tentacles into every corner of the globe. It has proven to be a match even for 21st century science.

A global pandemic has a way of making previous every day challenges in our lives feel smaller, and yet the feeling of loss from the ongoing absence of small privileges is unmistakable. It is no longer easy to grab a cup of coffee with a friend. But the human spirit is resilient... and creative. In our longing for connection, Zoom and FaceTime video calls quickly emerged as viable substitutes for in-person contact. Soon people were even Zooming with their elderly parents.

Veterinary medicine hinges on strong connections — with patients, co-workers, and clients. On March 17, 2020 when Angell’s doors closed to clients, those connections were undeniably altered. Nonetheless, as they have for over 100 years, our doors remained open for animals in need. Our dedicated team of compassionate animal-lovers continued to come to work to handle emergent and urgent cases and fill life-saving prescriptions. We continued to work closely together despite the new physical barriers between us. Our teamwork connection prevailed. To protect our tightknit staff, we social distanced, we wore masks, and we even compounded our own hand sanitizer, but despite our CDC-guided precautions, the novel coronavirus crept into our building and afflicted some of our staff. It was terrifying.

As any Angell graduate knows, making decisions that impact the survival of an animal — or person — can be a crushingly weighty experience. We faced this when we decided to remain open to treat those in most need, and then when we further adjusted to help “less urgent” patients who would soon be in jeopardy if their long-term health was left unmanaged. All the while, the health of our staff and clients was on the forefront of our minds. When a team comes together, innovative solutions materialize. We instituted a “concierge” approach to protect our staff and clients — carrying patients inside while clients waited in cars or under a large tent in the parking lot and conducting consults by phone and video. We began using reusable cloth surgical gowns after donating our disposable personal protective equipment to local human hospitals. Our tireless staff sewed masks and pitched in wherever possible. Everyone made sacrifices for the good of the organization as a whole, because Angell’s mission is deeply rooted in all of us. Throughout this tribulation, Angell’s interns have been instrumental in ensuring the ongoing quality of care for our patients.

At the time this article is being written, it is still unclear when this pandemic will end, and when, if ever, we can “go back to normal.” What is clear is the passion within the Angell team to help animals even in the darkest of circumstances, and to always look for the light at the end of the tunnel. Each year when the Alumni News is published, I reflect on the challenges and achievements of the current intern class. I can’t recall a more daunting challenge to face them. With the guidance of senior staff and experienced support staff, they have risen to the challenge and inevitably become even better doctors as a result.

**Interning through a Pandemic**

**Sara Doyle, DVM, Class of 2020**

The alumni reading this newsletter will certainly remember their internship at Angell and the challenges that arise for a group of brand-new doctors each year. Every year, the team at Angell strives to improve the experience for interns in order to better facilitate our learning, but the nature of the busy practice means that we are thrown into a rigorous schedule where we must quickly learn to make decisions, juggle cases, and empathize with worried owners while still finding our confidence as doctors. The first summer of our internship is something that I and my fellow interns would frequently refer to as comparison — sure, we may be having a busy day, but there’s no way things can be worse than the first summer.

However, like all the other intern classes before us, we survived. We learned quickly, under the supportive eyes of the staff doctors here who will always have our backs. We know which tests to run, how to pare down an estimate to the bare-bones when we have to, how to tap a chest, and how to lean on those around us when we need support. There is no way I would have made it through the first summer without my intern mates. They are hard-working, compassionate, brilliant, and dedicated to what they do. Each of us has a different skill set, but we share a commitment to bring out the best in each other and work as a team for our patients and our community. Above all, they are fun. Even the hardest day of work is bearable when we are turning on dance music and laughing as we plough through our paperwork.

Discharges are a lot more enjoyable to write when you have disco lights flashing and your closest friends by your side.

In March, we were faced with a situation that challenged us again as COVID-19 caused the whole world to rethink the way we go about our daily lives. Instead of allowing clients inside our building, we would admit our patients alone and talk to their owners via the phone. Visiting hours were suspended. Euthanasia, of course, could continue but no longer could we allow the entire family to be present unless they would like to be outside. Our staff split into teams, started sitting
I don’t need to tell anyone that this has been a very difficult and strange year for the hospital and for the world. Working amidst the COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging and stressful for all of us. The first month of our “closing the doors” to our clients and only letting in animals that needed urgent care was especially hard. The new work environment, socially distancing, working fewer days in “pods,” walking down empty hospital hallways, performing triage on the phone, and turning non-urgent animals away was numbing. In this director’s message, I was going to write about the impact the pandemic has had on all of us, both personally and professionally, but I would rather let another say what needs to be said. In the initial weeks of the “new normal,” Dr. Nicholas Trout wrote a moving passage regarding our experience that I felt embodied how we all felt. It made me feel better about things and feel lucky that we all belong to a profession where we still could make a difference in people’s lives, even in times like these. So thanks, Nick, for putting our feelings into words that warmed my heart:

“Pets devour loneliness. They give us purpose, innovation to keep the hospital running through knowledge and technical skills, we have needed a new job.”

In much the same way as human health care, animal doctors have been forced to cancel elective appointments and procedures, prioritizing their caseload to only those cases deemed ‘urgent’ or ‘emergent.’ The Pomeranian with a broken front leg, the Siamese with a bleeding ear wound, these cases are urgent, in need of attention. Naturally the same holds true for the potentially life threatening emergencies of a Labrador who decides to swallow a teriyaki stick, or a French bulldog struggling to breathe. The trouble is, for every owner, any health related issue concerning your pet feels, at the very least, urgent. You are the ones we depend on to notice subtle behavioral changes that signal something is not right. Your gut feeling about a potential health problem matters. Veterinarians are still here for you, ready to listen to your pet’s best advocate, but for the safety of all our hospital staff, and you the pet-owning public, my profession has been forced to choose which animals get seen, and which animals do not — a dilemma that goes against every strand in our DNA.

Be assured that we don’t take this responsibility lightly. We are not triaging against compassion. If you call our number, or visit our hospital, we still strive to make you and your pet feel better. It may be a matter of simply prescribing a medication. It may be words of reassurance and suggesting a period of “watchful waiting.” If we do need to put hands on your pet (gloved hands for now), it’s going to feel different but that doesn’t make it any less personal. Our communication will be over the phone and not face to face, and if we are new to you, we appreciate how this is a strange notion, trusting the health of a beloved family member to someone you might not know and cannot see. Your pet will be taken from you and examined behind closed doors. You may feel like you’re missing out on all the stuff that matters — reading your vet’s body language, watching how they handle your pet, seeing how your pet responds to them. The truth is everything has changed but nothing has changed. We still coo and dote, butt-scratch and ear rub, play and engage in our attempts to discover what’s wrong and how we can help. You may not be a witness, but I promise, when we talk again, you’ll know we get it, because that’s what we do.

Your pets may not have to worry about this coronavirus, but the folks they need most in their lives do. This crisis will pass. Let’s make sure we are all here to share in their joy when it does.

The entire hospital, and the veterinary community as a whole, has reminded me what it means to be a part of a profession. We are there for our patients, our community, and each other no matter what the world throws at us. If I had to go through a trying time like this, I cannot think of any other people I would rather have beside me.

Next year, I am fortunate enough to be staying at Angell as an emergency staff doctor. While I will certainly miss my intern mates, I am looking forward to watching a new group of brand new doctors take on all the challenges that an Angell Internship has to offer. I can attest that whatever you go through, you come out a stronger doctor and you forge lifelong friendships along the way.
2019 – 2020 Memorable Photos
1. Intern Class of 2020 at Canobie Lake Park  
L-R Back: Dr. Megan Kelley, Dr. Alexander Chase Schoelkopf,  
Dr. Conner Ellis, Dr. Brian Thomsen, Dr. Jon Lou, Dr. Mina Gergis,  
Dr. Elton Chan; L-R Middle: Dr. Danielle Engel, Dr. Emalee Blumhagen, Dr. Theresa Knoblock, Dr. Sara Doyle, Dr. Heather Campbell, Dr. Ester Yang, Dr. Samantha Guida, Dr. Michaella Abugov, Dr. Sarah Baylik; L-R Front: Dr. Eryn Reznicek, Dr. Lauren Porter, Dr. Katy Sexton, Dr. Christina Murphy

2. Food and Fun  
Tech Week 2019

3. Boston Symphony Orchestra in the Angell lobby

4. Dr. Meg Whelan, Dr. Kate Dorsey, and Dr. Kiko Bracker  
Intern Appreciation Day

5. Dr. Danielle Engel

6. Ice Cream Sundaes

7. Annmarie Keyes, “Pin the Flagella on the Giardia” Winner  
Laboratory Professionals Week 2019

8. Dr. Kiko Bracker  
Intern Appreciation Day

9. Kathleen Collins (Senior Vice President/Chief Operating Officer), Dr. Erin Turowski (Medical Director at Angell at Essex), and Dr. Ann Marie Greenleaf (Chief of Staff)

10. Dr. Alexander Chase Schoelkopf and Dr. Brian Thomsen

11. Intern Class of 2020 at Canobie Lake Park  
Front Row: Dr. Brian Thomsen, Dr. Alexander Chase Schoelkopf;  
Second Row: Dr. Sara Doyle, Dr. Christina Murphy; Third Row:  
Dr. Megan Kelley, Dr. Michaella Abugov; Fourth Row:  
Dr. Sara Balik, Dr. Danielle Engel

12. Carter Luke and Dr. Doug Brum

13. Angell at Essex Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

14. Ice Cream Sundaes

15. Dr. Sara Doyle, Dr. Katy Sexton, Dr. Meg Whelan, Dr. Lauren Porter, Dr. Chase Alexander Schoelkopf, Dr. Kiko Bracker, and Dr. Christina Murphy  
Intern Appreciation Day


17. Dr. Meg Whelan playing “Pin the Flagella on the Giardia”  
Laboratory Professionals Week 2019
Mary Aslanian: Mary went on to complete her emergency and critical care residency at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. She then moved to California where she worked for SAGE Veterinary Centers before moving back to her hometown of Dallas, TX to be closer to her nieces. Mary now works at VCA Animal Diagnostic Clinic.

Kimberly Bebar: It is with great sadness that we remember Kimberly Bebar’s passing in March 2014, in Middleborough, MA, due to an automobile accident. Prior to her passing, Kim was completing her residency in emergency and critical care at Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists in Buzzards Bay, MA. Kim was eligible to sit for boards in September 2014, in Middleborough, MA, due to an automobile accident. Prior to her passing, Kim was completing her residency in emergency and critical care at Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists in Buzzards Bay, MA. Kim was eligible to sit for boards in September 2014. She loved to laugh, cook, and garden, and deeply loved her animals.

Moria Borys: After completing her internship at Angell, Moira moved on to Iowa State University, her hometown of Dallas, TX to be closer to her nieces. She currently works in the Internal Medicine department at Sage Veterinary Centers in Dublin, CA. She and her partner Rachel were married in the fall of 2017 and recently had their first child — a beautiful blue-eyed girl named Calliope Finch. Moira and her family are all recovering quietly at home and enjoying the sunny weather in northern California.

Megan Davis: Megan completed her small animal medicine and emergency internships and emergency & critical care residency at Angell. She went on to become board certified in Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care and is now a staff veterinarian at Seattle Veterinary Specialists in Seattle, WA.

Devin Berthiaume: Following his small animal medicine and surgery rotating internship at Angell, Devin completed a one-year specialty medical and surgical neurology internship at VCA Veterinary Specialty Center of Seattle. His formal training in neurology culminated with a three-year medical and surgical neurology residency, also at VCA Veterinary Specialty Center of Seattle. He joined VCA South Shore (Weymouth) in 2015 and became board certified in neurology by the American College of Veterinary Internists in 2016.

Michelle Fulks: Michelle completed her small animal medicine and surgery internship at Angell and then went on to do her residency in emergency and critical care at Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists in Buzzards Bay, MA. She is board certified in Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care and is currently a staff veterinarian at Pittsburgh Veterinary Specialists and Emergency Center — North Hills in Pittsburgh, PA. Experienced in all aspects of emergency and critical care medicine, Michelle is particularly interested in transfusion medicine and coagulopathies.

Samantha Emch: After finishing her year at Angell, Samantha traveled to Atlanta for a neurology specialty internship at Georgia Veterinary Specialists (now Blue Pearl Atlanta), then landed a neurology residency at Virginia Tech. After residency, she moved to Denver, CO where she is currently working as a staff neurologist at VCA Alameda East Veterinary Hospital. Samantha met her husband while in Blacksburg, VA and they were married in Colorado in 2016. They now have two beautiful children, a 2.5-year-old girl named Evelyn and a 5-month-old boy named Luke. Samantha is proud of her professional accomplishments, but her babies are her pride and joy! Samantha says her year at Angell was in many ways life changing. “I learned a ridiculous amount of medicine and wouldn’t be the doctor I am today without my time there. I also gained a new family. My intern-mates are some of my favorite people, I miss many of the staff doctors and technicians at Angell who are doing great work everyday!”

Julie De Cubellis: Julie completed an American Board of Veterinary Practitioners dual residency program in avian medicine and exotic companion mammal medicine at Angell and Ocean State Veterinary Specialists in Rhode Island. She was then appointed as a clinical instructor in zoological companion animal medicine at Tufts University, where she practiced in a tertiary referral center while supervising and teaching veterinary students, interns, and residents. In 2014, Julie relocated to the foothills of the Canadian Rockies and began working at Calgary Avian and Exotic Pet Clinic. She is an active member of avian, small mammal, and reptile veterinary societies and she has published numerous articles relating to avian and exotic animal care.

Kelly Makielski: After completing a rotating internship at Angell and a specialty internship at Iowa State University, Kelly stayed at ISU for a residency and...
concurrent MS degree in small animal internal medicine. After finishing her residency, she remained for another year as clinical faculty. Kelly joined the Modiano Lab in July 2016 as a post-doctoral research associate, and her current project is a clinical trial evaluating an immunotherapy treatment for osteosarcoma. When not in the lab, Kelly and her husband Jonah keep busy with their menagerie, which consists of Cricket (a pit bull mix), Archie (a miniature pinscher), and three cats: Blossom, Digby, and Edith.

**Bari Morris:** Bari completed a one-year internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Angell and then went on to complete a three-year residency in emergency and critical care at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. She became board certified in 2014 and is currently a veterinary specialist at VCA Shoreline Veterinary Referral and Emergency Center in Shelton, CT. Bari has a special interest in the emergency management of trauma and sepsis, coagulation disorders, and neonatal intensive care. She also has a strong interest in cardiology and is trained in echocardiography of dogs and cats. In her spare time, Dr. Morris spends time with her husband, their daughter and their dogs Lemon the Great Dane and Morty the Chihuahua.

**Coryyne Orzech:** Coryyne is currently an associate veterinarian at Ayer Animal Medical Center in Ayer, MA.

**Christopher Potanas:** After Angell, Christopher went on to complete a surgical Internship with Ohio Veterinary Surgery & Neurology at Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital in Akron, OH. He joined Newtown Veterinary Specialists in Newtown, CT as a Surgical Resident in order to complete his training and accomplish board certification in small animal surgery with the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. Christopher’s specific interests include juvenile orthopedic disease, total hip replacement, portosystemic shunts, surgical treatment of intervertebral disc disease, minimally invasive surgical techniques, and shock and polytrauma cases. He enjoys lecturing to and teaching other veterinarians, students, and technicians, and is actively involved in numerous research projects, as well as contributing to progressive surgical treatments and patient care. Christopher’s pets include a Dogue de Bordeaux named Denali and two cats named Cabernet and T-Bone. In his spare time, he is an avid sports fan who enjoys spending time in the kitchen with his beautiful wife Robyn.

**Ya Zhang Rote:** Ya Zhang Rote, or “YaYa” as she is known, is now a staff veterinarian at Cheshire Animal Hospital in Keene, NH. She joined their staff in 2014, following her tenure as an emergency veterinarian at the Maine Veterinary Referral Center in Scarborough, ME. YaYa is married to Keene native Daniel Rote and they have a one-year-old son, Leo.

**Charity Uman:** Charity Uman is currently on staff at Veterinary Specialists of Connecticut in West Hartford, CT. While completing her clinical internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Angell, she received the Sharon Drellich Memorial Award for exhibiting a high level of professionalism, collegiality, and compassion. Charity is involved in many aspects of veterinary medicine, having worked in general medicine, emergency medicine, and non-profit animal facilities. She is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Society, International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management, American Academy of Veterinary Nutrition, Association of Avian Veterinarians, National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, and Connecticut State Animal Response Team. Charity has responded to a handful of oil spills as a previous member of the Louisiana State Animal Response Team and Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research Oil Spill Response Team. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, including her rescue animals Kona and Boston, or enjoying the outdoors all year round via trail running or snow-shoeing.
Incoming Interns:
Class of 2021

Dr. Alison Bayerle
Ontario Veterinary College

Dr. Tony Bieser
University of Illinois
College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Taylor Bryant
University of Pennsylvania
School of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Marianne Caron (Angell West)
Oklahoma State University
College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Charlotte Cournoyer
University of Florida
College of Veterinary Medicine

Nick Dannemiller
Colorado State University
College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Adrian Dannis
Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University

Dr. Rose Dicovitsky
University of Pennsylvania
School of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Rose Feldman
University of Pennsylvania
School of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Taylor Fraychak
(Collins at Essex)
Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University

Dr. Margaret Goodale
Cornell University
College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Sanna Gough
Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University

Dr. Rachel Grabar
University of Florida
College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Molly Graham
Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, 4th Year Clinical Training at Colorado State University

Dr. Kate Hartzler (Angell West)
University of Wisconsin
School of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Colleen Hickey
University of Minnesota
College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Sarah Klein (Angell West)
University of Missouri
College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Stephanie Kline
Oklahoma State University
College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Amber Leavis
(Angell at Nashoba)
Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University

Dr. Josue Lugardo
Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University

Dr. Courtney Lunger
University of Pennsylvania
School of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Julianna Perez
Ross University
School of Veterinary Medicine/4th Year Clinical Training at Cornell University

Dr. Juliana Picard
North Carolina State University
College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Crystal Schoellmann
(Avian & Exotic Medicine)
North Carolina State University
College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Kristen Schott
Cornell University
College of Veterinary Medicine

Incoming Residents:
Class of 2023

Cardiology
Dr. Michelle Oranges
- Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, 2018
- Angell Internship, 2019
- Cardiology internship at the VCA Animal Specialty and Emergency Center, 2020

Internal Medicine
Dr. Annie Sheu-Lee
- Kansas State University, 2019
- Veterinary Referral and Emergency Center of Westbury 2019-2020

Surgery
Dr. Emily Viani
- St. George’s Vet School, 2018
- Angell Internship, 2019
- Gulf Coast Veterinary Specialists Surgical Internship, 2020

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Please visit angell.org/alumni to update your contact information online.
Future Plans:
Intern Class of 2020

Dr. Michaella Abugov  
Mass Vet Referral, Woburn, MA
Dr. Sarah Balik  
Specialty Internship in Aquatic Animal Health, University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, Gainesville, FL
Dr. Taylor Belk  
Ophthalmology Residency at Animal Vision Center of Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA
Dr. Emalee Blumhagen  
Surgical Internship at Veterinary Specialty Hospital, San Diego, CA
Dr. Heather Campitell  
Emergency Medicine at Blue Pearl Dogwood, Richmond, VI
Dr. Elton Chan  
Emergency Medicine at Premier Veterinary Group, Orland Park, IL
Dr. Sara Doyle  
Emergency and Critical Care Staff Doctor at Angell, Boston, MA
Dr. Connor Ellis  
Emergency and Critical Care Residency at University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Dr. Daniella Engell  
Surgery Internship at Veterinary Specialty Center, Buffalo Grove, IL
Dr. Mina Gergis  
Emergency and Critical Care Internship at Angell West, Waltham, MA
Dr. Samantha Guida  
Emergency and Critical Care Residency at University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, Athens, GA
Dr. Laura Guliani  
Emergency Medicine at the Veterinary Specialty Center of Delaware, Delaware, MD

Dr. Megan Kelley  
Associate Emergency Medicine Veterinarian, location TBD
Dr. Theresa Knoblock  
General Medicine at VCA Wakefield, Wakefield MA
Dr. Jon Lou  
Emergency Medicine at VetMED Emergency & Specialty Veterinary Hospital, Phoenix, AZ
Dr. Christina Murphy  
Surgical Internship at Dallas Veterinary Surgical Center, Dallas, TX
Dr. Taryn Pena  
General Medicine at North Austin Animal Hospital, Austin, TX
Dr. Lauren Porter  
Internal Medicine Residency at University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, Gainesville, FL
Dr. Eryn Reznicek  
Emergency and Critical Care Internship at University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, Urbana, IL
Dr. Alexander Chase Schoelkopf  
Surgical Internship at Veterinary Specialty Hospital, San Diego, CA
Dr. Kat Sexton  
Surgery Internship at MedVet Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
Dr. Brian Thomsen, DV  
Surgical Internship at Gulf Coast Veterinary Specialists, Houston, TX
Dr. Ester Yang  
Oncology Residency at Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, Blacksburg, VA

Future Plans:
Graduating Residents

Dr. Alyssa Bryce  
Internist IndyVet Indianapolis, IN
Dr. Julia Lindholm  
Practice Limited to Cardiology Heart of Texas Veterinary Specialty Center Round Rock, Texas
Dr. Natalie Morgan  
Cardiologist at BluePearl Minnesota
Dr. Spencer Yeh  
Surgeon at VCA Sacramento Sacramento, CA
Physical Rehabilitation at Angell West, Waltham

Our Physical Rehabilitation Center is located at our 293 Second Avenue location in Waltham. The goals of canine and feline physical rehabilitation include reduction of pain, improving muscle strength and tone, remodeling scar tissue, and improving function for overall improvement of life. Rehabilitation is important in increasing speed of recovery, improved performance and quality of movement and increased stretch and endurance. Treatments are used to treat a wide variety of orthopedic and neurological conditions.

- Physical rehabilitation services
- Hydrotherapy
- Land-based exercise
- Manual therapy
- Therapeutic laser
- Massage
- Consultation and fitting of assistive devices
- Underwater treadmills and pool

Other benefits include improved biomechanics and flexibility, reduced pain, and a non-invasive approach with minimal complications. Whether recovering from an injury, cross training, or facing mobility issues, dogs can substantially benefit from physical rehabilitation.

Angell Now Offers Two Low-Cost Clinic Locations

Angell at Essex (Danvers, MA) and Angell at Nashoba (Westford, MA) clinics are dedicated to providing quality care to the general public as well as offering deeply-discounted services for qualified low-income families. The clinics provide primary veterinary care, spay and neuter services, vaccinations, and surgery and dental services.

To Financially Qualify for Discounted Services

Angell clinics welcome all pet owners and reserve a sizable portion of appointment times for discounted services. For those interested in discounted services, clients must financially qualify by presenting a photo ID and one of the following:

- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program card
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) card (formerly known as Food Stamps/EBT)
- Spay and Neuter Assistance Program certificate
- Letter/lease from the owner’s local housing authority showing that the owner is a participant in public housing
- Veterans card

Angell at Essex and Angell at Nashoba are open weekdays from 7:45am - 4:00pm throughout the year. The clinics do not provide overnight care, specialty service care, or 24/7 emergency care. Appropriate cases will be referred to Angell’s Boston or Waltham facilities or a surrounding specialty veterinary referral hospital.

To schedule an appointment with the Angell at Essex clinic, please call 978-304-4648.

To schedule an appointment with the Angell at Nashoba clinic, please call 978-577-5992.
Dr. Robert (Bob) Leighton

Dr. Robert (Bob) Leighton passed away on January 22, 2020. A Charter Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons, Dr. Leighton graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1941. His interest in veterinary medicine was stimulated while working as a volunteer at Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston.

After graduation, he completed an internship and then worked as a junior staff surgeon at Angell, before serving in the US Army during World War II. In 1944, Dr. Leighton returned to the MSPCA Rowley Animal Hospital until he was recruited as chief of surgery for New York’s Ellin Prince Speyer Free Hospital for Animals (renamed the Animal Medical Center in 1959). He joined the surgical faculty at UC Davis in 1965, teaching surgery and providing orthopedic surgical care until 1983.

After retiring, Dr. Leighton remained active, giving tours at the UC Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital to visiting veterinarians and prospective veterinary students and families. He continued lecturing and teaching orthopedic courses for more than 25 years, hosted groups of Japanese veterinarians on campus for many years, and was widely appreciated for his continuing education courses in Chile and Argentina. His professional contributions were recognized by awards from the California Veterinary Medical Association, the American Animal Hospital Association, UC Davis, the University of Chile, and the University of Pennsylvania. An innovative surgeon, Dr. Leighton developed or modified many surgical techniques, and developed instruments (mouth speculum, drill guides, and retrieval devices) and early orthopedic implants, including early prosthetic cruciate ligaments and hips. Many of his early publications were focused on intramedullary pinning in small animals. Dr. Leighton authored a number of textbooks including Small Animal Orthopedics, A Compendium of Small Animal Surgery, and Radiology of Small Animal Fracture Management. He also authored a children’s book ‘Dog Stories for Spencer’ for his grandson Spencer based on his veterinary experiences to encourage children to read and learn about dogs.

Dr. John E. Willson

Dr. John E. Willson passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Dr. Willson earned his Bachelor’s degree from Pennsylvania State University and a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from New York State Veterinary College, Cornell University. Following graduation from veterinary school, he served as first lieutenant and medical bacteriologist in the US army at Fort Detrick in Frederick, MD. He then started his professional life as an intern and staff doctor at Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston before moving on to a successful career in research in the pharmaceutical industry. Among his many professional and community activities, Dr. Willson served as a member and delegate of the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association and American Veterinary Medical Association, a member of the Society of Toxicology, a Fellow of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences, and on the board of the New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research. He also served on the Bernards Township, NH Board of Health, and on the Board of Trustees of Karian Valley Community College. He was passionate and knowledgeable about a wide variety of topics including history, politics, jazz, opera, medicine, science, wine, and travel. Dr. Willson enjoyed family vacations to Cape Cod, ski trips to Vermont and Colorado, and taking cruises on the Queen Mary 2. A loyal and enthusiastic fan of the Boston Red Sox and Penn State football, he followed each game closely and loved watching and following many sports, especially college football, and attending minor league baseball games.

Dr. Paul W. Husted

Dr. Paul W. Husted (Fort Collins, CO) died Jan. 3, 2020 at the age of 91. Following graduation and after completing an internship in small animal medicine at what was known as the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston, he joined the Air Force as a first lieutenant, retiring in 1975 with the rank of colonel. During his military service, Dr. Husted worked at the Air Force Hospital in Wiesbaden, Germany, and served as chief of veterinary services at the Loring Air Force Base in Maine, Military Working Dog Center at the Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, and Clark Air Base in the Philippines. He received three Air Force Commendation medals and a Legion of Merit. Subsequent to retiring from the Air Force, Dr. Husted completed a residency in small animal medicine at Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. He then joined the veterinary faculty, serving as an assistant professor and administrative head of the small animal medicine service from 1979 until retirement in 1989. In retirement, Dr. Husted volunteered with the Earthwatch Institute and Oceanic Society.

Rose Henle

Rose Henle was a beloved member of the Angell family who passed away on November 15, 2019 after a long illness. Rose joined Angell in 1968 back when Angell was located on Longwood Avenue. She reached 51 years of service in September 2019 and was honored at last year’s Great Saves event. Through the years, Rose worked as a veterinary technician, assistant manager, supervisor, and lead technician for Angell’s surgery department. Rose loved everything about Angell — its people and animals — and everyone who knew Rose loved her.

Linda McElhaney Robinette

Dr. Linda Robinette, 74, passed away April 18, 2020. She owned Alpine Animal Hospital, a small animal practice in Pullman, WA for 47 years. Dr. Robinette completed an internship at Angell in 1970-71. She was a member of the AVMA and Washington VMA. In addition to being an accomplished skier, her hobbies included dressage training with Swedish warmbloods and raising Irish terriers.
**Upcoming 2020 Angell Fall CE Seminars**

**GERIATRIC VETERINARY CARE**

**Sunday, September 13, 2020**

8:15am – 2:45pm  
Live, Interactive, Online Webinar  
5 CE credits (pending RACE approval)

**Topics**

- Management Options for Chronic GI Conditions in Geriatric Cats and Dogs  
  *Susan O’Bell, DVM, DACVIM*
- Lower Urinary Tract Diseases of Senior Dogs  
  *Zach Crouse, DVM, DACVIM*
- The Balancing Act: Tips for Managing Patients with Concurrent Cardiac and Kidney Disease  
  *Rebecca Malakoff, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)*
- Considering Dental Procedures as Routine Wellness Care for the Geriatric Patient  
  *Colleen McCarthy, DVM*
- NSAIDs in Geriatric Patients – To Use or Not To Use  
  *Kate Cummings, DVM, DACVAA*

**MANAGEMENT OF EAR DISEASE AND FOOD ALLERGIES — EVERYTHING YOU’RE ITCHING TO KNOW**

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020**

6:15pm – 8:45pm  
Live, Interactive, Online Webinar  
2 CE credits (pending RACE approval)

**Topics**

- Management of Ear Disease: Acute vs. Chronic  
  *Klaus Loft, DVM*
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  *Meagan Rock Painter, DVM, DACVD*

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2020!**

Angell’s graduation ceremony looked a bit different this year due to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines. We live-streamed the ceremony so family and friends could celebrate remotely. Best of luck to all our grads!
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