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# Going Above and Beyond for **Animals In Need**

Neal Litvack, MSPCA-Angell President



Throughout the pandemic, pet adoptions have increased, but animals in need of homes continue to make their way through our doors. In 2021, we relocated 4,124 animals from other areas of the country due to floods, hurricanes, and other natural disasters. This was in addition to the thousands of local animals surrendered to us. There are many reasons why animals are surrendered. Some owners are too ill to take care of their pets, others struggle to find housing that allows pets, and other owners are forced to surrender their pets due to financial stress. An example of a unique and

heartbreaking situation is the nearly three dozen cats living in a single house in Tewksbury, MA. The surviving spouse was left to care for the cats when their owner passed away. He became overwhelmed by the required care and surrendered the cats to the Nevins Farm staff in February of 2022. (In total, 91 cats were surrendered. Nevins Farm received 32 cats, while the other 59 were sent to Tewksbury Animal Control and other local humane organizations.)

Each cat had significant medical needs and ranged in age from six months to ten years of age. Most of the cats suffered from upper respiratory infections, ear mites, and periodontal disease. Furthermore, many of the cats suffered from untreated eye problems, with some losing their sight entirely as a result. Upon the cats' arrival at Nevins Farm, Dr. Ruth Marrion, formerly an intern at Angell (Class of 1992) and currently a volunteer ophthalmologist at our Methuen adoption center, examined and treated their eye problems.



The cats' vision was affected by persistent pupillary membranes. Additionally, some cats had entropion. Sadly, others with perforated corneas had to have their eyes removed. Besides treating their health issues, Nevins Farm staff ensured that all adopted cats were neutered and spayed. To date, 17 cats have been adopted because of the unending support of staff and volunteers like Dr. Marrion.

The estimated cost of the cats' medical care was significant. The staff at Nevins Farm took care of the cats while our Development and Public Relations teams promoted the story. To offset the costs of the medical treatments, they launched a fundraising campaign. The story went viral on social media and was featured on the local news. As a result, donations began flowing in. To date, the campaign has raised a total of \$58K which will cover much of the care for the Tewksbury cats and many others in need.

The MSPCA-Angell has a long history of innovation, compassion, and resilience, and stories like the Tewksbury cats' are a rewarding reminder of the positive change that results from the collaborative efforts of our team, our donors, and our volunteers. Since joining the MSPCA-Angell in early 2020, I have been continuously inspired by veterinarians like you, who have used the training they received at Angell early in their careers to care for animals in need and preserve the bond between humans and animals. With every pandemic-era challenge we have overcome, we have gained new perspectives. And I am confident that, as a team, we will continue to adapt and persevere on behalf of our beloved animals as we move forward with this new normal.





# MSPCA-Angell's New Intensive and Supportive Care Units

Ann Marie Greenleaf, DVM, DACVECC, Chief of Staff



opened the first animal intensive care unit in 1959. We remain a leader in veterinary emergency

and critical care, a strength we could not have developed without the tireless efforts of our interns and residents. As we continued to provide emergency and critical care to an increasing volume of patients, it became clear that we needed a more modern, expanded Intensive Care Unit (ICU).



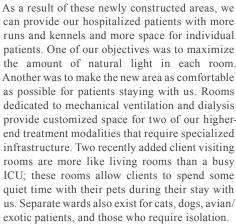
With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, a new normal was born. As a result of more adoptions and people staying at home during the pandemic, there was a dramatic increase in emergency veterinary cases nationwide. So, it was fitting that we broke ground the same year on constructing the MSPCA-Angell's new Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Supportive Care Unit (SCU) for emergency cases and recovering patients.

A renovation was necessary. Our previous facility was built about 40 years ago when there were very few veterinary intensive care units in the country, so the space was designed and constructed with limited collective experience. There was no other facility like it to emulate. Over the years, our clinical team — including our valued alumni - constantly adapted within the existing space to support a growing caseload until dramatic renovation of our physical space became the only solution.

The new Intensive and Supportive Care Units were constructed in two phases. Phase 1 was an extension of the current footprint of the foundation. We renovated 7,906 square feet of existing space and added 9,257 square feet. We pushed the building out into the existing parking lot and built two floors; by doing this, we gained over 9,000 feet of new space.

The MSPCA-Angell Once that area was completed in the fall of 2021, we vacated our in-patient wards and moved those non-critical patients into the two floors of the new Phase 1 space. The roughly 8,000 feet of cleared ward space was then demolished to construct the new ICU. This two-phase process was essential to allow us to maintain cage space for our hospitalized patients during demolition and construction. By building up and creating a second floor with considerable cage and run space, we were able to continue working and helping animals during all construction phases.

> The MSPCA-Angell's renovated ICU and SCU are now officially open. Our Supportive Care Unit has already made it easier for our more stable hospitalized patients to receive care. Our updated ICU and SCU provide easier access, maintenance, and a higher comfort level for our patients. There is a separate emergency room where most animals are triaged, and their initial stabilization procedures are carried out. After initial treatments are completed, patients are either moved into the ICU wards or SCU wards based on the level of nursing care necessary.



Our isolation space is designed to safely house patients with respiratory or gastrointestinal infectious diseases. It has a negative airflow system that prevents air — and airborne pathogens - from escaping into the general wards. We have space for eight patients in this new ward. There is a direct exit to the outside to avoid potential mingling and contamination of the adjacent ICU space. Additionally, the new ICU has centralized workstations for a dozen doctors and technicians so that the Critical Care service can be conveniently at hand.

In the past two years, the MSPCA-Angell, like primary care practices and the rest of the world, had to adapt quickly to a "new normal." We are grateful to our dedicated staff who have nimbly adapted and enabled us to provide the highest level of care and comfort to our patients.







# The Emerging Role of Urgent Care

Douglas Brum, DVM, Angell Alumni Director (Angell Intern, Class of '86)

veterinary hospitals including here at the MSPCA-Angell — have had to modify standard protocols to ensure the

safety of clients and patients and fulfill the growing demand for veterinary services.

Over the past two years, the MSPCA-Angell experienced a significant increase in caseload, as have other veterinary hospitals. The pandemic may have been a boon for pets in many ways. As adoption rates soared and people - some firsttime pet parents — spent more time at home with their pets, subtle changes in pet's behavior didn't go unnoticed. A dog who vomited once — an emergency, perhaps? (And pet owners scrutinized everything: in the past two years, we've received twice as many emails from people asking questions about their pets.)

Throughout COVID-19, we never stopped working at Angell — our doors were always open. Although this was great for our clients and patients, it was draining on the team, especially frontline staff, who were already doing their best to follow safety protocols despite reduced staff capacity. Burnout is a challenge in the veterinary field, but it became more severe with the addition of the pandemic. Many people left the profession because of COVID-19, and it played a huge role in some practitioners retiring when they would have otherwise stayed on to work.

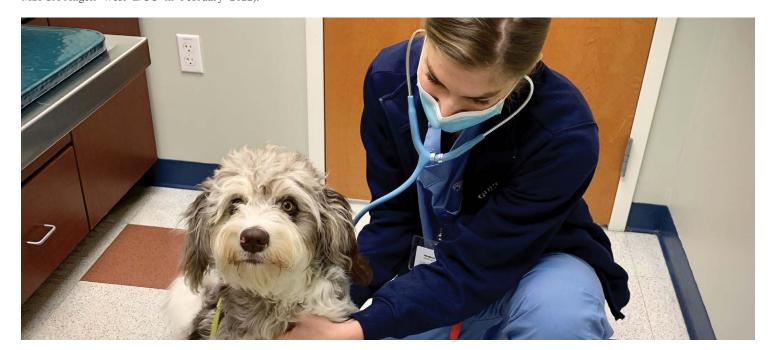
Unfortunately, at the height of the pandemic, we had to close the Emergency and Critical Care (E/CC) service at the MSPCA-Angell West in Waltham due to a lack of technical staff. It was a temporary closure (we reopened the MSPCA-Angell West E/CC in February 2022).

In the wake of the pandemic, Still, as the pandemic continued and patients kept arriving in more significant numbers, we had to do something to help clients. So, we started an Urgent Care Clinic. Although it was by appointment only, it helped alleviate some of the burden on the E/CC service in Boston and it helped make up for the lack of an E/CC at West. The Waltham Clinic treated patients with non-life-threatening emergencies, such as lacerations, impacted anal glands, and the like. In the pre-pandemic "old days," we saw these types of patients alongside those needing heavy, supportive care. However, by diverting these types of patients to the Urgent Care service, those with dire, life-threatening circumstances (e.g., a dog hit by a car or a cat who ate a poisonous flower) could receive treatment immediately.

> Not being able to see urgent appointments hurts us as veterinarians. It goes against everything we hold dear - and it goes against our mission to provide the highest standard of care for animals. There is nothing worse than saying to a client, "No, we can't see your dog with itchy ears." It almost sounds condescending to the pet owner, as if their pet isn't just as important as the cat who ate part of a houseplant. Being unable to care for every animal that comes through our doors — this guilt creates a great deal of stress within the profession. People find they can't keep up with demands. They're stretching themselves too thin. And when this happens, they must take precautions to avoid burnout. As important as taking care of ourselves during this time, it is just as crucial for veterinary practices to implement protocols and workarounds to prevent burnout, such as providing an urgent care service. It is impossible to care for a sick pet when you are ill. This sometimes means you need time off and say "no," and the patient is referred to an urgent care clinic off-site.



While urgent care is relatively new to veterinary medicine, COVID-19 brought it to the forefront. We cannot turn people away when we are understaffed or have too many patients. If that's happening, it's evident that we need to do something. Emergency rooms are not recommended for non-emergency medical problems in human hospitals. I feel this should be the same for veterinary hospitals. Even though some health issues may not be life-threatening, they are still considered emergencies. They cannot wait and must be treated as soon as possible.



# Looking Back: An Intern Year in Review

Jake Stokes, DVM (Angell Intern, Class of 2022)



The day that I found out I had matched with Angell Animal Medical Center for my rotating internship is a day

that I will never forget. Angell has a reputation for molding competent clinicians and an emergency department that is well known, albeit very busy. I had always hoped to participate in the internship at Angell. I was initially filled with excitement and eagerness to jump into the world of veterinary medicine as a new graduate and begin practicing my own medicine. However, I soon became filled with fear and nerves. Will I be able to keep up with the caseload? Will I make mistakes? Am I truly ready for this? These were the questions that filled my thoughts until day one of my internship.

Upon arriving at Angell for orientation, I quickly realized that I was not alone with these thoughts. I met nineteen other eager but equally anxious new graduates. Little did I realize these colleagues would soon become a second family. The past 380 days have been nothing short of a whirlwind. Whether we were sprinting to the lobby for codes, resuscitating newborn puppies, or playing the daily online game Wordle, my fellow intern-mates and I have been through many highs and lows. In addition, we have had many challenges to overcome.

The first few months of the internship were by far the most challenging. We were adjusting to a new hospital, with a record-keeping system with which we were unfamiliar, and a large facility that was confusing to navigate. Even the smallest tasks seemed daunting: requesting radiographs, filling medications, and finding the nearest bathroom. In addition to this, we were new veterinarians tackling various cases for the first time. Fortunately, Angell has a strong support system behind us in the form of technicians, residents, and senior clinicians. I immediately felt very comfortable discussing cases with others, asking for guidance, and in some instances, admitting that I was overwhelmed. We quickly learned that it was okay to not have answers for everything. We were, after all, here to learn and grow.

As the fall months came, we hit our stride a bit more confidently. We were able to work cases up more efficiently and independently. We found ourselves working more quickly and keeping up with the busy caseload that our emergency service has to offer. In turn, this came with the difficult task of managing a heavy inpatient load in addition to actively seeing new cases. This was when we looked to each other for support. Our intern class went above and beyond to work as a team to survive this past year. Whether it was in the form of splitting the inpatient load evenly, staying late to help with a procedure, or filling extra medications for others, we realized that a small favor can go a long way during someone else's busy day.

Among our intern group, we have a diverse set of interests. Whether cardiology, oncology, neurology, or emergency medicine, we have interns moving forward in their careers in all aspects of veterinary medicine. This has been a great tool for us. I have found myself calling for help for an orthopedic exam multiple times from our more surgery-oriented interns or for an ophthalmic exam from those interested in pursuing ophthalmology. We have truly learned to work as a team and use each other's strengths to make it through the year.



One unique aspect of our internship year has been the concept of "diversion." Due to a nationwide shortage of veterinary technicians, our emergency department has occasionally diverted stable patients to other facilities. This allows our current technical staff to provide the appropriate attention needed for our inpatients. With that being said, it has been challenging and heartbreaking to turn owners away from the care they are seeking. As pet owners ourselves, we understand how worried and anxious they are regarding their pet's health. It has been disheartening to look them in their eyes and ask them to seek care elsewhere. Fortunately, most owners are very understanding, even though it does not make the situation any easier.

Looking back at this past year, I can truthfully say that I have grown as a more competent and confident clinician. I have met lifelong friends along the way and wish nothing but the best for my fellow interns in the future! Although I am happy to return to a regular sleep schedule, I will miss the busy days and long nights that my internmates and I have endured together.

# **Emergency & Critical Care Service Open at Angell West**

Urgent Care Available by Appointment

We are pleased to announce that the Emergency and Critical Care service at the MSPCA-Angell West (Waltham, MA) has re-opened and is once again available 24/7 for clients whose pets need immediate medical care for life-threatening trauma or disease.

Referring veterinarians may alert staff to an incoming case by calling 781-902-8400. Due to expected high case load, there may be times when Angell West diverts cases. Please call to ensure availability.

For more information, please visit angell.org/emergency.

For non-emergent cases, the Urgent Care service at Angell West is available Monday through Thursday for dogs and cats. Exotic mammal Urgent Care appointments are available through the Angell West Avian and Exotics service on some days as well. Clients can call up to one day in advance to book an Urgent Care appointment; this is not a walk-in service.

For more information, please visit angell.org/urgentcare.



# **Angell Offers Low-Cost Clinic Location**

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

# **To Financially Qualify for Discounted Services**

To qualify for discounted services, clients must present 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)
- · Massachusetts Animal Fund low-cost spay/neuter certificate
- Letter/lease from the owner's local housing authority showing that the owner is a participant in public housing
- · Letter/bill demonstrating government fuel assistance
- Most recent tax return (Form 1040) showing total income at or less than 200% of the federal poverty level, adjusted for household size

In addition to our low-income program:

- Nashoba Valley Technical High School employees, students, and alumni receive a 15% discount on services at Angell at Nashoba
- Active duty military personnel and veterans receive a 15% discount on services

The person whose name is on the card or documents must be present (i.e., they can't send a relative or friend). The only exception is a spouse with the same last name and address.

Open weekdays from 7:45am-4:00pm throughout the year, the clinic does not provide overnight care, specialty service care, or 24/7 emergency service as Angell's Boston and Waltham facilities do, but will refer cases as appropriate to surrounding veterinary referral hospitals.

As of June 30, Angell at Essex closed temporarily due to staffing shortages.



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To schedule an appointment with the Angell at Nashoba Clinic, please call 978-577-5992.



# MSPCA-ANGELL CLINICS IN BOSTON, METHUEN, AND CAPE COD

Offering subsidized veterinary care to help keep pets and families together

The vision of the MSPCA-Angell Clinics is simple yet powerful: provide affordable veterinary care that helps keep pets and families together. By providing subsidized, low-cost veterinary care, the clinics provide a new pathway for families in need.

The clinics provide spay/neuter services as well as acute, outpatient, surgical care. The clinics are meant for families who cannot afford urgent medical care and are faced with a painful choice between euthanasia, surrender, or bringing an animal home against medical recommendations. By providing subsidized, low-cost veterinary care, the clinic provides a new pathway for families in need. We welcome your referrals to our clinics.

# Medical Procedures Performed at the MSPCA-Angell Clinics

- Diagnostics: bloodwork, urinalysis, radiographs, histopathology
- · Spay for pyometra or dystocia
- Wound and laceration care
- Amputation (tail, digit, limb)
- Splinting
- Umbilical hernia repair

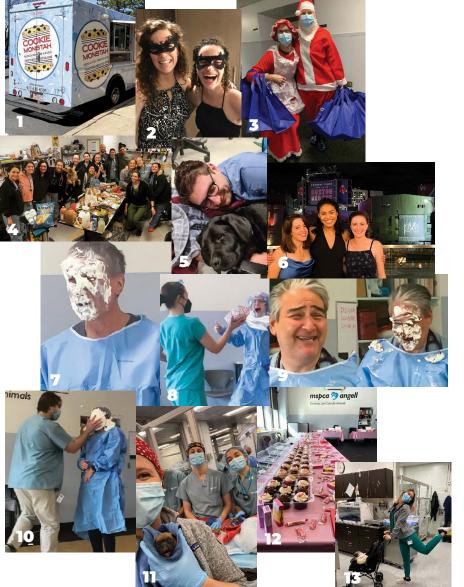
- Cystotomy
- Mass removal when quality of life is impacted
- · Nasopharyngeal/Oral Polyp removal
- Enucleation
- Foreign body surgery for stable pets who do not require 24-hour hospitalization

To receive care at the MSPCA-Angell Clinics, clients must be on one of the public assistance program listed or have an income under the Massachusetts poverty guidelines (https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines). Ultimate determination of suitability for this program will be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of MSPCA-Angell managers and veterinarians. For more information, please visit angell.org/clinics.





# 2021 – 2022 Memorable Photos



- 1. Cookie Monstah Truck
- 2. Angell interns Dr. Kelsey Turley (left) and Dr. Elizabeth Wiley (right) at the Over the Hump Party, celebrating the halfway point of their internship
- 3. Dr. Meg Whalen and Dr. Kiko Bracker Intern Appreciation Day
- 4. Angell Interns, Class of 2022: Dr. Nathalie Suciu, Dr. Emily Spica, Dr. Lisa Caligiuri, Dr. Kelley Kilpatrick, Owen the dog, Dr. Alli Harju, Dr. Laura Badeski, Dr. Julie Choi, Dr. Kristen Behrens, Dr. Jake Stokes, Dr. Chi (Michael) Yee, Dr. John Macri, Dr. Brandi Lauer, Dr. Laura Venner, Dr. Leah Richter, and Dr. Abbey Petronzio
- 5. Dr. John Macri Intern Class of 2022
- 6. Left to right: Dr. Michelle Oranges (Angell resident), Dr. Gabrielle Minter (Angell intern), and Dr. Elizabeth Wiley (Angell resident) celebrating the wedding of Angell colleague, Dr. Katie Hogan
- 7. Dr. Doug Brum Pie a Clinician Day
- 8. Dr. Jennifer Michaels and Dr. Kate Cumminas Pie a Clinician Day
- 9. Dr. Joel Kaye Pie a Clinician Day
- 10. Dr. Maxwell Bergmann and Dr. Meg Whalen
- 11. Left to right: Dr. Kathryn Heidgerd, Dr. Kristen Behrens, Dr. Brandi Lauer
- 12. Valentine's Day Treats
- 13. Dr. Valeria Benitez-Vera

# 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. Other benefits include improved biomechanics and flexibility, reduced pain, and a noninvasive approach with minimal complications. Whether recovering from an injury, crosstraining, or facing mobility issues, dogs can substantially benefit from rehab.

- Hydrotherapy
- · Land-based exercise
- · Manual therapy
- Therapeutic laser
- Massage

- Consultation and fitting of assistive devices
- Chiropractic





For information, videos, and photos, visit angell.org/rehab.

# In Memoriam

We are saddened to share the passing of dedicated Angell alumni Dr. Christopher Potanas and Dr. Alice Wolf. Both veterinarians left a strong legacy of caring for animals.



# **Dr. Christopher Potanas**

Christopher Paul Potanas, DVM, DACVS-SA, 40, of Naples, FL, passed away peacefully on January 15, 2022, at Tampa General Hospital, Tampa, FL. Christopher was born in Queens, NY, on November 10, 1981. He graduated from Granville High school in Granville, NY (1999) and Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT (2003). He earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Kansas State University (2010) before completing five years of post-graduate work to become a board-certified veterinary surgeon. He spent 2010 to 2011 as an Angell intern during his post-graduate work.

Christopher worked with the Southwest Florida Veterinary Specialists in Bonita Springs, FL, and was a consultant for the medical device company Arthrex. He was proud to participate with many agencies in the southwest Florida veterinary community, including the Naples Humane Society and the Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens. Christopher was loving, charismatic, loyal, had a fantastic sense of humor, gave the biggest bear hugs, and brought joy and happiness to everyone who knew him.



### **Dr. Alice Wolf**

Alice Margaret Wolf was born on January 16, 1950, in Cincinnati, OH, to parents Gordon and Evelyn Wolf. On November 5, 2021, Alice passed away in College Station, TX. Alice went to Chatham College for her undergraduate degree and received her DVM from UC Davis. After an internship at Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston, she returned to UC Davis for her Small Animal Internal Medicine residency. After a few years in private practice, Alice joined the faculty at Texas A&M University and retired from there after 24 years of service.

Alice loved animals, in particular cats and horses. She was known as a feline specialist throughout the world. Together with her colleague, Dr. John August, she led the feline medicine service at Texas A&M University. She also served on the Board of Directors at the North American Peruvian Horse Association and as Founder and President of the Camino Peruvian Horse Association.

# In Remembrance of Dr. Jean Holzworth (1915 – 2007), Angell Intern, Staff Member, and Veterinary Pioneer

Personal Memories of Dr. James L. Carpenter, Director of Angell Pathology 1973-1994



Much of my professional success must be credited to Jean because of our close working relationship in the hospital, her encouragement to publish scientific professional articles and a chapter in her book on *Diseases of the Cat Medicine & Surgery* (1987), and because of her editing skills in reviewing my manuscripts prior to their submission for peer reviews. She generously donated many editing hours on my behalf. I regarded her

as a very good friend. I feel she also felt the same about me. I perceived it as a great honor and an act of friendship when during one of my working-on-the-book visits to her home in New Preston, CT, she gave me two sport jackets that had belonged to her father. She had kept those jackets many years after his death. It sure brought tears to my eyes. When I look at my many professional awards, I often think of the role Jean played in my being chosen for those awards. I will be forever grateful to her as a colleague, mentor, and friend.

Jean was what is best described as a very nice human being. However, she had an air of sophistication and an appearance of high class because she was a person of high-class. She came from an affluent home and was provided with the best education available to a young lady. When we were working on her book, I had the opportunity to eat meals with her in her home. An example of what I consider high class behavior was the breakfast table, a walnut dining room table, which had a table cloth, a complete set of quality dishes, and utensils accompanied by cloth napkins. The juice was served in a very nice glass resting on its own saucer.

I am used to a plain bowl or plate, a heavy large coffee cup, a plain juice glass, and plain utensils needed to get the job done. The colorful small coffee cups and their saucers gave me the uncomfortable feeling of fragility and the need to be very careful. That walnut table where we ate and worked was given to me in her last will and testament. After her death, it was shipped to me when I was living in Stratford, WI. I still have the table stored in my basement because I just cannot part with it. I will try to find someone who can refurbish it. The table still has great sentimental value accompanied by good memories of long hours of joint editing of my and other contributing author's works.

- James L. Carpenter, DVM and Diplomate of ACVP

# Other memories shared by colleagues and friends of Dr. Holzworth:

- First specialist in feline medicine at what most considered to be the best small animal hospital in the world, Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston, MA
- Author or co-author of many manuscripts, including first published reports on feline hyperthyroidism, infectious feline peritonitis, and feline leukemia. Author of the book *Diseases of the Cat Medicine & Surgery* (1987).
- In a 1981 New York Times article, she is quoted as saying "When you talk about convenience, the advent of cat litter is comparable to the invention of the electric light bulb."

# Class of 2013: Where Are They Now?

**Dr. Allison Allukian:** Dr. Allison Allukian completed an Emergency and Critical Care (ECC) residency at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. She stayed to work for Tufts ECC service for about two years. In 2018 she returned to Angell, where she is currently a staff veterinarian with the ECC service.



Dr. Allison Allukian

**Dr. Caitlin Burrell:** After Angell, Dr. Caitlin Burrell completed an Anatomic Pathology residency and master's degree program at the University of Illinois Zoological Pathology Program in 2020. She currently lives in Athens, GA, and recently accepted a faculty position as an anatomic pathologist with the Zoo and Exotic Animal Pathology Service at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine.



Dr. Caitlin Burrell

Dr. Sarah Cannizzo: Dr. Sarah Cannizzo is currently an Associate Veterinarian at the Fort Worth Zoo in Fort Worth, TX, and a board-certified specialist in Zoological Medicine. After Angell, Sarah completed a zoo internship at Wildlife Safari and then a residency in Zoological Medicine at North Carolina State University. She lives in Fort Worth with her husband Jon and their two cats, Towhee and Wren.



Dr. Sarah Cannizzo

Dr. Deandra (Dill) Owen: After her Surgery residency at Angell, Dr. Deandra Owen and her husband Chris moved to Phoenix, AZ. Deandra works at a busy private practice, VetMED Emergency and Specialty Hospital, as the head of the Surgery department. Orthopedics continues to be her area of interest, and she is giving a few lectures during the ortho sessions at ACVS in 2022. She and Chris love living in Phoenix with their chocolate Lab, Zoe, and two cats, Loki and Thor. They spend a lot of their free time hiking, snowboarding, and traveling – and they are still die hard Boston fans!



Dr. Deandra (Dill) Owen

**Dr. Maureen Jay:** Dr. Maureen Jay-Spinner is currently Assistant Professor – Soft Tissue Surgery, Michigan State University Veterinary Medical Center in East Lansing, MI.



Dr. Maureen Jay

Dr. Jacklyn Johns: Since completing her internship at Angell, Dr. Jacklyn Johns has worked as an emergency clinician. Her primary interests include emergency medicine, critical care, and surgery. She is currently on staff at LeadER Animal Specialty Hospital in Cooper City, FL. When not practicing veterinary medicine, Jacklyn loves spending time with her family and traveling.



Dr. Jacklyn Johns

**Dr. Sarrah Kaye:** After Angell, Dr. Sarrah Kaye passed the zoo boards in 2017 and has been the staff veterinarian and curator for the Staten Island Zoo in New York. Sarrah lives in Brooklyn with her wife and two little kids.



Dr. Sarrah Kaye

**Dr. Cristin Kelley:** Dr. Cristin Kelley joined the staff at Tri-State Bird Rescue in Newark, DE, as a wildlife veterinarian



Dr. Cristin Kelley

**Dr. Danielle Marturello:** Dr. Danielle Marturello is currently on staff at Michigan State University as tenure track orthopedic surgery faculty and ACVS residency program director. In 2021, she published her master's thesis on a feline bone substitute for surrogate models and mechanical evaluation of feline implants. Her research focuses on 3D printing and design of patient specific instruments / implants. However, she still really enjoys mechanical testing as well.



Dr. Danielle Marturello

**Dr. Alice McDonald:** After completing her rotating internship at Angell, Dr. Alice McDonald returned to her hometown of Houston, TX. She is currently a hospitalist with Gulf Coast Veterinary Specialists in Houston. Outside of work, Alice enjoys gardening, being outdoors, knitting, and playing the ukulele.



Dr. Alice McDonald

**Dr. Jaclyn Morency Cobie:** Dr. Jaclyn Morency Coble currently lives in Milton, MA, with her husband and their two boys. Jaclyn has worked as an emergency veterinarian for 10 years in the Boston area, but recently received her CCRP certificate from the University of Tennessee and acupuncture certification from Chi University. In fall 2022, she is opening a rehabilitation, pain management, and palliative care clinic in Boston Sea Legs Integrative Veterinary Health.



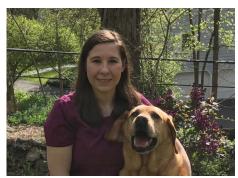
Dr. Jaclyn Morency Cobie

Dr. Kursten (Roderick) Pierce: After her internship at Angell, Dr. Kursten Pierce completed a cardiology residency at Tufts, then started a cardiology service at BluePearl in Waltham, MA. Kursten missed academia and teaching, which led her to pursue a two-year interventional cardiology fellowship at Colorado State University. She stayed there for an additional year as faculty. She is currently an assistant professor of cardiology at North Carolina State University. She and her husband Justin live in Raleigh, NC, where they love exploring the great outdoors.



Dr. Kursten (Roderick) Pierce

**Dr. Kristen Sobel:** After completing the Small Animal rotating internship at Angell, Dr. Kristen Sobel worked as an associate veterinarian at Randolph Animal Hospital for about five years, practicing General Medicine. She and her husband then moved to Connecticut. Kristen is currently an associate veterinarian in Danbury, CT, working as a General Practitioner. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking with their dog Fletcher and gardening.



Dr. Kristen Sobel

**Dr. Tara Starek:** Dr. Tara Starek is currently an Emergency veterinarian at the Veterinary Emergency Clinic of Central Florida in Orlando, FL.



Dr. Tara Starek

# Join Our Alumni Group

The Angell Alumni Facebook Group allows you to connect with other Angell alumni and exchange information in a secure setting. You can also use it to connect with classmates, stay informed of Angell news or Alumni events, and enjoy articles by Angell specialists on current veterinary techniques, medications, and innovations. Only Angell Alumni who request to join the Facebook Group have access.

### To join, simply:

- 1. Log onto Facebook
- 2. Visit facebook.com/groups/AngellAlumni
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#### Dr. Ariel Fleischman

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#### Dr. Jeaneva Gagne (Angell West)

Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

# Dr. Dilraj Goraya

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Midwestern University College of Veterinary Medicine

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#### Dr. Elizabeth Harasym (Internal Medicine)

University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine; Associate Doctor at Veterinary Specialty Hospital, San Marcos, CA

### Dr. Michael Haynes

University of Sydney/ Sydney School of Veterinary Science

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# Dr. Kristina Liang

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# Class of 2025

# Cardiology

Dr. Clinton Lynn

- · Cardiology Resident
- Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Cardiology Specialty Internship, 2021–2022
- Massachusetts Veterinary Referral Hospital, ECC Internship,
- Texas A&M, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Small Animal Rotating Internship 2019–2020

# **Emergency and Critical Care**

Dr. Scout Ford

- ECC Resident
- Red Bank Veterinary Hospital Internship, June-August 2020
- University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, 2020 VMD

# Dr. Brandi Lauer

- ECC Resident
- Angell, ECC Internship, 2021–2022
- Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, 2021, DVM

# Dr. Abbey Petronzio

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- ECC ResidentAngell, ECC Internship, 2021–2022
- Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, 2021, DVM

### Dr. Patrick Odom

- ECC Resident
- Nashville Veterinary Specialists and Animal Emergency, 2021–2022
- Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, 2021, DVM

# Internal Medicine

# Dr. Juliana Picard

- Internal Medicine Resident
- Angell, Internal Medicine Internship, 2021–2022
- Angell, ECC Internship, 2020–2021
- North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine, DVM, 2020

# Dr. Lindsey Summers

- Internal Medicine Resident
- IndyVet Emergency and Specialty Hospital, Rotating Internship, 2021–2022
- University of Illinois Urbana-Campaign College of Veterinary Medicine, DVM, 2021

# Surgery

- Dr. Kathryn Heidgerd
   Surgery Resident
- Angell, Surgery Internship, 2021–2022
- Angell, ECC Internship, 2020–2021
- University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, VMD, 2020









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# Future Plans Intern Class of 2022

#### Dr. Laura Badeski

Emergency and Critical Care staff veterinarian, Angell Animal Medical Center (Boston, MA)

#### Dr. Allison Barbour

Oncology Clinical Trials internship, University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine (Columbia, MO)

# Dr. Kristen Behrens

Surgery internship at Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine (Columbus, OH)

# Dr. Valeria Benitez-Vera

Ophthalmology Internship, BluePearl Pet Hospital (Miami, FL)

### Dr. Maxwell Bergmann

Clinical/teaching position, University of Sydney (Sydney, AUS)

### Dr. Lisa Caligiuri

Surgery internship, Long Island Veterinary Specialists (New York, NY)

### Dr. Alice Chirn

Cardiology internship, VCA West LA (Los Angeles, CA)

# Dr. Julie Choi

Cardiology internship at Animal Medical Center (New York, NY)

#### Dr. Riley Claude

Internal Medicine internship, University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine (Gainesville, FL)

### Dr. Rachel Coley

Laboratory Animal Medicine residency, Mayo Clinic/University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine (Rochester, MN)

# Dr. Delaney Douglas

Staff veterinarian, Compassionate Care Veterinary Services (Groton, MA)

#### Dr. Elise Durville

Emergency staff veterinarian, Massachusetts Veterinary Referral Hospital (Woburn, MA)

#### Dr. Alli Harju

Neurology internship, VCA West LA (Los Angeles, CA)

#### Dr. Kathryn Heidgerd

Surgery residency, Angell Animal Medical Center (Boston, MA)

# Dr. Kelley Kilpatrick

Emergency and Critical Care residency, University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine (Madison, WI)

### Dr. Winnie Lam

Returning to the Alberta, Canada, area to pursue a career in private practice with a focus on dentistry

# Dr. Brandi Lauer

Emergency and Critical Care residency, Angell Animal Medical Center (Boston, MA)

#### Dr. John Macri

Neurology residency, North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine (Raleigh, NC)

# Dr. Victoria McKaba

Cardiology/Emergency and Critical Care internship, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine (Philadelphia, PA)

# Dr. Gabrielle Minter

Pursuing cardiology research

### Dr. Mary-Kate O'Tool

Staff veterinarian, Angell at Nashoba (Westford, MA) / MSPCA-Nevins Farm (Methuen, MA)

# Dr. Abbey Petronzio

Emergency and Critical Care residency, Angell Animal Medical Center (Boston, MA)

#### Dr. Juliana Picard

Internal Medicine residency, Angell Animal Medical Center (Boston, MA)

#### Dr. Taylor Reale

General Medicine staff veterinarian, Countryside Veterinary Hospital (Chelmsford, MA)

#### Dr. Carson Rehn

Currently reviewing options

# Dr. Leah Richter

Emergency and Critical Care residency, University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine (St. Paul, MN)

# Dr. Sarah Slaughter

Radiology residency, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine (Ithaca, NY)

### Dr. Emily Spica

Ophthalmology internship, Animal Eye Institute (Cincinnati, OH)

#### Dr. Jake Stokes

General Medicine staff veterinarian, Angell Animal Medical Center (Boston, MA)

# Dr. Nathalie Suciu

Emergency and Critical Care staff veterinarian, MSPCA-Angell West (Waltham, MA)

### Dr. Laura Venner

Medical Oncology research position, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University (Boston, MA)

# Dr. Christina Vezza

Neurology residency, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine (Blacksburg, VA)

# Dr. Chi (Michael) Yee

Emergency and Critical Care residency, Iowa

# **Future Plans**Graduating Residents



# Dr. Justina Bartling Staff veterinarian, Veterinary Referral Associates (Gaithersburg, MD)



# Dr. Jami Becker

Staff veterinarian, Austin Veterinary Emergency and Specialty (AVES) (Austin, TX)



# Dr. Michelle Beehler

Internal Medicine staff veterinarian, Angell Animal Medical Center (Boston, MA)



# **Dr. Daisy Spear**

Staff veterinarian, Massachusetts Veterinary Referral Hospital (Woburn, MA)



# Dr. Kelsey Turley

Staff veterinarian, WestVet (Boise, ID)



### Dr. Mallory Watson

Staff veterinarian, Westford Veterinary Emergency & Referral Center (Westford, MA)



# Dr. Elizabeth Wiley

Staff cardiologist, Massachusetts Veterinary Referral Hospital (Woburn, MA)

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022!

Best of luck to all our graduates. We're so proud of you all!



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Drs. Meg Whelan and Valeria Benitez-Vera

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# MSPCA 2022 Alumni Newsletter - Honored Alumni



# **Barbara Gores, DVM, DACVS**

Founding Owner, Small Animal Surgeon - Veterinary Specialty Center of Tucson

Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine recently awarded Dr. Barbara Gores the Distinguished Alumni Award for Excellence in Practice. The award was presented by the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine in April 2022.

Dr. Gores has dedicated her professional career to exploring and advancing the field of small animal veterinary surgery, focusing on surgical and therapeutic lasers, wound care, oral/maxillofacial surgery, and elective orthopedics.

After graduating from Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1989, Dr. Gores completed her internship with Angell Animal Medical Center (1990), followed by her surgical residency (1990–1993) before working for Angell for four years (1994–1999).

In 1999, she and her husband Dr. James Boulay (a graduate of the Angell residency program and former chief of surgery), established the Veterinary Specialty Center of Tucson, a 32,000-square-foot multispecialty veterinary hospital with a 24-hour emergency department.



# **Emily McCobb, DVM, MS, DACVAA**

Associate Clinical Professor of Community Medicine, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University

The Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University recently awarded Dr. Emily McCobb the 2020 Outstanding Alumni Award. Dr. McCobb was previously inducted into the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine Faculty Hall of Fame in 2019.

Dr. McCobb is the Director of the Tufts Shelter Medicine Program and the Luke and Lily Lerner Spay Neuter Clinic at the Cummings School. She has published works on shelter animal welfare, community medicine, and pain management. Dr. McCobb mentors students in clinical work and animal welfare-related research.

In 2000, Dr. McCobb earned her DVM from Tufts University, followed by an Angell Animal Medical Center internship. She completed her Master of Animals and Public Policy at Tufts in 2002 and a residency and board certification in Anesthesia and Pain Management in 2006.



# Margo Roman, DVM, CVA, COP, CPT

Main Street Animal Services of Hopkinton

The American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association (AHVMA) recently presented Dr. Margo Roman with the Holistic Veterinarian of the Year award at their conference on October 3, 2021, in Reno, NV.

In 1983, Dr. Roman established Main Street Animal Services of Hopkinton (MASH) in Hopkinton, MA, the first integrative veterinary clinic in New England. A cutting-edge referral center, MASH offers conventional health care and alternative treatments to help seriously ill pets from all over the Northeast.

Dr. Roman has dedicated more than 45 years to Integrative Veterinary Education and Practice. She earned her DVM from Tuskegee Institute of Alabama in 1978 and was a student of the International Veterinary Acupuncture Course during her undergraduate studies at the University of Florida. Dr. Roman completed her externship at The Animal Medical Center in New York City and her internship at Angell Animal Medical Center (1978–1979).

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Live Interactive Webinar

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# **TOPICS AND SPEAKERS**

- Dogs and Children: The Not-So-Hidden Dangers
   Terri Bright, PhD, BCBA-D, CAAB
- A Review of Alpha-2 Adrenergic Agonists and Introduction to Zenalpha Kate Cummings, DVM, DACVAA
- Myths, Legends, and Truth About Allergy Testing Meagan Painter, DVM, DACVD
- Degenerative Neuropathies
   Jennifer Palmer, DVM, CCRT
- 10 Things to Know When Seeing Exotic Animal Species

  Anne Staudenmaier, VMD, DABVP (Avian Practice)

# Wednesday, November 9, 2022 6:15pm – 8:45pm

Live Interactive Webinar

2 Interactive CE credits (pending RACE approval)

# **TOPICS AND SPEAKERS**

- Hypoglycemia: Causes, Workup, and Treatment David Carabetta, DVM, DACVECC
- Proteinuria in Dogs
   Lisa Gorman, DVM, DACVIM

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