

Meet our New Veterinarians

Dr. Hilary Metz, Associate Veterinarian, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. She has a special interest in exotic medicine, radiology, ophthalmology and dermatology. Prior to going to veterinary school, Dr. Metz worked as a Veterinary Technician.

Dr. Laura Roy-Eitner, Associate Veterinarian, graduated from Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Roy-Eitner will be working as part of the Critical Care & Emergency Care Team at Windcrest Animal Hospital.



Dr. Lauren Simermeyer, Associate Veterinarian, graduated from Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Simermeyer will be working as part of the Critical Care & Emergency Care Team at Windcrest Animal Hospital. Dr. Simermeyer has also bred and exhibited Cardigan Welsh Corgis for AKC conformation competition.

Dr. Louis Snijders, Associate Veterinarian, graduated from Onderstepoort, University of Pretoria, South Africa. Prior to coming to Windcrest Animal Hospital, Dr. Snijders practiced at Ridgemall Veterinary Hospital in Randburg, South Africa. Dr. Snijders will be working as part of the Critical Care & Emergency Care Team at Windcrest Animal Hospital.



Celebrating the Human-Animal Bond

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Emergency & Critical Care at Windcrest Animal Hospital

(We're here 24/7 for you and your pets)

Emergency medicine in the Veterinary field closely parallels emergency medicine in humans. Emergencies commonly arise from the same types of sources: Trauma such as dog fights, cat bites, being hit by a car, falling off a table, bed or balcony; Medical emergencies such as a diabetic crisis, seizures, severe dehydration from profuse vomiting and diarrhea, or Toxicities either accidental or environmental, overdosage with medication, ingestion of household products or human medications, etc. Acute, severe changes in a pet's status can also be emergencies such as heart failure, etc. or any time you are concerned that your pet is very sick.

The process of treating the emergency patient is much the same as you have seen in a human ER and consists of **three steps: (1)triage, (2)diagnosis and (3)treatment**. When a patient presents to Windcrest's Emergency and Critical Department, they will first be triaged to identify how critical they are. Patients will be treated in order of criticality, not in order of presentation. So the first thing that must be done is to determine if your pet is critically ill. Our team of experienced Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians are trained to assess your pet's condition upon arrival and provide immediate, life-saving treatment, if necessary. The patient is then examined and a diagnostic and treatment plan is formulated by the Emergency Veterinarian. The Emergency Veterinarian will then discuss this plan with you, and answer any questions you may have.

If your pet needs to be admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) for observation or further treatment, the emergency staff will call you if there is a change in your pet's condition, or if there is new information to be discussed with you. Because we are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, you are always welcome to call in to ask about your pet's condition, and our staff will be happy to give you an update.

The ICU (Intensive Care Unit)

The major difference between our facility and a human emergency room is that the department functions not only as an ER, but also as an Intensive Care Unit (ICU). At all times, our facility is not only receiving new emergencies, but also monitoring and treating the critical cases that have been admitted to our hospital. Some of these cases came in as emergencies, others were referred to us by veterinarians in the tri-state area because of our critical care capabilities.

Windcrest Animal Hospital is equipped with an extensive in-house laboratory, which allows us to access our patient's bloodwork results quickly. Our state-of-the-art digital x-ray system provides quick, clear radiographs which can be sent to your Veterinarian on a compact disc or over the internet. Our surgical suite, complete with state-of-the-art monitoring equipment, is available for any emergency surgeries. Endoscopy, ultrasound and cardiac ultrasound are also available as needed. Blood is available should your pet need a transfusion. Our well equipped pharmacy has emergency drugs in supply at all times.

If your pet is admitted to the ICU, you will be permitted to visit at designated times. When your pet is ready to be discharged, you will receive full instructions as to how to care for your pet at home during their recovery.

As a pet owner, you can rest assured that emergency care is available **24/7 for you and your pet.**



Save the Animals "Pet of the Quarter"

I am a 6 year old neutered male. I was adopted from Save the Animals Adoption Center 5 years ago. My owners brought me back because they could not care for me any longer. I am sad that my parents gave me up, but I am hopeful that I will find another family to love and care for me. Come on by and say hi!



*Make a difference in an
animals life, Adopt!*

Visit Petfinder.com for a complete listing of our animals that need a loving home.

Grooming Services now available at our Talleyville Veterinary Hospital location

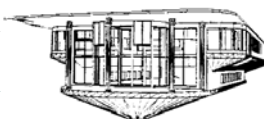


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for more details.

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EMERGENCY HOURS ARE:

Monday - Friday.....8:30 p.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Saturday - Monday.....4:00 p.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Please call ahead at
(302) 998-2995

When using the Emergency Service, please use the side entrance and ring the buzzer when you arrive.

Mid-Atlantic Avian and Exotics Veterinary Center at Windcrest Animal Hospital is dedicated to providing state of the art care in avian and exotic animal medicine and surgery.



Referral Services offered by Windcrest Animal Hospital include:

- Emergency and Critical Care Services
- Avian and Exotics Services
- Reproductive, Genetics and Pediatric Services
- Canine Rehabilitation and Wellness
- Behavior Consultation
- Cardiology

For more information contact us at (302) 998-2995.

Committed to the Human-Animal Bond

Cats & Heartworm Disease-



The Five Myths and Misunderstandings Revealed

#1- Dogs vs. Cats- I thought heartworm was mainly a dog's disease?

Heartworm disease is not just a canine disease. Heartworms affect cats differently than dogs, but the disease they cause is equally serious. Heartworm disease is harmful, even fatal, but very preventable with use of Revolution, a year round broad spectrum heartworm preventative.

#2- Indoor vs. Outdoor Cats- But my cat stays indoors, so she is safe right?

It only takes one mosquito to infect a cat, and because mosquitoes can get indoors, both indoor and outdoor cats are at risk and should receive heartworm preventive medication. In a North Carolina study, 28% percent of the cats diagnosed with heartworm were inside-only cats.

#3- It's a Heart Disease- How does it affect my cat?

The name "heartworm disease" is a misnomer, as it mostly affects the lungs and not just the heart. Signs are often mistaken for feline asthma, allergic bronchitis or other respiratory diseases.

#4- Adult Heartworms vs. Larvae- What if the heartworm larvae never develop into adult worms?

Cats do not need an adult heartworm to exhibit clinical signs; in fact, larvae are a main cause of the problems. Studies show 50% of cats infected with heartworm larvae have significant disease of the small arteries supplying blood to the lungs.

#5- Diagnosis- Is it easy to test whether my cat has heartworm disease?

Diagnosis is difficult as negative antigen and antibody tests do not rule out heartworm disease. Positive Tests are significant.

Proactive prevention is the only sure way to protect cats. Heartworm disease is harmful, even fatal, but very preventable. We recommend Revolution given year round for heartworm prevention in your cat.

For more information, please visit www.knowheartworms.org



Open House at
Hockessin Animal Hospital

Come Visit our New Facility!!!

Saturday, June 9
from 1p.m. - 5p.m.

Food- Education—Fun

Coming Soon—
Our On-Line Store

 When you visit our website, www.windcrestanimal.com, you will be able to access our On-Line Store and set up an account. You will be able to order your pet products from a source you trust and your products will be conveniently delivered to your home. We will be starting with offering Heartworm & Flea/Tick products, Cosequin, Rimadyl and Thyroid medications. Moving forward, we will be expanding the products offered via our on-line store.

Rehab Corner

My name is Max Duffy and I'm a lab/shep mix (a purebred mutt) who has had a multitude of difficulties in my 20 months of life which I won't go into. But I do want to tell you about my knees which have been a pain.

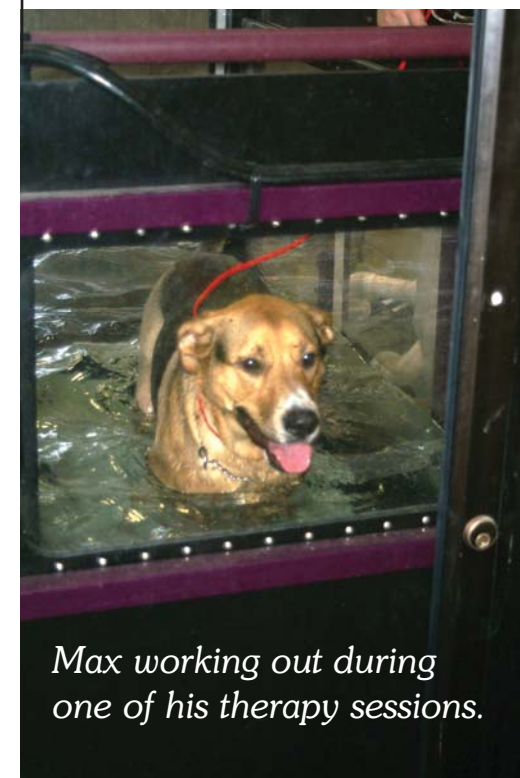
In October, I was having a great time playing with my friend Gus, he's a golden retriever I met at school. Suddenly, I couldn't use my left hind leg. I bent it way up and kept playing, but my Mom got all upset and dragged me to the orthopedist where I already knew the internist and cardiologist. He said that I'd torn my cruciate ligament and I needed surgery.

No problem! I had my surgery and was not too anxious to stand on that leg. It was taking me awhile to start to get stronger so Mom signed me up to see Dr. Kate at Windcrest and I started therapy. When Dr. Kate measured my muscles, we knew I needed a lot of help.

I immediately loved Dr. Kate! She massaged my leg and talked to me so sweetly that I wasn't even afraid when she showed me the big glass box (Dr. Kate calls it the underwater treadmill.) She came into it with me and had me straddled between her legs while it filled with water. I felt safe with her like that and then the floor started moving and I walked! She let me rest after awhile and then let me walk more. After a bit, she let the water out and we got out and then she dried me and gave me a treat. She also gave Mom exercises to do with me at home, but they weren't as much fun as what I did with Kate. I went back for more therapy, but I didn't need Kate coming in the box with me, because I felt OK on my own with her standing next to the box.

I started to get bigger muscles (Kate always measures me!) and soon looked like a hunk. I got really strong and then when I was one week from being allowed to play with Gus again, I tore the other knee in a running skid in my house!

Back to surgery, now on the other leg! But this time I started therapy right away and my first knee was so strong that I am doing really well and building even bigger muscles. My surgeon can't believe how well I'm doing so I told him about Dr. Kate and the water box and about how much I want to play with Gus. I think he understands, but you can never tell with people.



Max working out during one of his therapy sessions.

