



Monthly Mews

MARCH 2024

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ST. PATRICK'S DAY

- Saint Patrick didn't wear green. His color was "Saint Patrick's blue." The color green became associated with St. Patrick's Day after it was linked to the Irish independence movement in the late 18th century.
- Saint Patrick was British. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales in the late fourth century.

<https://worldstrides.com/blog/2017/03/9-interesting-st-patricks-day-facts/>



WHERE DO I FIND MY INSURANCE INFO?



- Health Insurance (use the Member ID on your insurance card to log in): <https://www.bluecrossma.org/>
- Dental Insurance: <https://member.uhc.com/myuhc?currentLanguageFromPreCheck=en>
- Prescription Plan: <https://www.rxbenefits.com/>



- Vision Insurance:
<https://member.eyemedvisioncare.com/member/en/>

NEW TO THE TEAM

Violet Bullen
(Assistant)

Rachael Leubecker
(Technician, RVT)

Taylor Hands
(Triage Technician)

Samantha Watson
(Assistant)



CONGRATULATIONS

Brittany Collier
ER Clinical Manager

Brooke Yarnell
Shift Lead 10 PM - 8 AM



- Don't forget to visit
Vet Exploration!
- Links for Bamboo HR and how to submit PTO
 - Current Job Openings
 - How to become a RVT

SOCIAL MEDIA



Please send your photos and stories to Sydney!!



- Pet First Aid
- Any photos of you and your pets! Or just your pets, whatever floats your boat!
- Heart worm based cases
- CST photos!
- Spring time photos
- Meet the Team Mondays!
- Any cool cases - include patient names

RAVIN' REVIEWS

"Very professional and fast service at the clinic. My chocolate lab had some swelling on the right side of her face and they diagnosed an abscess tooth. She was put on antibiotics and treated in under an hour. A vet came out to talk with me during the entire treatment. Great experience!"



"I've never had to leave my pup over night before but I can tell you I never felt more at ease leaving her with this amazing team! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for taking care of my girl!"

The staff was absolutely incredible- from the initial phone call, to check-in, to the vet tech and veterinarian. everyone was professional, but had a warmth and sympathy. my cat ended up being okay, he passed the steel wool without any issues- but our hearts and minds were put at ease by the professional opinion of the vet. absolutely incredible!

"Everyone was so kind and helpful. My Cookie was well cared for and seemed happy and playful after the ordeal. I really appreciated how the entire staff worked together and professionally to safely care for Cookie! They are the best!!!!"



"They took great care of my dog. He's on the mend and hopefully will have a full recovery. They kept me updated on his status."



"Had to have our beloved Sheba put down today , I just wanted to say a special thanks to Stephanie and dr Solomon for taking care of both my families dog and myself , thank you for all that you do."

"Everyone was so good to work with, I was in a bit of shock over what had brought me to the ER and their calmness helped me to channel my thoughts and stay focused and on task. They treated Kaylee like she was there own and I'm happy to say she is healing beautifully! Thank you so much!"

CANINE LEISHMANIASIS IN THE UNITED STATES

What is Leishmaniasis?

Leishmaniasis is a zoonotic disease caused by intracellular protozoa *Leishmania*.



How is it transmitted?

By the bite of an infected female phlebotomine sand fly.

Where is it most common?

Tropical and subtropical areas, Africa, central and southwestern Asia, and Central and South America.

Did you know?

- An estimated 1 million dogs are imported into the US for adoption or breeding. There is no requirement for dogs to be screened for *Leishmania* before entry into the US.
- There have been cases reported in California, Georgia, Maryland, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Signs of Leishmaniasis:

- What is the patient's travel history?
- Clinical signs: fever, weight loss, anorexia, various dermatologic (e.g., dermatitis; hyperkeratosis of nasal planum, paws or haired skin; paw pad fissures); ocular (e.g., uveitis, keratoconjunctivitis); systemic (e.g., glomerulonephritis, hepatomegaly, splenomegaly); or musculoskeletal (e.g., polyarthritis) disorders.
- Dog with skin scales, crusts, or ulcerations, especially with nonhealing or progressive skin lesions on the nose and ears.



CANINE LEISHMANIASIS IN THE UNITED STATES

- Abnormal blood work: unexplained nonregenerative anemia, hypoalbuminemia, hyperglobulinemia (polyclonal gammopathy), and proteinuria, even if the patient has no known international travel history.

How to diagnose?

- Serologic testing and/or identification of *Leishmania* amastigotes on cytologic or histopathologic examination of affected tissues. Polymerase chain reaction detection of *Leishmania* DNA in blood is not recommended as a screening test because the sensitivity of this blood test is low for both healthy and sick *Leishmania*-infected dogs.

What about asymptomatic dogs?

- Dogs exposed to *Leishmania* must be monitored because they can go months to years without any clinical signs of the disease.
- Clinically healthy dogs should not be treated, but monitored for life.

Treatment:

- There is no FDA-approved treatment available for non-human species in the US.
- A capsule form of miltefosine 50 mg is available under the brand name Impavido for the treatment of leishmaniasis in humans. This medication has been successfully used for off-label treatment of canine and feline leishmaniasis.

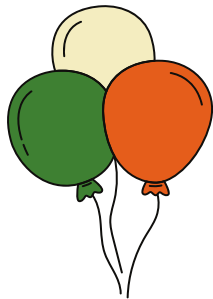


Go to the source for more information:

<https://todaysveterinarypractice.com/infectious-disease/canine-leishmaniasis-in-the-united-states/>

BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Nicholas Kempton
3/2 Emily Bowers
3/5 Eliza Eisenhower
3/7 Haley Moore
3/10 Ashley Tomlinson
3/12 Mikaila Brundick-Jorgensen
3/18 Kelsi Gooden &
Nicole Camelo-Lopez
3/22 Patty Coles
3/30 Brandy Mearman &
Maren Petersen



ANNIVERSARIES

3/6 Emily Bowers - 2 years
Kitt Scott - 2 years
3/9 Cierra Dilks - 4 years
3/10 Lisa Boehme - 19 years
3/19 Sara Watson - 1 year
3/22 Stephanie Shade - 1 year
3/30 Amy Privitera - 4 years
3/31 Tiffany McCullough - 19 years



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
TOMMY KOZEK!
33 YEARS!!

WISHING A VERY SPECIAL
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...



Joseph Graham



CVRC SPRING CE

Come and learn from several of CVRC's doctors as they speak on veterinary topics in their specialty practices. Registration is required but free, and breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Featured Speakers:

- Dr. Jessica Barker - CVNI
- Dr. Matt Boothe - CVCA
- Dr. Kyle Reynaldo - AVIM&O
- Dr. Erica Buchanan - VRoC
- Dr. Kristine Moss - CVSS
- Dr. Jennifer Hyman - ECFA

Don't walk...
run to sign up!



8am - 4pm
Sunday, March 10, 2024



Hyatt Place - Kent Narrows & Marina
3028 Kent Narrows Way S., Grasonville

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**Event Link on
VetExploration.com**



CHESAPEAKE VETERINARY REFERRAL CENTER

2024 ANNUAL SPRING CE
CONFERENCE

SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2024
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

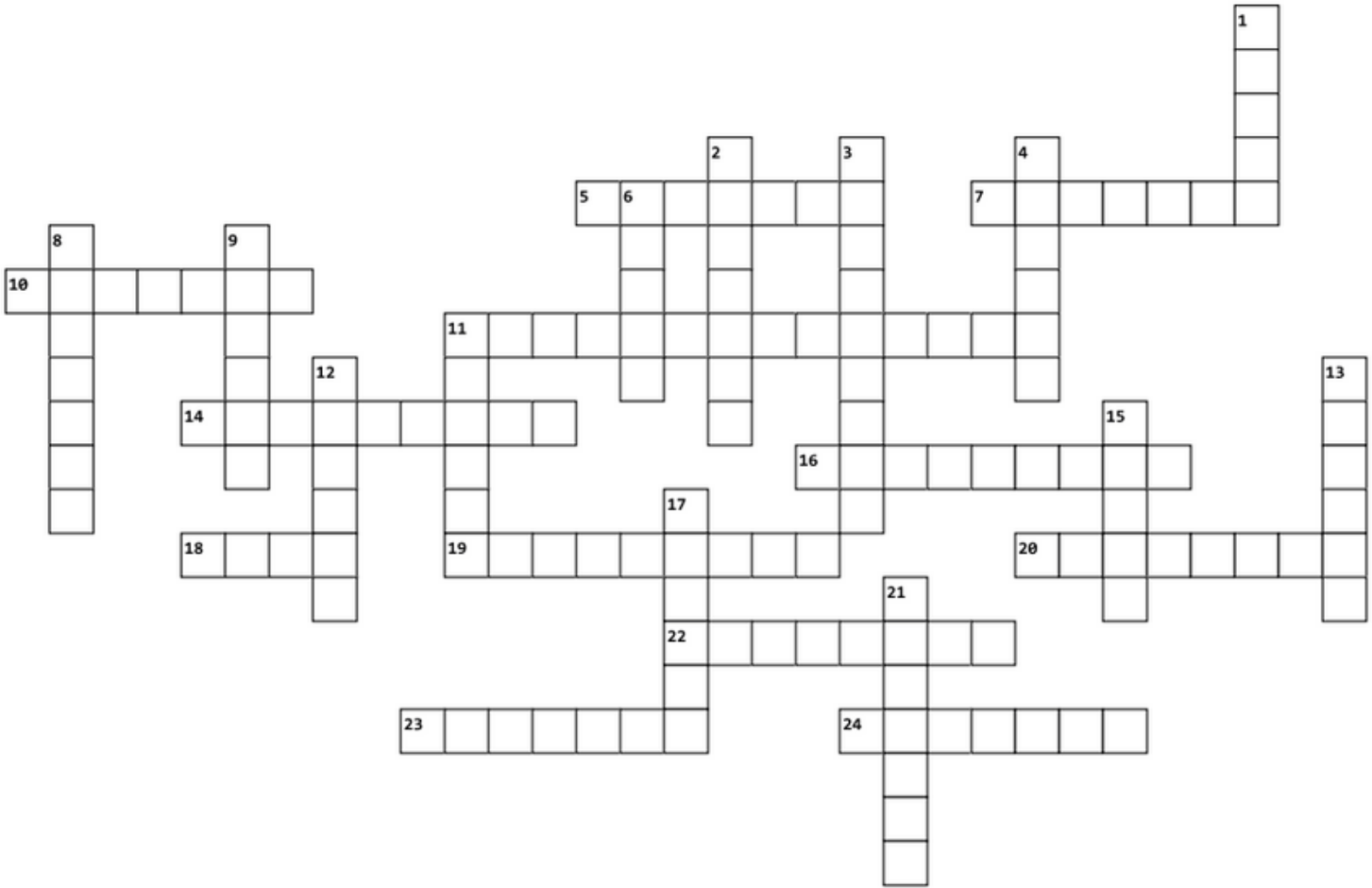
HYATT PLACE KENT NARROWS & MARINA
3028 KENT NARROWS WAY S. GRASONVILLE

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND BUFFET LUNCH INCLUDED

For more than 20 years, Chesapeake Veterinary Referral Center has hosted continuing education conferences for regional referring veterinarians.

LIMITED
SEATING
AVAILABLE

VETERINARY ANATOMY CROSSWORD



Across

- 5. The kneecap, this is what slips out of place in an MPL
- 7. Intubation occurs here to enable breathing
- 10. The most caudal part of the sternum
- 11. Special mass of tissue in the heart that generates electrical impulses, (AKA "the pacemaker") - 2 words
- 14. Most cranial part of the sternum
- 16. Valve between the two right chambers of the heart
- 18. One of the two bones between the elbow and the "wrist", is the pointy part of the elbow
- 19. Tube connecting the throat to the stomach
- 20. Lower, moveable half of the jaw
- 22. Organ that regulates blood sugar and aids digestion
- 23. Large bone between the elbow and shoulder
- 24. One of two large veins in the neck

Down

- 1. One of the two main bones between the knee and the hock
- 2. Each kidney contain about half a million of these tiny, filtering units
- 3. The smallest type of blood vessel
- 4. Duct connecting the kidney and the bladder
- 6. An alternative name for the C1 vertebrae
- 8. Medical term for gums
- 9. Valve between the two left chambers of the heart
- 11. Knee joint
- 12. The section of spinal vertebrae between the thoracic and the sacrum
- 13. Typical location for a scratch or ulceration of the eye
- 15. External, sometimes floppy part/flap of the ear
- 17. The "wrist" joint
- 21. Middle section of the small intestine

