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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

*Anthony Miele, DVM*

I hope this newsletter finds you well. In my role as your current President, I had the privilege of attending the Susan E. Wagner High School Awards ceremony in early June, and it was an unforgettable experience. The exceptional young talents at the event left a profound impression on me. I am thrilled to announce that our Veterinary Medical Association (VMANYC) was the sole organization at the ceremony to award a scholarship to a promising student, Dinusa Ketheeswarapaskaran, who is aspiring to pursue a career in Veterinary Medicine). The moment I presented the scholarship check and witnessed the pure joy on Dinusa's face, as well as that of her fellow students, I couldn't help but feel that our collective efforts as an association were truly meaningful. Subsequently, we received a special invitation later in the summer to address the incoming Freshman Class, who are eager to explore careers in the Sciences. It is my hope that initiatives like these will rekindle a passion for our profession among young minds. I encourage each of you reading this to actively participate in local initiatives; we are genuine role models for these aspiring talents.



As the scorching summer of 2023 comes to a close, we reflect on one of the hottest seasons in recent memory. For your VMA, it was also one of the most vibrant summers we've experienced in years. We started it off with our inaugural summer event, "The Big Apple Veterinary Mixer", followed by the long-awaited Annual Awards Reception.

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President's message continued ...

This event not only recognized the recipients from 2020 but also honored the ACC of NYC with the Exceptional Effort Award. This accolade acknowledges their dedication in addressing the challenges posed by the stray animal population, as well as their exemplary response to the stresses brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Once again, congratulations to all the awardees: Jana Rosenthal for "Service to the Veterinary Community & the Welfare of Animals," Dr. John Sykes for the "Merit Award," Dr. Betsy Bond for "Outstanding Service to Veterinary Medicine," Dr. Mari Morimoto for "Veterinarian of the Year," and Dr. John Maccia for "Distinguished Life Service." A special shout-out goes to our 1983 Past President, Malcolm Kram, and 1987 Past President, Pam Abney, who both made cameo appearances, traveling back to the city to celebrate and party with us.

Your VMA continues to be exceptionally active, with plans for upcoming events already in motion. We are excited to announce a fall edition of "The Big Apple Fall Veterinary Mixer," scheduled to take place at the AKC Museum of the Dog on Tuesday, November 7th. This will be a dedicated cocktail affair featuring delectable finger foods, refreshing drinks, music, and a few surprises in store. Just like our first mixer, this event is expected to sell out quickly, so I strongly encourage prospective attendees to register as soon as possible. This gathering is becoming the signature event for our VMA. Additionally, as in previous years, the New York Vet Show will include the VMANYC Theater, featuring specialist speakers from within our community. Many of your referrals in recent years may have crossed paths with these experts. Following the CE program on Wednesday, November 8th, NY SAVE will host their annual fundraiser, Paw-ty 2023, at The Klub 45 Room at Connolly's. The evening will include libations, culinary delights, and live entertainment by The Counterfeiters. The doors will open at 8:30, and the Paw-ty will continue until 12:00 PM. This event is also poised to be a sell-out, so early registration is strongly recommended. Don't forget that the New York Vet Show offers free admission to all VMA members; simply use the code NYVMA when registering. Furthermore, if you know of Technicians or Veterinarians who are not yet members and wish to attend the show, they can join the VMA as CE fellow members, gaining free access to the Vet Show and our remaining Social and CE meetings for 2023. You can facilitate this by calling the VMA office at 212-246-0057 or by completing an [application here online](#).

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## 2023 High School Student Award Recipients

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*Dinusa Ketheeswarapaskaran  
Susan E. Wagner High School*



*Shirley Quach  
John Bowne High School*

**Paw-ty with**  
The Veterinary Medical  
Association of New York City



**The Klub 45 Room at Connolly's**  
121 West 45th Street, NYC 10036

**November 8, 2023, 8:30 – 11:30 pm**  
Live Music, Food and Open Bar  
\$ 40 per person  
Proceeds benefit NY SAVE

## Calendar of Events

### **Program Committee - Megan McGlinn, VMD and Jennifer Tsung, DVM**

The schedule of the VMA of NYC Continuing Education meetings for the 2023 calendar year is listed below, including the speakers and topics. The meetings will start at 7:00 pm. Members must register prior to each meeting.

#### **October 4, 2023 - 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

Speaker: Susan Cohen, CSW  
Topic: TBD  
Location: TBD

#### **November 7, 2023 - Big Apple Fall Veterinary Mixer**

Location: AKC Museum of the Dog

#### **November 8-9, 2023 - NYVET Show**

Location: Javits Convention Center

#### **December 6, 2023 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Speaker: John A. McPhilliamy, Esq.  
Topic: TBD  
Location: TBD

#### **December 6, 2023 - 8:00—10:00 pm**

Topic: Holiday Party

*If you have any suggestion for a continuing education speaker or timely topic, please email the VMANYC at [info@vmanyc.org](mailto:info@vmanyc.org).*

# Current Update on Buoy's Law

## When does Buoy's Law go into effect?

June 15th, 2024

## What is the full text of Buoy's Law?

Section 1. Section 6715 of the education law, as added by chapter 678 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:  
§ 6715. Dispensing information to be provided by veterinarians.

1. Each time a veterinarian initially prescribes or dispenses a drug to a dog, cat, or rabbit for use outside the office, the veterinarian shall provide to the owner of such animal, or his or her agent, the following information:

- (a) the name and description of the drug;
- (b) directions for use, including, if applicable, any actions to be taken in the event of a missed dose;
- (c) if available, manufacturer instructions for proper storage;
- (d) any common reasonably anticipated adverse effects associated with the use of such drug; and
- (e) if available, manufacturer precautions and relevant warnings.

2. The provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of subdivision one of this section shall only apply when the manufacturer has made available information for the specific animal species to which such drug is prescribed or dispensed pursuant to subdivision one of this section.

3. The information to be provided pursuant to subdivision one of this section shall be provided in writing or orally and the method of disclosure shall be noted in the patient medical record.

## What about animals that are not a dog, cat or rabbit?

Buoy's law does not apply. Bovine, Equine, Camelids, Exotics, Reptiles etc; are excluded.

## What about surgery or treatments administered in my facility?

Buoy's law does not apply. It only applies to medications that are provided for use outside of the office.

## Does information have to be provided with refills?

No. It only needs to be provided when a veterinarian initially prescribes or dispenses.

## Do I have to provide the information if the client is taking the prescription to a third-party pharmacy?

Yes. The legislators identified veterinarians as a reliable and knowledgeable source of this information. In practice pharmacies usually also provide side-effect information to protect themselves from legal liability, and whatever regulations may apply.

## How is Buoy's Law Enforced? What are the penalties

Buoy's Law is part of the Education Law and is enforced by the New York State Department of Education. Typically NYSED would respond to a complaint like any other malpractice complaint. There is no available history to determine what a typical penalty would be for not complying with Buoy's Law. However it is likely to be less serious where there is no harm to the animal. The most serious cases would be where an animal was harmed or died as a result of medications and there is no record of the owner being adequately informed of the associated risks.



## Current Update on Buoy's Law

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### **What does "common reasonably anticipated adverse effects" mean?**

It is possible but unlikely that regulation might give more clarity. However the law does distinguish between "adverse effects" and "serious adverse effects". The word "serious" is not used here, and therefore a broader range of adverse effects should be disclosed.

In practice, if you provide the client with a client information sheet on the medication from Plumbs, Lifelearn the manufacturer or other sources, these include a section on adverse side-effects. If you choose to provide this information orally, then

### **When should the information be provided orally?**

There is nothing in the law that says whether you should disclose orally or in writing. The only requirement is that the method of disclosure be recorded in the medical record.

### **What about compounded medications?**

For compounded medications there would be no manufacturer or datasheet to include. Regulations are expected that may provide further clarification. As a minimum, if you know that any ingredient is known to lead to adverse side-effects then you should mention that, especially if those side-effects could cause long-term harm.

### **Do I need to make a note in the medical record?**

Yes. You should note how the information was provided.

### **Do I need to get the client to sign to indicate they have been told about side-effects?**

There is no requirement in the law to require a client to sign. However if the medication is known to have side-effects that are severe enough that a client might decline the medication, then having a signed informed consent form might be wise.

### **What about off-label uses?**

For off-label uses, regulations are expected that may provide further clarification. There will still be manufacturers information available for the intended use, and side-effects may also be known that should be shared.

### **What is the best way to efficiently comply with Buoy's Law?**

California already has a version of Buoy's Law called "Lizzie's Law". Both Plumbs and Lifelearn have been working with veterinarians in California to provide data sheets that cover the requirements for a wide range of medications.

### Overcoming Negative Self Talk

*By Jennifer Tsung*

Self-talk is defined as that inner voice and thoughts that run through our mind all day long. It is a constant monologue which combines both conscious and unconscious thoughts. It runs more positive or negative depending on our life experiences, circumstances and whether we tend to be optimistic or pessimistic.

Self-talk that is positive can make us feel more cheerful and can make us more confident. Unfortunately, people tend to have more negative self-talk, and this can be taken to extremes. Extreme negative self-talk is when one thinks that they are a failure at every aspect of life and constantly kicking themselves mentally. For some people, this negativity can paralyze them to being inactive, creating depression and anxiety. Those already with depression and anxiety normally already deal with severe negative self-talk. The problem we encounter is that our thoughts are not always realistic with our current situations, but it can be hard to see through that.

When we want to combat our negative self-talk, we need to first start with being able to identify what we are doing to ourselves. How do we perceive the world? Are we overexaggerating our weaknesses and not seeing any of our strengths? Are we taking on too much responsibility for events that we may not be able to control? I personally fight while blaming myself for events that I may not be able to control. There are things in veterinary medicine where maybe the outcome was not as good as we would have liked. I may not have lived up to the owner's expectations. Is it the owner's expectations or mine that are eating away at me? I need to remind myself of all the good that we do for animals all the time.

We need to pay attention to when our inner critic comes out so that we can separate it from our identity. This way it will not be able to influence us as much. Being able to realize that we are not as negative as what we are telling ourselves will be an act of kindness to ourselves. We need to start growing the positive side of ourselves. We need to notice our positive traits and think about those more often. If we can continue to say good things to our inner self, we will be able to filter out and decrease the importance of those negative critical thoughts. Focus on the positive. Just as good friends will tell us positive things about ourselves, we need to be friends with ourselves.

Negative self-talk is never in our interest. There is always a kinder way to treat ourselves. No matter how difficult our situations are, find the positive to focus on. As we start to name the positive things, we will be able to see them more readily in the future.



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# Veterinary Pet Insurance

*By George Korin, DVM*

In my 35 plus years of practice, I have experienced the introduction and evolution of the pet health insurance industry from the original DVM VPI (now Nationwide) to the explosion of insurance carriers such as AKC, Trupanion, ASPCA and many others.

I have to admit that in the early days I was skeptical of the benefits provided by insurance. The costs seemed to be expensive and the coverage wasn't comprehensive or proportional. The reimbursements and caps seemed to be the same whether you lived in Omaha, NE or New York, NY. Plus the costs to the owner for veterinary care was a fraction of what it is today.

Fast forward to 2022, pet owners in North America are spending roughly \$62 billion on pet care, and in the U.S. about \$36 billion is spent on canine and feline veterinary care alone.

In the last decade, the costs of providing good quality veterinary care have skyrocketed due to many reasons. The advent and introduction of new technologies such as: advanced diagnostic imaging, breakthrough treatments in dermatology (Cytopoint, Apoquel), medicine (CGM for monitoring diabetic patients), surgery (new equipment and techniques for various procedures), have increased the costs of treatment for most diseases and injuries. The pandemic and post-pandemic era has created a formidable elevation in costs of supplies, staff (due to shortages in all personnel, including veterinarians and LVTs), and other services. Compounding this is the rising add-on expense of inflation. These financial pressures have been passed on to the pet owner, and so I have witnessed, as many of you have, the uptick in reluctance to go forth with treatment recommendations, or the anxiety and concern of owners for the money already spent for procedures (usually on credit) that now need to be paid up.

Pets continue to be vital members of one's family, but the family must continue to be able to afford the care their companions need. Pet caretakers truly want the best care for their pets when situations arise. Pet Insurance can provide the stop-gap for both the owner and veterinarian. The pet owner can have peace of mind that their companion will get decent care, and protection from an unexpected financial burden. The veterinarian can deliver proper and up to date treatments with less regard for costs.

Veterinarians should discuss basic insurance options with pet owners upon initial wellness puppy and kitten exams. This is especially important as most carriers will NOT cover pre-existing conditions. Although we ought to recommend insurance, it is not up to us to recommend specific carriers. There are many different policies and levels of coverage. This can range from catastrophic care, cancer care, dental care and preventative health care, each with different price points. Some policies may exclude breeds or species. Some policies may put a monetary cap on reimbursements for chronic conditions, and some may not cover elective procedures or provide dental coverage. It is important for clients to compare policy options side by side and ensure their pet's breed specific risks are covered.



Veterinary Pet Insurance continued ...

Premiums are based on what one wants coverage for, one's geographical location, and the age and breed of pet. Copays and deductibles also vary so it's important to read the fine print to determine what kind of coverage one needs and what one's budget is. Also there may be a waiting period before the policy kicks in that needs to be taken into account. Encourage the pet owner to call their insurance provider to clarify their coverage, deductibles, annual limits, and exclusions ahead of any treatments or procedures.

We as veterinarians should also become familiar with the policies and how to help facilitate claims. This knowledge might help the client to ensure that they will be properly reimbursed and thus enable the highest quality and expedient care to be given to the patient in time of need. Encourage the pet owner to call their insurance provider to clarify their coverage, deductibles, annual limits.

Last year, one of the largest insurance companies, Nationwide divulged the results of treatments related to 1.43 million claims of medical conditions of dogs and cats from its database of 1.2 million pets.

It concluded that for dogs, dermatitis related to allergies was the number one claim affecting 373,000 patients. This has been true for the past 11 years. The next most prevalent conditions in decreasing order were: otitis externa, enteropathy, gastropathy and pyoderma.

For our cat patients, Nationwide revealed that Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) was tops with 18,400 cases followed by cystitis, gastropathy, enteropathy and hyperthyroidism.

In their study, Nationwide divulged that a pet owner submitted a claim for \$9480 for a canine patient with severe allergic dermatitis. For a cat a claim for \$19821 was submitted to cover the expenses of a severe diabetic illness.

For most clients these acute expenses would present a difficult monetary hardship. Having pet insurance in place creates a much needed financial buffer for these owners. Also, when presented with a cost estimate for serious medical conditions that are in need of immediate attention, the client might have a much easier time authorising treatment knowing that insurance reimbursements will be there in the end to alleviate the initial outlay of funds. When a pet owner has the right insurance plan, the focus of any conversation between the veterinarian and client shifts from cost of treatment, to optimisation of care. Currently, according to Veterinary Practice News the average monthly premium is under \$50 per month for dogs and less than \$29/ month for cats.

In order for pet owners to find the right plan for them and their pet(s), I would recommend that they seek resources that make it easy for them to compare different insurance policies at one time. The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) provides such a resource free of charge at [www.aaha.org/practice-resources/pet-health-resources/pet-insurance/](http://www.aaha.org/practice-resources/pet-health-resources/pet-insurance/).

In conclusion, veterinarians ought to encourage pet owners to sign up for insurance coverage early on in their pet's lives. Doing so may save them from financial hardship, and will allow us and our staff to provide our patients with the best possible care irrespective of cost. This may result in a good outcome for all involved (the pets, their owners and the veterinary care professionals).

# 2023 Annual Awards Reception





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## You and your veterinary team: Positive partners in your pet's care

A strong partnership—rooted in mutual trust and respect—is essential to support the best possible care for our patients. We are committed to cultivating a welcoming and inclusive environment, free of discrimination, through our words and actions. Any behaviors that suggest differently will not be tolerated.

AS A CLIENT, YOU CAN EXPECT TO:	IN RETURN, WE ASK THAT YOU:
Be treated with consideration, respect, and compassion by all members of our team.	Demonstrate consideration and respect toward all members of our team, other clients, and patients.
Be seen on time, or be notified of any delays—with respect for your time.	Arrive to appointments on time or call ahead if you're going to be late or need to cancel. Understand that patients' needs can be unpredictable, and show patience with explained delays.
Know who is providing your pet's care, and be assured that the provided care is appropriate, competent, and complies with applicable laws.	Accept that veterinarians are legally and ethically bound to provide veterinary services strictly under the terms of a current veterinarian-client-patient relationship.*
Have medical and personal information held in confidence, and have copies or summaries of medical records provided on your request.	Provide as much relevant and accurate information as possible about your pet's health and medical history.
Participate in decisions about your pet's care, be provided with trustworthy resources, and be informed about the benefits or risks of relevant diagnostic or treatment options in terms you understand.	Ask questions about your pet's health status and prognosis, recommended diagnostic or treatment options, or next steps if unclear.
Be presented with a range of care options that address your pet's needs. Be free to accept, decline, or discuss recommended diagnostic or treatment options, and have the right to seek a second opinion.	Follow agreed-upon treatment plans to the best of your abilities, and tell us if you have any questions or needs for assistance, so that we can help you.
Be informed of the costs of veterinary services, as well as available payment options, free of assumptions.	Meet agreed-upon financial responsibilities concerning provided veterinary services.
Have your constructive feedback welcomed and thoughtfully considered.	Let our team know right away if you have any concerns about your pet's care, so that we may take steps to improve your and your pet's experience.
Be provided with contact information and office hours for your veterinarian or veterinary emergency services for continuing care and treatment.	Accept that our team will do their best for your pet and may not be able to provide some services or accommodate all requests.

\*A veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists when your veterinarian knows your pet well and recently enough to be able to diagnose and treat your pet's medical condition, you have agreed to follow your veterinarian's instructions, and other requirements for this relationship have been met as defined by applicable federal and state law.

**NOTE:** Despite everyone's best efforts, things can go wrong. As positive partners in your pet's care, let's extend each other the grace to work through and learn from any issues, and continue to cultivate our partnership for the benefit of all pets.

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# New Survey Reveals Alarming Rates of Pet Obesity in the US

*Association for Pet Obesity Prevention  
May 9, 2023*

Pet obesity rates in the United States continue to rise, becoming a significant health concern for veterinarians and pet owners. A recent survey by the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention (APOP) showed that in 2022, 59% of dogs and 61% of cats were classified as overweight or having obesity, an increase from the previous surveys conducted in 2018 and 2017.

According to Dr. Ernie Ward, founder of APOP, "Obesity in pets is not just a cosmetic issue, it is a major health issue that can lead to numerous medical conditions, such as diabetes, orthopedic diseases, cardiovascular disease, and some types of cancer. It's time for veterinarians, the pet industry, and pet owners to take further action and address this growing problem."

Despite the increased awareness about pet obesity, there is still a significant need to treat the disease. Many pet owners do not recognize their pet's excess weight or overweight body condition, and only 49% reported that their veterinary professional discussed their pet's ideal or healthy body condition yearly. Many pet owners "normalize" their pet's weight because they are accustomed to seeing them daily.

Dr. Ward stated, "It is time to shift our efforts from raising awareness to treating pet obesity. We need continued innovations in diagnostic tests and tools, interventional therapeutics and diets, and resources to encourage compliance and adherence to weight loss programs."

The survey results also showed that accurate body condition scoring (BCS) assessments can be challenging, particularly in dogs with long or thick fur and cats with prominent primordial pouches or long hair. However, APOP is working with organizations to create improved methods for measuring body condition and body fat in pets.

While two-thirds of pet owners surveyed reported not feeling embarrassed or uncomfortable when told their pet needed to lose weight, 17% reported feeling uncomfortable or embarrassed. APOP encourages veterinary professionals to approach this sensitive topic with compassion and provide resources and support to help pet owners achieve their pet's healthy weight.

The 2022 State of U.S. Pet Obesity Report is available for download on the APOP website. Pet owners are encouraged to talk to their veterinary professionals about their pet's healthy weight and ways to achieve it.

As Dr. Ward reminds us, "We all want our pets to live long, healthy, and happy lives, and achieving a healthy body condition is a critical component of that goal."

## VETERINARIANS WANTED

**Animal Endocrine Clinic (AEC)** is looking for an enthusiastic new veterinarian to join our practice on the upper West Side of Manhattan. The AEC is a privately owned practice run by Mark E. Peterson, DVM, Dip. ACVIM. At the AEC, we specialize in diagnosis and treatment of thyroid disease, with most of our cases being hyperthyroid cats referred for diagnosis and treatment with radioiodine. At our practice, all thyroid cases have thyroid scintigraphy performed as part of their workup, and all 131I-treated cats are dosed using an individualized, calculated low dose of 131I.

With the goal of working less now and retirement within the next few years, Dr. Peterson looking for sometime to train to do the specialized workups and treatment routinely done at the AEC. Initially, this would be a part-time position, which would evolve into a partnership and eventual complete ownership of the practice. Once the associate is fully trained, they would be added as an "authorized user" to my NYC radiation license, and then take over and run my clinical 131-I practice (as a practice owner). Of course, I would serve as a consultant and be available for as long as needed. If desired, endocrine, internal medicine, and/or feline referral practice could also easily be incorporated into this practice.

We are a cat-friendly practice and are dedicated to premier veterinary healthcare. Our AEC is set up in part as a clinical research center, and many of our cats enter into one or more ongoing clinical research programs.

Requirements: DVM/VMD with Licensure in good standing to practice in New York. Board-certification in ACVIM or ABVP (Feline Practice) preferred. Feline experience mandatory.

If interested in joining our practice and training under Dr. Peterson to develop this specialty, send resume/CV and cover letter of interest to [drpeterson@animalendocrine.com](mailto:drpeterson@animalendocrine.com). To learn more about our practice, visit [www.animalendocrine.com](http://www.animalendocrine.com) or [www.hypurrcat.com](http://www.hypurrcat.com)

**Animal Health Group - Staten Island, NY and Veterinary Wellness Center - Brooklyn, NY.** We are looking to expand our growing practices where we believe in mutual respect for each other, our clients, and their pets while still maintaining a fun and hard working environment. We embody a strong team approach to medicine and surgery, and are eager to mentor both new and experienced veterinarians. We strongly encourage independent thinking while offering uplifting support. Our practices are located in Brooklyn, NY, Staten Island, NY, Hillsborough, NJ and Branchburg, NJ, with all being only a short distance away from the heart of New York City. We are a family oriented clinic (NOT CORPORATELY OWNED) which is also reflected in our surrounding communities, which we have been proudly serving for many years. New graduates are encouraged to apply - we love to mentor and guide but we also love to learn from new graduates who have the most up to date knowledge of medicine.

We offer the finest medicine to our patients and clients in a friendly and clean environment, and are looking for a veterinarian with a positive attitude and lifelong love of animals as well as learning to join our team. We believe in building trust through honesty and compassion and are looking forward to adding a new team member to our practices. Our clinics are fully equipped and offer in house lab equipment, separate surgical suite, digital x-rays, ultrasound, dental x-rays, and paperless records to name a few, as well as excellent support staff! Attention to detail, excellent communication skills, and genuine care for our patients and their families are also important qualities we are looking for. Starting salary is commensurate with experience and includes four day work weeks, paid time off, uniforms, full time health benefits, paid CE, veterinary license, malpractice insurance, and DEA license. Flexible scheduling allows our associates to enjoy a healthy work life balance. No after hours or on call requirements! Ownership/Partnership options are available allowing enormous potential for personal, financial and professional growth.

Please send an updated resume and cover letter to Dr. Michael Arpino at [hello@boerumhillvet.com](mailto:hello@boerumhillvet.com) highlighting why this is the ideal job for you. We look forward to reviewing your application!

## VETERINARIANS WANTED

**Westside Veterinary Center** is looking for an energetic and compassionate associate veterinarian. A veterinarian who is confident in their ability to diagnose and treat complex medical cases. Westside Veterinary Center offers great mentoring because we have many experienced and knowledgeable veterinarians. We are one of the largest private veterinary hospitals in Manhattan established in 1985. Several of our veterinarians have been trained at the Animal Medical Center and at other advance training hospitals.

Our experienced and talented support team provide outstanding care for our patients 24 hours / 7 days a week. We have a full range of equipment and all necessary tools to excel in both the diagnosis and treatment of medical, surgical and dental cases. We continually strive to grow the knowledge base of our practice and embrace new ideas.

Competitive salary and benefits offered.

If you are interested in job opportunity at Westside Veterinary Center please contact Dr. Karen Cantor, Director, at [Cantor@westsidevetcenter.com](mailto:Cantor@westsidevetcenter.com) or 212-580-1800 or 917-836-7417.

## VETERINARIANS AVAILABLE

**Full or Part-Time.** Veterinarian seeks work at small animal practice in New York City. NY licensed. Contact Eduarda Krieger, DVM at 917-239-3377.

**Per Diem/Part-Time Veterinarian.** Available most Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Excellent people skills. Good practice builder. 35 yrs experience. References available. Dr. Tobias Jungreis at 516-295-1125.

**Per Diem Veterinarian Available.** 39 years of experience. Recently sold my practice after 33 years in the same location. Can perform most routine surgeries. No orthopedics please. Willing to travel up to 40 miles from central Nassau county. Call Paul Fish DVM 516-241-7278 or email [PaulFishdvm36@gmail.com](mailto:PaulFishdvm36@gmail.com).

**Relief/Per Diem Veterinarian.** General practice. Orthopedic and Soft Tissue Surgery. DVM, Cornell. Internship Oradell. Residency in Small Animal Surgery, Cornell. Phone Dr. Kathy Sevala at 718-578-9085.

**Relief Veterinarian.** NYC Relief vet in Manhattan and Brooklyn. Lorelei Wakefield, VMD, internship-trained with 9 years of experience. Soft tissue surgery, dermatology expertise. NY/ DEA licensed. 917-930-8936. [lorelei@wakefieldvet.com](mailto:lorelei@wakefieldvet.com).

**Relief/Per Diem Veterinarian.** Available weekdays preferably in NYC. Over 30 years experience, excellent people skills, completed residency in surgery at the AMC in the 80's and good medical skills. Contact Kenneth Fein, DVM at 203-540-7771.

## VARIOUS POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Animal Care & Control of NYC (AC&C)** has many new and exciting job openings available at this time. If you love working with animals and helping people they may have a great career opportunity for you. Some of the positions that are available are Communications Associate, Volunteer Liaison, Veterinarian, Licensed Vet Tech, Animal Care Officer, and Animal Control Officer. If you are interested in learning more about the available positions or want to apply, please visit their website at [www.nyacc.org](http://www.nyacc.org).

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