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HIP DYSPLASIA

Andy Staatz, DVM, DACVS
VSA Campbell



Hip dysplasia, one of the earliest orthopedic conditions identified by veterinarians, remains prevalent in our pet population. Hip dysplasia is often unrecognized by the patient's guardian as these patients may not limp or cry out. Not surprisingly, dysplastic dogs are often considered low energy or aging. Recognizing the discomfort these dogs are experiencing can be obvious in some patients and elusive in others. Research has identified laxity in the hips of dogs over 6 months of age as highly correlated with the development of hip dysplasia. Examination of dogs between 6 and 8 months of age, with special attention paid to hip range of motion and Ortolani sign in dogs along with OFA style ventro-dorsal radiographs of the pelvis, is ideal.

Surgical Options

Early identification of hip dysplasia (6 to 12 months) opens the door to correction with triple pelvic osteotomies. These corrective osteotomies result in functionally normal hips. The difficulty facing veterinarians lies in identifying patients before degenerative changes develop. Veterinary Surgical Associates can assist with these diagnostic challenges through our physical exam expertise and special radiographic studies (distraction and dorsal acetabular rim views).

In mature dogs, total hip replacement remains the gold standard of treatment for hip dysplasia. Once restricted to large breed dogs, total hip implants are now available for most dogs over 35 pounds. Total hip replacement gives the patient normal gait as well as a pain free gait. We are excited to announce that total hip replacement is now performed in our Concord, San Mateo and Campbell facilities.

For more details about the surgical options and postoperative care, you and your clients can visit our website at www.vsasurgery.com or ask any VSA surgeon what would be the next step in an evaluation for your client and your patient.

SYMPOSIUM RAFFLE MAKES ITS DEBUT!

This year, in concert with some of our vendors, we will be hosting a raffle. Each attendee will be handed one ticket at registration at no extra cost. In order to validate the ticket, attendees must visit 3 vendors who helped to support this year's raffle and get a sticker:

Biomedtrix
Butler AHS
Eclipse Medical Imaging

We would also like to thank Eclipse for co-sponsoring our tote bags, which will be made from recycled organic cotton! Along the lines of trying to support "green" endeavors, the Grand Prize in our raffle will be a Zapino Electric Scooter! The scooter is licensed as a moped and can go up to 30mph and approximately 30 miles on one charge. It has a value of \$3,000 and is being donated by the Electric Green Showroom of San Carlos.



We also would like to thank Four Flags over Aspen and WB Saunders/Mosby for donating supplies and books to the raffle. We will be giving away weekends out of town, adventure trips, wine and goodies, and a few other surprises. We hope that you will stay for our reception at the end of the day to hear your name called!

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9th ANNUAL VSA/VMS SMALL ANIMAL SYMPOSIUM MARCH 16, 2008!

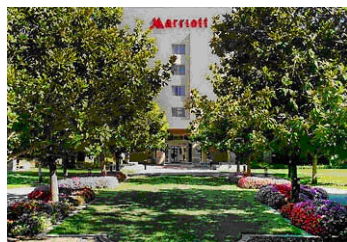
Veterinary Surgical Associates and Veterinary Medical Specialists invite you to attend our 9TH annual Symposium to be held on **Sunday March 16, 2008**. We really enjoy providing this day of continuing education to Bay Area veterinarians, managers and nurses, hopefully furthering your professional efforts while celebrating veterinary medicine and our regional veterinary community.

This year we will be hosting the symposium at the **San Ramon Marriott**. With the imminent opening of our Dublin facility in 2008, we wanted to find a location that would be inclusive of this area while remaining easily accessible for those in the South Bay, Peninsula, San Francisco and Marin. The Marriott is right off the 680 freeway with easy access from 580, 880 and 101 freeways. We are also happy to report that there is more than ample free parking at this location - just bring your parking ticket to the registration desk to receive your voucher!

All of the meeting rooms are located adjacent to each other and the Vendor's Showcase area will be located along the walking path leading to the meeting rooms. This venue will provide a great opportunity to have discussions with the providers of equipment and services away from the usual pressures of running between exam rooms - we have been sure to include sufficient time in the program for everyone to visit this year's sponsors.

The Flow of the Day

We will again start the day off with the Keynote address for all attendees in a large ballroom located adjacent to the meeting rooms. Following our kick off welcome and the keynote address, participants will break out to participate in any of 5 different tracks for the rest of the day. All three clinical tracks will feature the doctors of VMS and VSA. This year there will be a separate



The other two clinical tracks will focus on various body systems and will cover disease states within each of these systems. Diagnosis and treatment options will be presented from both internal medicine/oncology and surgical perspectives.

This year we will again be offering a sit-down lunch, which is graciously being sponsored by **Pfizer Animal Health**. A big part of our search for the best possible facility for the Symposium included a desire to accommodate all of you in this seated lunch format. This setting seems to be appreciated, as it allows everyone to socialize with one another and with the presenters. We reserve the right to present a surprise or two during lunch!

As in the past, we will begin the day with a continental breakfast during registration and have plenty of refreshments during breaks. You can enjoy these as you stroll between the various vendor booths in the great hallways.

New to the symposium this year will be a raffle - for those of you that attended our recent Open Houses in Concord and San Mateo, you are aware of the fabulous prizes that are offered. Raffle winners will be announced at the end the day with a great wine and hors d'oeuvres reception - something this event is getting known for. This will take place in a very nice courtyard immediately adjacent to the meeting rooms. We hope that you join us for the good food and libations while perhaps following up with the presenters or telling a story or two as you spend some relaxed time with colleagues.

Guest Lecturers

We are always happy to welcome guest lectures to our Symposium year after year!

We continue to offer our management/leadership track and we could not be luckier than to have **Dr. Ernie Ward Jr.**, one of the best and most sought after veterinary lecturers in the country, follow up his Keynote presentation with an entire day of lectures. Dr. Ward is a 1992 graduate of the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. He is owner and the chief-of-staff of Seaside Animal Care in Calabash, North Carolina. Seaside Animal Care received the prestigious National Practice of Excellence Award in 1999. Ernie is a frequent author and international lecturer

and is a member of Veterinary Economics' Editorial Advisory Board. He is a member of the Senior Care Team and participated in the Senior Care Summit to establish the "gold-standards" for senior pet medical care guidelines. Additionally, Dr. Ward is a Charter Member of the Association of Veterinary Practice Management Consultants and Advisors (AVPMCA) and received the "Speaker of the Year" Award from the 2004 North American Veterinary Conference. Ernie serves on Advisory Boards for several industry corporations and is the founder of the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention (APOP) and host of the Pet Health Connection podcast. He has been featured on Animal Planet and has appeared on numerous television and radio talk shows and newscasts around the country including NBC Nightly News and CNN.

Alex Krooglik, Vice President of Marketing & Co-Founder of Embrace Pet Insurance will be speaking on the role of pet insurance in veterinary medicine in the United States and how changes in that industry will improve our ability to offer diagnostics and therapy to more companion animals.

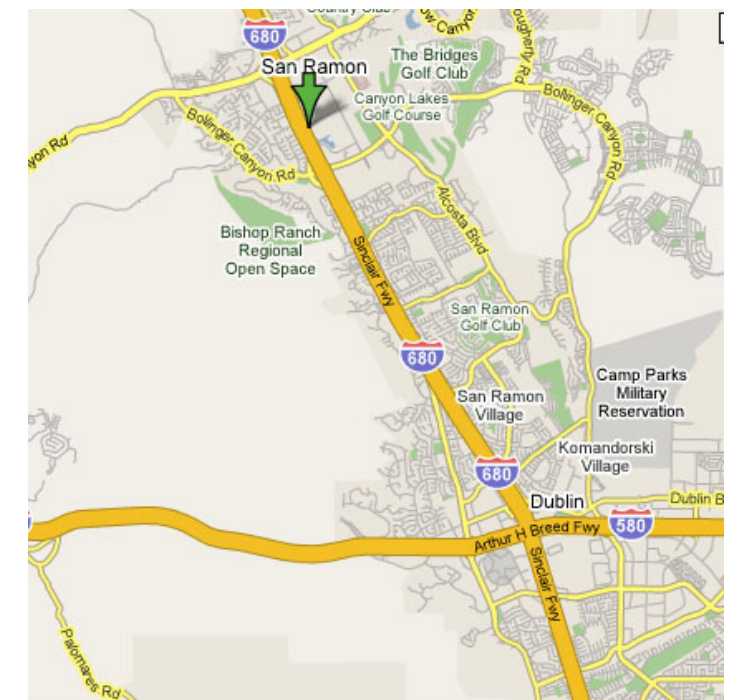
IDEXX Laboratories will be sponsoring our nursing track this year, and we welcome **Dawn Owens**, West Coast Supervisor for the IDEXX Field Tech Support Team. Dawn will be speaking in the nursing track on how to troubleshoot in house laboratory equipment.

We are excited to welcome **Erika Pratt, DVM, DACVECC**, who is currently a manager for the Veterinary Specialty Team at Pfizer Animal Health. Dr. Pratt received her DVM from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan in 1995. She completed an internship in small animal medicine from the Atlantic Veterinary College at the University of P.E.I., and in 1996 was accepted into a four-year residency in Emergency and Critical Care at Tufts University. She received certification from the College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care in 2000. Before joining Pfizer in 2003, Dr. Pratt was the medical director of a large twenty-

four hour non-profit Emergency and Critical Care hospital. With the expansion of the Veterinary Specialty Team in 2006, Dr. Pratt was promoted to a managerial position within her current Pfizer team.

Pat Gavin, DVM, DACVR (Radiology and Radiation Oncology) will be joining us again this year. Dr. Gavin earned his DVM from Washington State University in 1971 and went on to do a residency in radiology and radiation biology at Colorado State University. He became a Diplomate of the ACVR in 1981 and is a Charter Diplomate in Radiation Oncology. Dr. Gavin speaks nationally on the interpretation of MRI and he will be providing information on the use of MRI in diagnosing abdominal disease.

We hope you have received the registration information and brochure in the mail. You can also find registration information on-line at www.vsasurgery.com and www.vmsmedicine.com. We look forward to spending another enjoyable and informative day with you on March 16th and we will do our best to make it of benefit to you, your staff, and your patients!



SAVE THE DATE : March 16, 2008

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