



Colleagues eBriefs

News for our veterinary colleagues from the hospital
at The University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine

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RDVM Referral
Hotlines

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800.861.7458

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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to provide you with this brief update of news and recent advancements from UGA's Veterinary Teaching Hospital:

Holiday Schedule: While we will not be scheduling routine visits between Christmas and New Year's, our Emergency Critical Care service will operate as usual 24 hours a day, every day. Please call 706.542.3221 if we can be of service to you or your clients over the holidays.

Cardiology Services: The addition of a new mobile fluoroscopic imaging system, coupled with a trained cardiology team composed of two board-certified cardiologists and two residents, positions UGA's VTH as the state of Georgia's most comprehensive small animal cardiology care center. Services now offered at the VTH include balloon valvuloplasty for treatment of congenital pulmonic stenosis, catheter-based occlusion of patent ductus arteriosus (PDA), heartworm extraction, pacemaker implantation, and electrical cardioversion. The Cardiology team is also available for complimentary phone consults, and can be reached by calling 800.861.7456.

Consultation Services: Let us help you with your challenging cases through our consultation service. Most of our consultations are by phone and all but one service offers complimentary consultations. Please call our Referral Coordinators (800.861.7456 (SA) / 800.861.7458 (LA)) with the animal's name, age, brief description of the condition, and your office and after-hours phone numbers. One of our specialists will get back with you, typically the following business day. In addition to phone consultations, we offer the following:

- **Small Animal Internal Medicine Consults** are done online. Visit: http://www.vet.uga.edu/hospital/forms/online_consult.php
- **Radiology Interpretations:** Most readings for RDVMs in GA, SC and WV are \$40. Visit http://www.vet.uga.edu/var/pdfs/radcons_submission_form.pdf to complete the form to send radiographs.

Don't Miss the next issue of Colleagues: Watch for more information about these topics and other features in our Winter/Spring issue of *Colleagues*.

If you have a change in your postal address or comments about this EBrief, please let us know by emailing UGARDVM@uga.edu.

We are sincerely grateful for your support throughout 2011 and look forward to being of service to you and your clients in the year ahead. On behalf of our Veterinary Teaching Hospital team, we wish you, your staff and your family the best this holiday season.

Regards,
Gary M. Baxter
Hospital Director

