



# DC Board of Veterinary Medicine

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

I am honored to be writing to you after being appointed to my second term as Board Chair of the District of Columbia Board of Veterinary Medicine (BOVM). During the past two years many things that our Board has been working toward have come to fruition.

First, I want to thank our past board members that worked very hard to accomplish our draft regulations: Dr. Ashley Gallagher, Dr. Elton Vyfhuis, and Ms. Lisa LaFontaine. Their service and dedication was greatly appreciated and we would not have accomplished as much as we did without their help and generosity with their time. The current Board members: Dr. Leanne Lipton, Dr. Dan Teich and Ms. Amy Haywood, LVT; and the staff: Executive Director Dr. Vito DelVento, Ms. Panravee Vongjaroenrat JD, Ms. Lakisha Thompson, Ms. Joy McFarlane, Ms. Shakira Richardson, and Ms. Emilia Moran, continue to work toward the Board's accomplishments.

The draft of regulations for veterinary licensees and veterinary technicians and euthanasia technicians has been completed and are being reviewed by DC Health and the Mayor's Office. The process is arduous and important, and these efforts will frame the laws governing veterinary practice in the District.

The Board has also been working with the Board of Pharmacy to make compliance with the Physicians Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) straightforward and easier for veterinarians. This effort is still in progress.

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) and the DC BOVM have also been collaborating. Ours is one of the first boards to use the Veterinary Continuing Education Tracking (VCET) system. VCET is a free program that allows each licensee to record all their continuing education (CE) course work in a



Noon Kampani, MBA, DVM, with Hobbs, her Dachshund.

centralized database. VCET provides an easy way for you to communicate the completion of your CE to credentialing agencies, including the DC BOVM. You may take advantage of this resource by creating a MyAAVSB account ([www.AAVSB.org](http://www.AAVSB.org)). The BOVM conducts a random CE audit of our licensees every licensing cycle. This tool makes it easy to track and submit your CE information.

The District of Columbia Department of Health (DC Health) will be requiring 2 hours of LGBTQ Cultural Competency education for all DC Health licensees; this requirement is anticipated to go into effect for the next renewal cycle in 2020. This requirement is included in the 36 hours that each veterinarian must complete in continuing education for each two year renewal cycle.

We always welcome feedback from veterinarians and the public. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions for the Board, please feel free to contact Board staff by e-mailing Dr. DelVento at [vito.delvento@dc.gov](mailto:vito.delvento@dc.gov) with your questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Noon Kampani, MBA, DVM  
Chairperson  
DC Board of Veterinary Medicine

## Veterinary Technician Licensing

The Veterinary Technician Regulation subcommittee has completed their work on a new set of rules and regulations that will govern veterinary technicians practicing in the District of Columbia.

These new regulations will raise the standard of care in District veterinary clinics and hospitals and will ensure that every technician practicing has passed the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) and meets the highest standards allowable.

The Board hopes that these new regulations will go into effect before January 2019. Please contact the Board if you have any questions.

## Thank You to Outgoing Board Members



Health Regulation and Licensing Administration Senior Deputy Director  
**Dr. Sharon Lewis** (left) and the Board of Veterinary Medicine  
present Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing Board Members  
**Ashely Gallagher, DVM**, and **Lisa LaFontaine**.

## LETTER FROM THE HEALTH REGULATION AND LICENSING ADMINISTRATION SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR



*Sharon Williams Lewis, DHA,  
RN-BC, CPM*

### Dear Veterinary Medicine Licensee:

The District of Columbia's Board of Veterinary Medicine members are committed to high quality standards for the professions that they regulate. Dr. Vito DelVento, Executive Director, staff of the Animal Services Division and the Attorney Advisor provide significant support to the Board as the scope of practice and related matters are discussed. In addition, I thank the licensees for your dedication to providing excellent medical care for the animals of the District of Columbia.

Congratulations to the Members of the DC Board of Veterinary Medicine for all they have accomplished this year. They drafted and proposed legislation that is going through the District of Columbia legislative review process which will include a public comment period. The proposed legislation encompasses the

establishment of the professions of veterinary technician and euthanasia technician.

The Board's legislative action supports safe practice among the various veterinary medicine professions in the District.

We are also excited that the upcoming Annual Meeting and Conference of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) will be held here in the nation's capital. We look forward to welcoming veterinarians from all over the country.

In closing, I would like to offer a special "Thank You" to the Members of the DC Board, who have demonstrated dedication and determination throughout the last year and to Veterinary Medicine Board Chairperson Noon Kampani, MBA, DVM, who has provided excellent leadership.

In 2019, I look forward to seeing that the veterinary professionals of the District of Columbia continue to serve as a national model for best practices in veterinary care!

Sincerely,

Sharon Williams Lewis, DHA, RN-BC, CPM  
Senior Deputy Director  
Health Regulation and Licensing Administration  
DC Health

### DC Department of Health's New Logo

After nearly 22 years with roughly the same logo, the DC Department of Health has released an updated brand identity, which includes a new logo with the name "DC Health," colors, and font. Over time, you'll see the new DC Health logo anywhere we're in public, like on our website, on official documents and Twitter. We believe the new look better matches what we've become: the city's chief health strategist with a vision of making the District the healthiest city in America.

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## Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP): Frequently Asked Questions for Veterinarians

### What is a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)?

The PDMP is an electronic database that collects information on the dispensation of controlled substances (CS) and drugs of concern (cyclobenzaprine/butalbital). The PDMP identifies and reduces the diversion of prescription drugs without impeding appropriate medical utilization of CS. It also provides prescribers with the prescription data needed to enhance patient care by assuring legitimate use of CS in all areas of health care.

### How can Veterinarians register for the PDMP?

All users must register individually to access the system. To begin the registration process, <https://districtofcolumbia.pmpaware.net/login> then click "Create an Account." Please visit the DC PDMP website via <https://dchealth.dc.gov/pdmp> to access the user guides, forms, notices, laws and regulations.

### Are Veterinarians required to report data to the PDMP?

Yes, Veterinarians who dispense a covered substance must submit the prescription monitoring data to the Program within twenty-four (24) hours after a covered substance is dispensed for each covered substance dispensed.

### What is a covered substance?

All controlled substances included in Schedules II, III, IV, V and the following drugs of concern: (a) All drug products containing Cyclobenzaprine; and (b) All drug products containing Butalbital.

### How do I report data to the PDMP?

Refer to the Data Sub-mission Dispenser Guide via <https://dchealth.dc.gov/pdmp>

### Licensed practitioners will need the following information to complete their registration:

- DC Health Professional License Number
- DC Controlled Substance Registration Number
- DEA Number

### Is the District of Columbia's PDMP Interoperable with other states' PDMPs?

Yes, the DC PDMP is connected through National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® PMP InterConnect to the following states:

Connecticut	New York
Delaware	Pennsylvania
Maryland	Rhode Island
Massachusetts	Virginia
Minnesota	West Virginia

**Questions?** Send an email to [doh.pdmp@dc.gov](mailto:doh.pdmp@dc.gov)

# ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AAVSB

By Dr. Leanne Lipton

In September 2017, members of the Board of Veterinary Medicine attended the **American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)** Annual Meeting and Conference in San Antonio, Texas. This conference is a gathering of members of state and provincial veterinary boards from the US, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. There were also guest attendees from as far away as Australia. In addition to association business, topics presented included trending legal cases, leadership training, reports from the Student Association of Veterinary Medicine (SAVM), reciprocity agreements between jurisdictions, and telemedicine (introducing many attendees to companies such as Vet24Seven, Ask.Vet, and the texting service Wooftrax).

Conference attendees had the opportunity to participate in roundtable discussions regarding drug enforcement policies, diversion control, unlicensed practice (e.g. massage, acupuncture, chiropractic, and non-sedation dentals), and recent issues relating to drug compounding. There was also discussion about the current and varied pet websites and apps commonly used by clients.

There was a comprehensive presentation about the physical and mental health of veterinarians during which individual speakers gave personal accounts of drug addiction, mental health issues, and economic stress. Stemming from this lecture, the AAVSB has developed a committee to investigate and assist state and provincial boards in providing confidential counseling resources, monitoring and advocacy programs, as well as educational outreach programs.

Individual committee meetings included VTNE (Veterinary Technician National Exam) exam construction workshops, PAVE (Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence), QSE (Qualifying Science Examination for PAVE), and RACE (Registry of Approved Continuing Education). The RACE committee considered several new topics including several holistic modalities.

New services sponsored by the AAVSB are: SPA (State and Provincial Assessments) to assist boards in administering online state and provincial specific jurisprudence examinations, VCET (Veterinary Continuing Education Tracking) to validate CE compliance for licensure renewal, and VAULT (Veterinary Application for Uniform Licensure Tracking) to develop a streamlined, electronic method for applicants to obtain licenses. The International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) is a newly-formed regulatory committee to oversee the development and administration of the NAVLE (North American Veterinary Licensing Examination).

The DC Board of Veterinary Medicine is proud to announce that our own executive director, Dr. Vito DelVento, was named to the board of directors. Dr. DelVento has previously served on the Leadership Task Force and the Conference Committee. He recently became a member of a committee addressing the wellness of veterinary health care professionals. He was also very instrumental in the selection of Washington, DC as the location for the 2018 AAVSB conference. Our Board of Veterinary Medicine is very grateful for Dr. DelVento's guidance on board matters and proud of his contribution to this international veterinary association.

The annual AAVSB conference is not only very informative, but provides an excellent opportunity to meet other veterinary professionals from diverse backgrounds, to network with other veterinarians, veterinary technicians, executive directors, attorneys, and board staff from many jurisdictions, and to learn about emerging topics in our field.

AAVSB Conference, September 12-15, 2018, at The Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC  
Website: <https://www.aavsb.org/board-services/annual-meeting/>



## Arbovirus Abatement Program

The District of Columbia Department of Health (DC Health) uses Geographic Information Systems (GIS), a mapping technology that allows the user to create and interact with a variety of maps and data sources. DC Health uses GIS as a tool to trap adult mosquitoes by finding out where they are living and breeding; to record surveillance and control data at the finest spatio-temporal resolution possible; and to quantify mosquito population sizes when possible using standardized methods that allow comparisons among locations in the District of Columbia.

In 2017, surveillance was conducted in all eight DC wards from May through October utilizing gravid, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and BG Sentinel traps. A minimum of two trap sites were used per ward and a strict 24-hour trap-to-harvest protocol was used to collect, harvest, and test samples that were collected. A topographic base map is being used as the primary map for this data. The data contained within the various layers of this map identifies the geocoded locations of the traps, number and type of traps used, the number and type of specimens collected (Genus and Species), time of day specimens were collected, and various other data points in each ward in the District of Columbia.

One of the 2017 sites highlighted this season was site 2B, a public/private partnership between DC Health and the National Gallery of Art (NGA). DC Health placed one trap on each of the three NGA properties, utilizing each category of trap. The Gravid trap was located at the NGA Sculpture Garden, the CO<sub>2</sub> trap was located at the original West Building of the NGA, and the BG Sentinel trap was located at NGA's East Building, also known as the I.M. Pei building. The additional trap sites added by permission of the National Gallery of Art added substantial coverage along the National Mall which is visited by more than 33.5 million visitors annually. This enabled DC Health to monitor potential threats to public health pertaining to the seasonal vectors of arbovirus diseases in an area encompassing 1/3 of the National Mall.

There were a total of 18 sites across the 8 wards within the District. Spread across the eight wards, there were a total of sixteen gravid type traps, nine CO<sub>2</sub> type traps, and eight BG Sentinel traps. There were seven other trap sites managed by the Department of Defense (DOD) which are contained in a separate data layer, the locations of which have been verified by DOD and geocoded separately.

For the 2017 evaluation period no mosquitos infected with Zika, Dengue fever, or Chikungunya virus were detected in the area tested by the Department of Health, however approximately 22% of trapped mosquitoes tested positive for West Nile Virus. (Very few cases of West Nile Virus were registered in DC and none of them resulted in death.)

*This information was provided to the Veterinary Board by **Mr. Trey Cahill**, Program Evaluator for the Department of Health.*

## Meet New Board Member Amy Haywood, LVT



Amy Haywood, LVT, joined the Board of Veterinary Medicine in 2015. She has served as a member and as chair of the subcommittee drafting regulations for veterinary technician certification in DC. Ms. Haywood has recently been invited to join the AAVSB's test-writing committee for the VTNE. After a 20-year career in academic publishing, Amy attended Purdue University and entered the profession as a licensed veterinary technician. Amy is one of the nurse managers at AtlasVet.

## Meet New Board Member Dan Teich, DVM



Dr. Dan Teich joined the Board of Veterinary Medicine in 2016. He received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from The Ohio State University in 2003. Since that time he has been practicing medicine in the DC Metropolitan area where his practice has focused on serving the unique needs of pets and clients in an urban setting. He is a private practitioner in a small animal practice in the District of Columbia. A past role included working with the Washington Humane Society (now Humane Rescue Alliance) to further the goal of reducing pet homelessness. He also has worked for the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges as a research assistant on policy and legislative issues. Dr. Teich maintains a passion for companion animal medicine, mentoring, and pet rescue.

# Dining with Dogs Act of 2017

## Public Hearing on B22-0510

***On November 28, 2017, Dr. Vito DelVento, executive director of the Board of Veterinary Medicine testified before the Committee on Health (Vincent Gray, Chair). His testimony is reprinted below.***

Good afternoon, Chairman Gray and members of the Committee on Health. I am Dr. Vito DelVento, Executive Director for the Department of Health's (DOH) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Program Manager for the Animal Services Program. I am appearing here to offer testimony on behalf of Mayor Bowser and DOH Director, Dr. LaQuandra S. Nesbitt, on Bill 22-510, the "Dining with Dogs Act of 2017."

Bill 22-510 seeks to establish the conditions under which dogs are permitted in outdoor dining areas and unenclosed sidewalk cafés. Under Bill 22-510, food establishments may elect to permit dogs in outdoor dining areas or designated portions and unenclosed sidewalk cafés on the premises of a restaurant. Also, this bill gives food establishments authority to set restrictions and limitations on size and temperament of dogs allowed on the premises.

Over the summer, the Department of Health received an uptick of complaints from residents about the presence of dogs at food establishments. As is the regular and routine response to any constituent complaint, the Department of Health conducts an inspection of the facility in question. At times, this may mean more than one inspection if there are multiple complaints filed at a specific facility.

The Department of Health supports provisions of Bill 22-510 that grant owners of retail food establishments the discretion to choose whether to allow pet dogs in outdoor dining areas, as this is the current agency policy and practice. However, the provisions that require food establishments to provide waste bags for dog fecal matter to be collected at food establishments is contrary to best practices regarding dogs at dining facilities. The best practice in the food safety industry is for the dog owner to maintain waste bags for management of pet waste. The disposal and cleanup of biologic waste – either of pets or patrons – should be done by food establishment staff with established protocol established by the Department of Health in handling incidents of this nature.

The Department of Health has a broad mandate and an enormous charge to work daily to promote health equity and make the District of Columbia the healthiest city in the country. The agency's approximately 600 employees are committed professionals and we take the mission of the agency and the health concerns of residents very seriously. DOH is charged with ensuring that the public's health is protected and that is most often the underlying premise of every regulation developed or enforced by the agency. The Department of Health regulates food establishments for safety and proper preparation of food in order to deter food-related diseases. The Food Safety and Hygiene Inspection Services Division inspects the city's 5,500+ food establishments. The Division is staffed by dedicated public health sanitarians and professionals who are committed to preventing the kinds of food-related diseases that affect people across the United States every year. Additionally, the Animal Services Program provides support and advice and sets policies around care for animals, owners, businesses, and visitors to the District of Columbia as they encounter animals, minimizing conflicts between people and wild animals, and preventing and controlling the spread of zoonotic disease which by definition is a communicable disease transmitted from animals to humans.



The Department of Health has always supported restaurants' efforts to accommodate patrons and their pets in outdoor dining areas. It is important to note that the Department of Health received calls in favor of and in opposition to dogs at food establishments from residents across the city. DOH's current policy is that dogs are allowed at outdoor dining areas under reasonable restrictions. We believe our current policy achieves the proper balance between a public health approach and the ability for retail food establishments to choose whether to allow pet dogs in outdoor dining areas.

Therefore, the Department of Health proposes the following amendments to Bill 22-510 to merge the bill's intent with the Department of Health's existing policy within the District's Food Code Regulations:

### Sec. 2 Definitions

- (4) The term "outdoor dining area" should be amended to read "any outdoor area where customers eat that is operated and controlled by the retail food establishment that may be entered without going through the inside of the restaurant or anywhere else food is stored or prepared".

This is necessary to ensure that food is not prepared around possible contaminants.

- (5) Delete the term "unenclosed sidewalk café" and replace it with the term "enclosed sidewalk café" to mean any authorized use of public space adjacent to a food establishment that contains tables, chairs, railings and a barrier such as planters at the outer edge of the sidewalk café, which is open to the sky, but may include awnings or umbrellas, and which is able to be removed within a 24-hour period.

It is necessary to clarify that the spaces where pets are allowed is enclosed and not encroaching on other adjacent public use spaces such as sidewalks.

- (6) Delete the term "waste bag".

As previously stated, pet owners should have waste bags on hand not the dining facility.

### Sec. 3 Outdoor dining with dogs

- (b)(1) Amend this section to read:

Post signage outside the food establishment clearly stating dogs are permitted in outdoor dining areas of the food establishment or enclosed sidewalk café adjacent to the food establishment, along with limits on the number of dogs per person, proof of licensing and District vaccination requirements and list any restrictions on dogs based on size or temperament.

This change is made to enclosed sidewalk café's as stated above.

- (b)(3) Delete the provision "[p]rovide patrons with waste bags and a sanitary means of disposing waste bags."

DOH believes these amendments incorporate best practices, address any conflicts with the District's Food Code regulations, while accommodating the spirit of the Council's bill that seeks to allow food establishment owners to determine whether pet dogs are allowed at restaurants. We look forward to continuing to work with the Council and stakeholders to ensure that residents and visitors feel safe while enjoying the many dining options available in the District of Columbia and that the District is a place where people and animals live together safely and harmoniously.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, I am available to answer any questions you may have at this time.

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## Extreme Weather Protection for Animals

### Public Hearing on B22-0064

***In an attempt to decrease unintentional acts of animal abuse or cruelty, Mayor Bowser has endorsed a bill delineating acceptable conditions under which animals may be housed in periods of inclement or extreme weather. Dr. Vito DelVento, Executive Director for the Board of Veterinary Medicine and Program Manager for Animal Services Division gave testimony to the Committee on Government Relations, Councilmember Brandon Todd, presiding. His testimony (given on March 20, 2017) is reprinted below for the interest of the veterinary community.***

Good morning Chairperson Todd and esteemed members of the Committee on Government Operations. I am Dr. Vito DelVento, Executive Director to the Board of Veterinary Medicine and Program Manager for the Animal Services Program in the District of Columbia. Thank you for the opportunity to come before you today to testify on Bill 22-64, the "Extreme Weather Protection for Animals Act of 2017". The Mayor recognizes the importance of establishing parameters encompassing animals exposed to extreme weather conditions and thereby, providing guidelines which prevent acts of unintentional animal cruelty in the District of Columbia and is fully supportive of the initiative before us today.

As with any animal-related program within the District, the Department of Health (DOH) understands that protecting the safety and well-being of both District residents and animals is paramount to its mission.

Over the years, animals have played an increasingly significant role in the lives of District residents. In fact, today, many families consider their pets to be vital members of the family unit. This change means that we are living in closer proximity to animals, making animal care and animal services, in addition to the roles of veterinarians and animal advocates, critical, not only for the health of animals, but also the health and safety of our residents. The change in the status of animals in the lives of people means that, as a society, we have to establish what is considered humane treatment of animals.

As our society's view on animals continues to progress and advance to hold animals in higher social esteem and regard in our day-to-day lives, it is increasingly important for District residents to have guidelines which outline acceptable humane conditions for animals exposed to various living conditions, including those involving extreme weather.

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The Health Regulation and Licensing Administration, Animal Services Division serves as the Department of Health regulatory agency that has oversight of animal control and animal disease prevention services. When the Animal Control Act of 1979 was enacted, it was reflective of animal issues and popular thinking for its time. However, both the animal laws and the veterinary medicine laws have not been significantly updated since the 1980s, and the current regulatory framework does not adequately reflect current standards in animal care or veterinary medicine, nor does it provide the Department of Health with the necessary tools to ensure that animals are protected to the standards that DC residents expect. Thus, we are currently focused on the critical need to rewrite the Animal Control Act and Veterinary Practice Act and accompanying regulations.

I am pleased to announce that a comprehensive update to both the Animal Control Act and the Veterinary Practice Act are currently undergoing revision and that both pieces of legislation will be presented to Council pending their review.

The Department of Health has reviewed the proposed bill and supports the concept of establishing guidelines for the protection of animals from extreme weather. The Department of Health is concerned, however, that the bill, as currently written, would establish set temperature demarcations and conditions that are not necessarily appropriate for all scenarios to be enforced. As the named regulatory agency, the Department has some important elements that we would like the members of Council to consider to effectively implement the Extreme Weather Protection of Animals Act of 2017 as follows:

1. Appropriate housing is necessary to provide all animals reprieve from elements such as freezing rain and hail during times of inclement weather. The Department of Health's recommendation for housing is as follows: a structure that provides protection from the weather to mean access to a shelter that is suitable for the species, age, condition, size, and type of each dog; provides adequate space for each dog; is safe and protects the animal from injury, rain, sleet, snow, hail, direct sunlight, the adverse effects of heat or cold, physical suffering, and impairment of health; is raised no less than 4 inches from the ground, enables each dog to be clean and dry, provides a heat retaining, moisture wicking substance such as straw, and shall have a covered wind block.
2. Different breeds of dogs manage weather conditions quite differently. In fact, many breeds of dogs were specifically bred to manage different types of weather elements. For example, it would be inappropriate to consider a short hair breed of dog such as a Boston terrier to be adequately prepared to cope with temperatures of 15°F for any extended period of time without appropriate sheltering. Whereas a Nordic breed, such as an Alaskan malamute, does quite well in temperatures of 15°F due to the dense undercoat they characteristically possess.
3. The Department of Health would also like the bill, Extreme Weather Protection for Animals Act of 2017, to consider weather conditions associated with extremely hot conditions. So, as in the above example utilizing the breed of dog known as the Alaskan Malamute, those animals will suffer greatly in extremely hot and dry weather conditions due to the same dense undercoat that protects them in the cold.

We look forward to working with Council to strengthen the proposed legislation to provide appropriate parameters surrounding extreme weather conditions for animals exposed to both cold and

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hot weather elements as well as to establish guidelines for appropriate housing and sheltering from extreme weather conditions. We continue to be of the opinion, as does the Mayor, that establishing humane guidelines is critical to the health and well-being of our domestic animals in the District of Columbia that is reflective of the important role that animals play in our lives. It is ever more crucial for District residents to understand the importance of general care and responsibility to other living beings, especially to those that are the most vulnerable, in this case that being animals, as they have no audible voice of their own.

On behalf of the Department of Health, I encourage the Council to consider the Department's concerns related to appropriate care of animals that are outside and exposed to extreme weather conditions. Thank you for your consideration of these issues and for your support of establishing guidelines for animals in extreme weather conditions.

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### Swearing In of Board Chairperson Noon Kampani and Vice Chairperson Leanne J. Lipton



## District of Columbia Board of Veterinary Medicine

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Board is to protect and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of animals and the public by licensing veterinary professionals and developing, promoting, maintaining and diligently enforcing high professional standards that govern such professionals.

### Board Vision

A District of Columbia in which all animals and the public are assured of exemplary veterinary care by compassionate professionals.

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The DC Board of Veterinary Medicine regulates the practice of veterinarians and veterinary establishments. The Board evaluates applicants' qualifications; recommends regulations, standards, and procedures; and issues licenses. The Board also requests investigations, conducts hearings, implements disciplinary and/or remedial action where indicated, and prepares an annual report for the Mayor. Members file personal financial disclosure statements.

The Board consists of five members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council: one consumer member, who are at least 18 years of age, one veterinary technician member and three veterinarians licensed in DC, who are residents of DC and have practiced veterinary medicine in DC for a minimum of three years prior to appointment. Licenses expire on December 31 of odd years.

The Board accepts applications for licensure through national examination; waiver of national examination; reactivation of an inactive license; reinstatement of an expired, suspended, or revoked license, or by eminence pursuant to the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA).

All applicants for licensure must establish, to the Board's satisfaction, that they possess the appropriate skills, knowledge, judgment, and character to practice veterinary medicine in the District of Columbia. In addition, applicants must demonstrate to the Board that they are proficient in understanding and communicating medical concepts and information in English.

**The Board meets every 3rd Thursday of every month.**

**Open session begins at 9:30 am.**



## Spotlight on...Banfield Pet Hospital

### *New Veterinary Clinic Serving Navy Yard Residents*

Now offering preventive care services that include examinations, nutrition counseling, diagnostics, and surgical procedures, the Banfield Pet Hospital at the Yards in Washington, D.C. provides patients high-quality veterinary care. From thorough physical exams and lab work-ups, to dental cleanings, x-rays, and surgery, this full-service pet hospital is committed to the long-term health and happiness of pets. Amenities at this location include separate dog and cat exam rooms and boarding areas that play pet-friendly videos, a children's FutureVet play center, and a complimentary coffee bar.

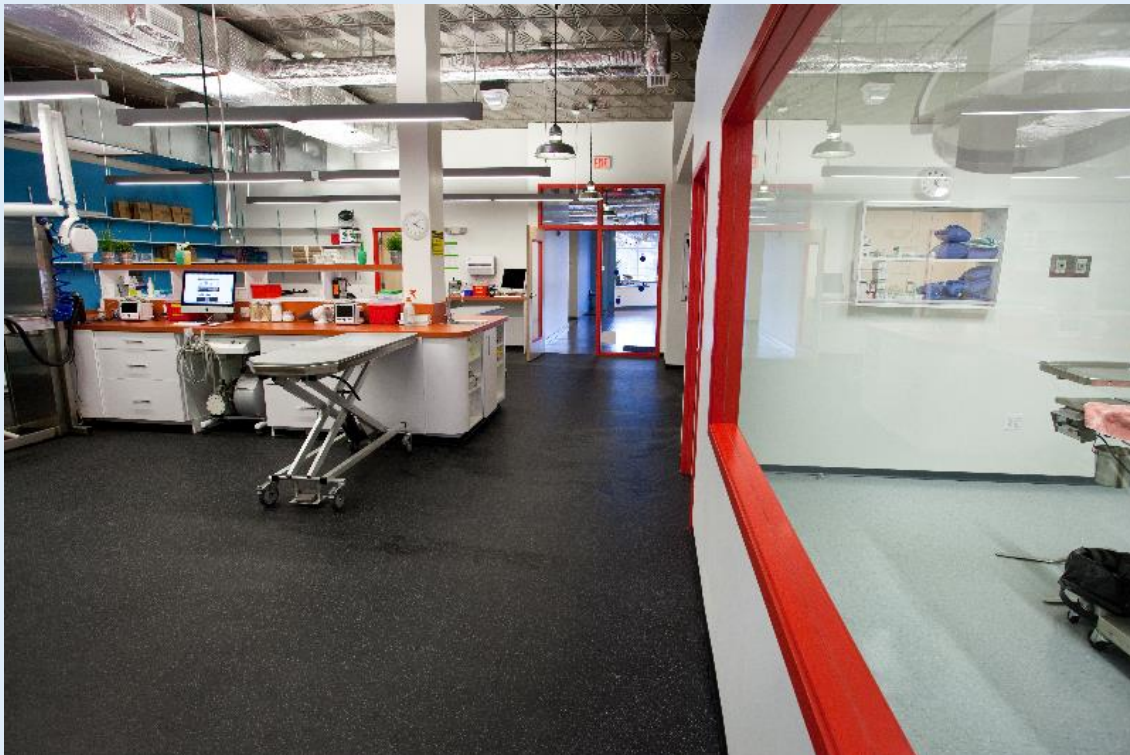
As a partner in care to millions of pets, Banfield recognizes pets age more quickly than people, making it extremely important that they receive veterinary care at least twice a year to remain healthy and allow for early diagnosis of potential medical problems. Banfield is a leader in innovative pet health care programs like Optimum Wellness Plans, which help make caring for pets convenient and affordable through every stage of a pet's life. Each wellness plan includes unlimited free office visits, comprehensive physical examinations, vaccines, and early screening for serious illnesses.

Banfield believes in creating a stronger profession, which is why they invest in organizations and programs that support the veterinary community. For example, Banfield has sponsored the American Veterinary Medical Association's Legislative Fly-In for the past several years, bringing veterinary students from across the U.S. together to D.C. to experience firsthand a visit to our nation's capital. These veterinary students are given the opportunity to learn about our legislative system before they meet with members from both houses to discuss issues that matter to the profession. Our hope is that this experience will instill in these veterinary students a sense of civic responsibility as they enter their new profession.



## Spotlight on...District Veterinary Hospital

In October of 2014, District Veterinary Hospital opened in the Brookland neighborhood, immediately north of Michigan Avenue. The hospital has five exam rooms, a full surgical suite, comprehensive treatment area, and was designed to provide a comfortable client and patient experience. The building originally housed a Piggly Wiggly in 1938, and the current design retains historical features dating to the Art Deco period. Since opening, the practice has grown from being attended by Dan Teich, DVM, to having three full-time doctors and a core dedicated staff. In fall of 2017, District Vet expanded to a second location across the street from Eastern Market on Capitol Hill.



### Current Members of The District of Columbia Board of Veterinary Medicine

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