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Cardiology In-Patients: understanding the diseases behind the treatments

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Veterinary Cardiologist Dr. Risa Roland is a native of Brooklyn, New York. She attended Cornell University and obtained her Bachelor of Science degree with honors in animal science in 1998. She continued her education at Cornell University, College of Veterinary Medicine, and was awarded her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 2003. After graduation, she completed a one-year rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. Following her internship, she completed a three-year cardiology residency program at Texas A&M University, and became board certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 2007.

Dr. Roland's particular interests within the discipline of cardiology include congenital abnormalities, chronic degenerative valve disease and canine and feline cardiomyopathies.

Dr. Roland performs numerous specialized procedures which include, but are not limited to, echocardiography, electrocardiography, pacemaker implantation, patent ductus arteriosus embolization, balloon valvuloplasty, diagnostic catheterization, portosystemic shunt embolization, urethral stent placement, tracheal stent placement and heartworm retrieval.

When: Thursday, August 7th, 2014

Time: Registration & Dinner @ 6:30p

Lecture begins @ 7:00p

Where: Metropolitan Veterinary Assoc. 2626 Van Buren Avenue, Norristown, PA

Dinner is provided Pending 2 PVMA credits



This lecture will focus on emergency and hospitalized cardiac patients (both canine and feline). It will provide an extensive overview of the most common cardiac diseases that lead to hospitalization. With respect to each disease, we will cover:

- classic historical findings
- cardiovascular physical exam findings
- diagnostic tests used to diagnose, treat and reassess the patient
- common cardiac emergency drugs used in stabilization
- treatment protocols used in emergency management and stabilization
- overview of diagnostics used to manage chronic cardiac cases

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