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VCSG is a proud supporter of...
National Puppy Day at Petsense
Signal Mountain Road
Coming someday soon!

**OUR NEW HOSPITAL
IS OPEN!!**

**New address:
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**SAVE THE DATE
VCSG'S ANNUAL
FREE CE CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, August 22
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Vader's Friends of the Month



Vader Pullen



**Chattanooga
School OF Language**

The Key to Connection



Ask the Vet:

What is the most common cause of dry skin?

Chris Reeder, DVM, DACVD



Dr. Chris Reeder, DVM, DACVD, has been a board-certified veterinary dermatologist since 2008. He believes in practicing excellence in veterinary medicine by serving all people and their pets individually. While it is true that Dr. Reeder treats many patients suffering from allergies, dermatology also encompasses a wide range of other diseases that affect the skin, hair, ears, and paws of animals. There are a variety of hormonal conditions, autoimmune diseases, immune-mediated processes, and infectious diseases that can leave pets feeling terrible, smelling awful, and with such disturbed skin - it can ruin the human-animal bond. One of the reasons Dr. Reeder loves his specialty so much is the opportunity to shine a light on the path leading to proper diagnostics

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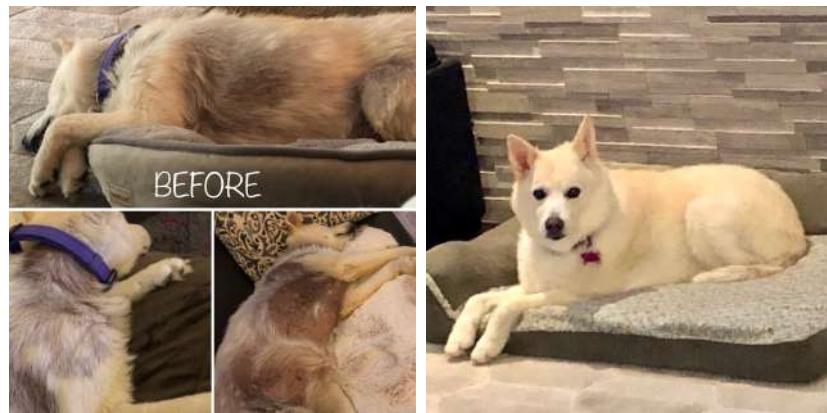
and treatment. This commitment ultimately helps to facilitate not only physical healing, but also restoration of the relationship between the pets and the family who loves them.

Pictured below are some of our recent success stories

Chloe is a 14-year-old female, spayed, American Eskimo mix. She presented to Lighthouse Vet Derm after almost two years of chronic hair loss and skin-related issues.

Through proper diagnostic testing, Dr. Reeder determined that Chloe was suffering from Alopecia caused by Adrenal Gland Dysfunction.

After a few months on the proper treatment plan, Chloe's hair has returned. Her family reports that she is feeling noticeably better.



Riley is a 1.5-year-old male, neutered, Golden Retriever. In addition to a high fever, he presented to us with an acute onset of progressive multifocal erosions, ulcerations, and crusting. The prompt referral to Lighthouse by his primary care veterinarian led to proper diagnostic assessment and testing. It was determined that Riley suffered from an adverse drug reaction. Dr. Reeder acted quickly to get him on the proper treatment plan which allowed Riley to make a complete recovery in just six weeks! In cases such as this, a delay in proper treatment could have proved fatal.



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Diva is an 11-year-old female, spayed, Ragdoll. She presented to Dr. Reeder after a long history of allergic dermatitis which had been previously managed with steroid injections. Due to Diva's development of diabetes mellitus controlled with insulin, the option for continued use of steroid injections was contraindicated. Since Diva lives up to her name and refuses oral medications, the best treatment option was determined to be customized immunotherapy based on allergy testing.

After just three short months of immunotherapy, Diva was looking radiant and feeling better than she had in a long time.

Please follow us on Instagram@lighthousevetderm for updates and more patient success stories.



Since opening Lighthouse Veterinary Allergy & Dermatology in summer 2019, Dr. Chris Reeder has found it a pleasure to establish relationships with the VCSG family and so many of the Chattanooga area referring veterinarians. We are thrilled to announce we will be increasing our availability to see appointments most Mondays each month in the new VCSG facilities. We invite you to call us directly at 615-438-3436 with any questions or scheduling needs. You can also visit our website at www.lighthousevetderm.com to access our referral forms and find more information about our practice.

Oh, and if you're still wondering about the leading cause of dry skin.....it's towels!





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Welcome to Dr. Jeffrey Peck

Dr. Peck grew up in South Florida. He attended the University of Florida for his undergraduate education. Dr. Peck went to veterinary school at Tufts University and graduated in 1992. In 1996, he completed a Surgical Residency at Iowa State University and then became a clinical instructor at the University of Missouri. For 23 years, Dr. Peck has been a staff surgeon at Affiliated Veterinary Specialists in Maitland, Florida, and has also served as the surgical residency program director at AVS for the past 16 years. He has been very involved in the ACVS serving as President and Chair of the Board. Joint replacement surgery has been his primary area of research and is the subject of numerous published articles and a textbook.

Commissioned as a Major in the U.S. Army Reserves at age 49, Dr. Peck will be transferring to the Inactive Ready Reserve in 2020. Dr. Peck has been married to Kathy, his high school sweetheart, for 28 years. Their daughter's name is Kayla. An English springer spaniel, a Boston, and a Pug complete the family. Dr. Peck's main hobbies are running (17 marathons) and woodworking, but he says he "dabbles in a lot of different things."

We are so happy to welcome Dr. Jeff Peck to our VCSG family!





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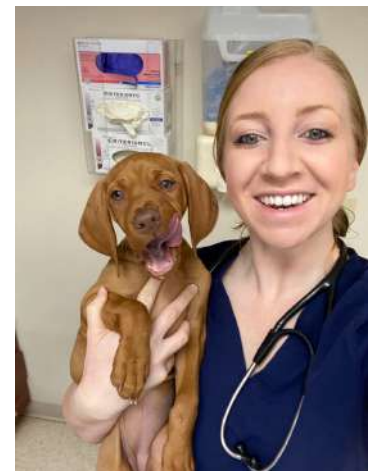
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Welcome to Dr. Denise Radford

Dr. Radford grew up in a small town in Illinois surrounded by farmland, family, and animals. She knew since she was a kid that she wanted to be a veterinarian for the rest of her life. To chase her dream, she started working in veterinary hospitals when she was just a teenager. She graduated from the University of Illinois with the highest honors in 2010 and started veterinary school there the following semester. Since obtaining her DVM degree in 2014, Dr. Radford has moved a lot with her husband. She is thrilled to be settled in our beautiful area and is proud to call it home.

On her time off, Dr. Radford loves to be outdoors hiking, kayaking and exploring with her four-legged family and husband. She founded a non-profit organization that promotes animal welfare. Passionate about offering great quality of care to her patients and their people, Dr. Radford is thrilled to be working with the amazing team at VCSG.

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Welcome to Dr. Wayne Zuvers

Dr. Zuvers is a 1999 graduate of Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agribusiness and Environmental Resources from Arizona State University. Prior to attending veterinary school, he served as a Public Health Chemist for the State of Arizona. Having served as a practice manager in Phoenix, Dr. Zuvers has practiced for 21 years with an emphasis in emergency medicine and critical care. For the past several years, he has been the Medical Director at Northwest Georgia Veterinary Emergency Center in Rome, Georgia.

Special interests of Dr. Zuvers include snake envenomations, internal medicine, and soft tissue surgery. On his days off, he worked for the City of Surprise Fire Department in Crisis Response. He is married to Amy, and they have six children and a Great Dane named Millie. He enjoys horseback riding, hiking, movies and is an avid collector of Al Hirschfeld lithographs and Star Wars memorabilia.

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**VCSG FOURTH ANNUAL
CONTINUING EDUCATION
CONFERENCE
AUGUST 22, 2020**

ROBERT KENNIS, DVM, MS, DACVD

**Distribution Patterns and Differential Diagnoses of Pruritus in Dogs
Antipruritic Therapy for Dogs**

JOHN LEWIS, VMD, FAVD, DAVDC

**In the Dark...Dental Radiograph Interpretation in Dogs and Cats
Dental Extraction Complications and How to Avoid Them
For the Technicians:
Oral Exam and Common Oral Diseases in Dogs and Cats
Uncommon Oral Diseases in Dogs and Cats - Dental "Zebras"**

KAREN TOBIAS, DVM, MS, DACVS

**Help - My Patient Can't Breathe!
Urinary Surgery Questions and Answers**

**Details for registration coming soon.
(AAVSB RACE approval pending)**