

## Meet Blue Boy

The 16-week old mastiff puppy collapsed at home after choking on food. Our Ontario hospital emergency doctors team immediately formulated a treatment plan putting the puppy on a ventilator to ease his breathing. Under the watchful eye of Dr. Wong and Dr. Owczarczak, and Ontario's round-the-clock emergency technicians, Blue Boy, was eventually weaned off the ventilator until he no longer needed oxygen supplementation. Blue Boy has since returned home to his loving family and is doing well.



Blue Boy being treated in the ER

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## Spring 2021

Welcome to **The Scoop** –  
a newsletter to inform you of the  
latest news and offerings from  
VCA California Veterinary Specialists.

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### Partnership

We look forward to building a world of immunity to the seemingly never-ending pandemic and are resolute in our belief that we can prevail healthfully and safely together. We continue our curbside check-in and ask that you wear a mask when interacting with our staff members. Please understand that the necessary Covid precautionary measures create additional steps for our staff resulting in longer wait times. Patients with life-threatening illnesses and injuries take priority just as they have in the past. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to provide the care and compassion your pet needs during an, especially challenging time.



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## Meet Some of Our Cancer Warriors!

Shout out to Lucy, Maggie, and Cooper for completing their course of radiation last Fall. All three were treated for a soft tissue sarcoma, a category of tumors found anywhere in the body that arise from the connective, muscle, or nervous tissues. Each had surgery to remove as much of the cancerous growth as possible. This was followed by a series of radiation treatments using TrueBeam, an advanced medical linear accelerator. TrueBeam utilizes electron beams to precisely target cancerous tumors to prevent or delay the chance of any tumor regrowth.

Visit our website to learn more about our radiation oncology treatment services available at our Carlsbad hospital.



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*Lucy and Carlsbad Radiation Oncology Techs*

Lucy underwent treatment for a soft tissue sarcoma over the sternum.



*Maggie and Emily, RVT, Radiation Oncology*

Maggie experienced a soft tissue sarcoma of the body wall.



*Cooper and Carlsbad Radiation Oncology team members*

Cooper was treated for a soft tissue sarcoma of the leg.

## Carlsbad

Please join us in welcoming Denver Coleman, DVM, MS and Danika Dickerson, DVM to our Carlsbad team of emergency and critical care doctors.



To learn more about Dr. Coleman scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit our website via the link: <http://bit.ly/ColemanDVM>



To learn more about Dr. Dickerson scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit our website via the link: <http://bit.ly/DickersonDVM>

## Murrieta

Our Murrieta hospital held a pet food drive for Saving Huey Foundation and Huey's Second Chance Ranch. The Foundation and Ranch provide a home and second chance for animals who have been abused and neglected.



## Ontario

### Round of Applause to our recent board-certified specialists!



Congratulations to Eileen Wong, DVM, DACVECC, on her recent Emergency & Critical Care board certification.



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We are also excited to announce that Marc Ledesma, DVM, MS, DACVR, is now board certified in radiology.



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### What is a Veterinary Specialist?

A board-certified specialist's expertise complements the care provided by your primary care veterinarian. In addition to completing a veterinary degree (Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine, DVM), a board-certified veterinary specialist must complete an internship, a two to four-year specialized residency, and publish a paper in a peer-reviewed journal. Specialists must also undergo a series of exams based on knowledge and skill in the given specialty.