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The Veterinary Medicine Dermatology Support Fund supports activities, projects and programs conducted by the Dermatology Service's faculty, staff and students. Funds may be used for: supplies, equipment, special seminars, awards, work-related travel, or to help fund staff or student salaries (including residents, interns and graduate students) in support of instruction, research, or service programs. All expenditures shall adhere to the Arch Foundation expenditure policy as set forth by the Arch Foundation and applicable UGA policies. The Dermatology Service is part of the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine's Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery.

The UGA College of Veterinary Medicine, founded in 1946, is dedicated to training future veterinarians, to conducting research related to animal diseases, and to providing veterinary services for animals and their owners. Research efforts are aimed at enhancing the quality of life for animals and people, improving the productivity of poultry and livestock, and preserving a healthy interface between wildlife and people in the environment they share. The college enrolls 102 students each fall out of more than 550 who apply.



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Veterinary Medicine Dermatology Support Fund

Did you know:

- **20 to 75 percent of small animals seen by veterinarians each year are presented for skin problems.**

(Source: U.S. Pet Ownership and Demographics Sourcebook; AVMA, 2001)

- **An estimated 15 million dogs with ear infections are presented to veterinarians annually.**

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- **Skin disorders are the 4th most common medical problem in horses.**

(Source: AAEP survey)

How can we enhance the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of skin diseases in pets?

Much more work is needed so that we can: better understand the diseases; develop better diagnostic methods; develop more effective treatment options and cures.

The UGA Veterinary Dermatology Service focuses on conducting clinical studies for the enhancement of the diagnosis and treatment of dermatological diseases affecting pets.

Our mission is also to train students to become familiar with skin diseases and to manage them properly, and to train dermatology residents to become board-certified dermatologists.

With your support we hope to enhance our knowledge of veterinary dermatology and optimize our service to you and your pets.

Allergies

Up to 30 percent of the pet population is affected by allergic conditions such as flea bite hypersensitivity, food adverse reaction and atopic dermatitis. The disease is characterized by variable degrees of itching, often combined with secondary infections. The allergies and infections can be severe at times and dramatically reduce your pet's quality of life if the disease is not properly diagnosed and managed.



Before

After

Our current research goals include understanding the complex mechanisms of these diseases, improving and standardizing allergy testing methods, and improving the quality of treatment options.



Ear Diseases

Chronic ear infections are commonly caused by underlying conditions such as allergies and other systemic diseases. If not properly diagnosed and treated, they can result in chronic irreversible damage to the ear canal and associated tissue, as well as frustration. Up to 25 percent of pets examined each year by veterinarians are found to be suffering from ear diseases.

A topical compound, developed and tested at the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine, has proven to be very effective in controlling severe chronic and resistant ear infections.

Skin Infections

Due to the development of multi-resistant microorganisms, antibiotics are not as effective as they once were in treating infectious diseases. Your donation can aid us in the discovery of new treatments.



Auto-immune Diseases

Many pets diagnosed with these conditions are euthanized due to poor response to

treatment or severe side-effects to the medication. We want to find more ways to manage these devastating diseases and improve quality of life for pets suffering from these conditions.

Dermatology services

Allergy Skin Testing and Allergen-specific Immunotherapy

By injecting into your pet small amounts of many different allergens, we can identify the substances to which your pet is potentially allergic. This diagnosis is important for the successful management of your pet's allergies.

Based on your pet's test results, we can formulate an individualized vaccine to help your pet develop an immunity to the allergen.

Skin biopsy

A small skin sample from your pet will enable us to diagnose a large variety of skin diseases.

Video-otoscopy

By inserting a camera into your pet's ear, we can assess the entire ear canal, obtain adequate samples and assure a thorough ear cleaning.

