



## SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Open 24/7 no  
Emergency Fees  
Day or night we are always open
- Pet Resort & Day Care  
Day Care Monday – Friday
- Grooming Center  
Make an appointment with JoAnn
- Wellness Plans Available  
CareClub is a wellness plan to  
help your pet live a happy, healthy  
life. Ask us how to get started.
- Home Delivery  
Order your pet's food, medication  
and more, right to your door.

## Fall Gazette

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# COMMUNITY



**aniMeals**  
*on wheels* 

## VCA Volunteers with Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels San Antonio meal-delivery volunteers noticed that their clients were sharing meals with their pets. To make sure both the clients and their pets were receiving enough food, Meals on wheels partnered with VCA and Hill's Science Diet to create ANIMEALS!

AniMeals is a donation-sustained service which provides monthly deliveries of pet food to clients who find it hard to maintain the nutrition of their companion animals. These meals are delivered by animal-loving volunteers every third weekend of the month.

How can I volunteer with AniMeals?

If you are interested in distributing pet food to local seniors, please call 210.735.5115 or visit Meals on Wheels at [www.mowsatx.org/animeals](http://www.mowsatx.org/animeals)



# COMMUNITY



The San Antonio VCA hospitals raised over \$1600 for Veterans Assistance Dogs of Texas.

As a region, we raised over \$15k for Veterans Assistance Dogs of Texas!! We are going to continue to raise funds for them until the end of the year!

If you are interested in donating to this amazing organization please speak with a client service rep. for more information.

## VCA Gives Back



### Guide Dogs of Texas!

Training service dogs to assist the lives of disabled Texas Veterans suffering from physical disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Military Sexual Trauma (MST) or a combination of these disabilities.

Service dogs provide companionship, security and emotional stability during periods of recovery from the physical and emotional Wounds of War.

Our mission is to affect physical and emotional recovery and independence in American Veterans with disabilities by providing service dogs at no cost to the Veteran.

Website: [www.vadogs.org](http://www.vadogs.org)



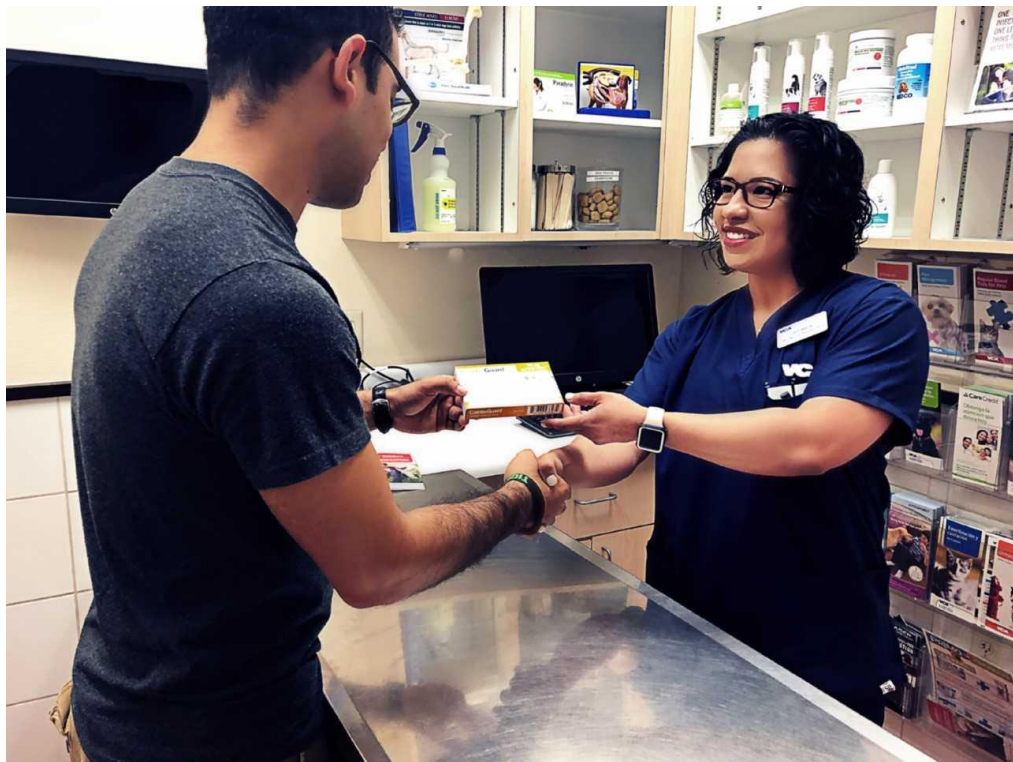
## DAISY CARES

Daisy Cares is a non-profit corporation created to provide pet food, urgent or emergent fund for veterinary care, and reduce animal abuse through animal welfare education and awareness. Daisy Cares founded the Daisy Cares Veterinary Care Program for applicants who meet qualification. Veterinary care grants are subject to availability of funding.

Additionally, Daisy Cares created the Daisy Cares Pet Food Program to provide pet food to families who might otherwise be faced with the decision of abandoning or surrendering their family pets.

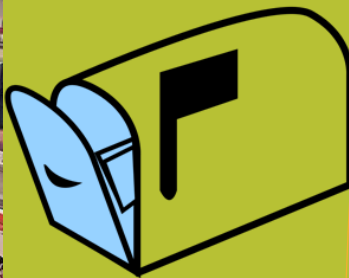


If you are interested in supporting our community by helping needy pets in San Antonio please contact Daisy Cares at [daisycares.com/donate](http://daisycares.com/donate).



Unable to come in  
each month for your  
pet's medications or  
prescription food?

Ask us about  
[Home Delivery](#)  
today!



## Home Delivery® - Pet Care Right at Home

Enroll in VCA Home Delivery® to get your pet's prescriptions, food and more all delivered directly to your door. You can enjoy spending more time with your pet – and the peace of mind knowing you'll never miss a treatment.

### Never Forget a Dose!

Enroll in our Never Forget Home Delivery Program to provide your pet with uninterrupted protection from pests like heartworm, ticks and fleas. Single-dose parasiticides are delivered monthly to your door so your pet will never miss a dose. Your pet will also receive a **free** wellness exam with your **fifth** Never Forget dose as recommended by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) for early detection and prevention of potentially life-threatening conditions.







# CareClub



## Assurance, Not Insurance

You won't pay for coverage you may never use, but your pet will still get the long term protection they need throughout their life.

We offer puppy/kitten, adult and senior plans.

- Comprehensive Physical Exams
- Yearly Protection
- Spay/Neuter\*
- Early Detection
- Dental Care\*
- Easy Monthly Payments

\* Is included with Plus Plans



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Ask us how to pair **CareClub**  
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...meet our  
**DOCTORS**



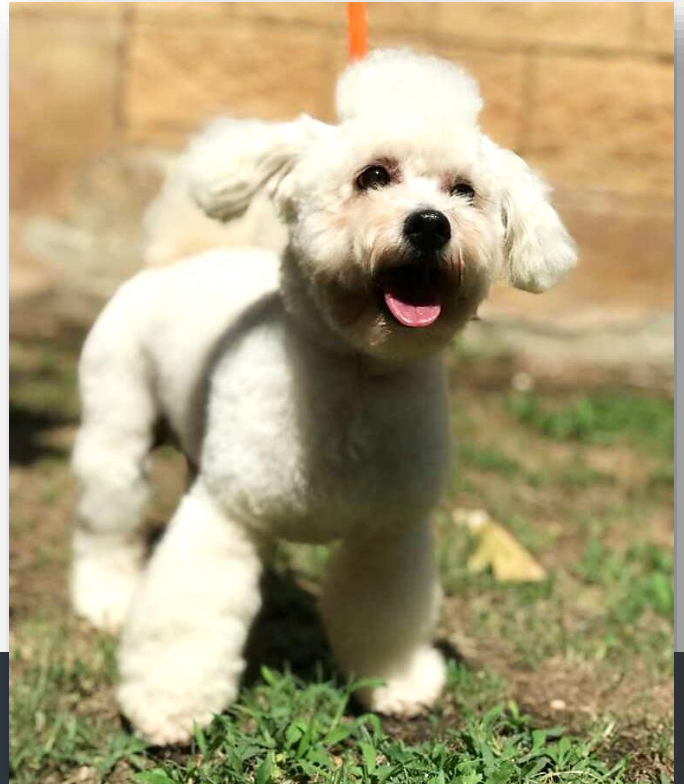
## Dr. Robert Gutierrez

Dr. Robert Gutierrez graduated from Ross University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2009. He completed his clinic rotation at Texas A&M before graduating. Dr. Gutierrez attended high school at St. Anthony here in San Antonio and received his undergrad at the University of Texas Austin. He enjoys spending time with his wife CeCe, son Ashton, and dog Pilgrim. Some of his hobbies include fly fishing and improving his golf game.

"My goal as a veterinarian is to help people help their pets." -Dr. Robert Gutierrez



# GROOMING



## Beautify your Best Friend

Our grooming department is growing! We now offer nail polish and hair dye. A spa day and a fresh look awaits your loved one. Make an appointment with our groomer today.





# Meet the Overnight Crew!



Over Night Techs Richard and John tending to this kitten.



Over Night Tech Ryan is Ready to Help!

## Open Late Night, Never an Over Night or Emergency Fee

Our overnight staff is dedicated to your pets care no matter the hour. We answer phone calls 24/7 and a nightshift Doctor is always on duty. Exam fees never have additional emergency or over night charges. We offer the convenience of having a knowledgeable, friendly staff when your pets need it most! Come on in for comprehensive medical exams and emergency visits.



# Happy Tails

## Audrey's Story

Audrey is an almost 11 year old female dachshund. She loves dressing up at home with her mom and receiving any attention she can. She is one of the sweetest dogs we have ever seen and is every bit as smart as some humans. She is the definition of a "perfect patient."

-Dr. Arrington



## The Attack!

She was attacked by a large dog and had many severe deep wounds that caused her tissue to become infected and die off. She was in danger of losing all of the skin on her back and possibly even dying from the severe shock.



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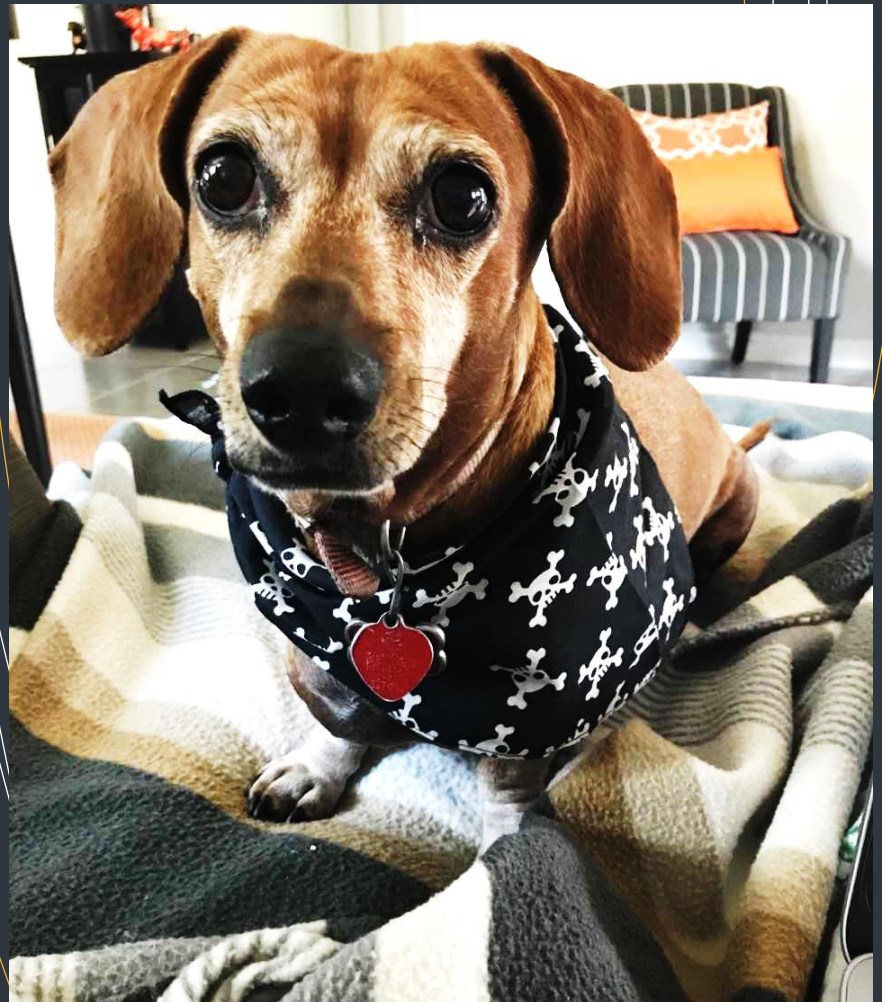


## Ruff Recovery

Audrey underwent 2 major surgeries, received medications for pain and infection. She boarded at our facility for over 3 weeks with daily bandage changes. We performed a "tie over" bandage on her to keep her comfortable as it is a very noninvasive way to continue treating open wounds.

## Happy Tails

Audrey began to improve and we decided to let her continue her wound care at home. This was a difficult task and her mom was just as brave as Audrey. With the guidance of our doctors and staff, Audrey's mom dedicated much of her time to giving Audrey all of the TLC she needed and never gave up hope. After an incredible amount of teamwork Audrey healed and is just as healthy as she was before the incident. You can tell by her pictures that her mom just thinks the world of her. Audrey deserves every bit of attention she gets!





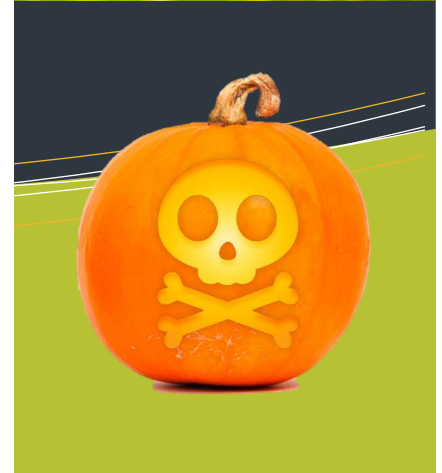
# Autumn Awareness



## Be Cautious of Rodenticides and Cold Weather Poisons

The use of rat and mouse poisons increase in the fall as rodents seek shelter from the cooler temperatures by attempting to move indoors. Rodenticides are highly toxic to pets and, if ingested, the results could be fatal. If you must use these products, please do so with extreme caution and put them in places inaccessible to your pets.

Many people choose fall as the time to change their car's engine coolant. Ethylene glycol-based coolants are highly toxic, so spills should be cleaned up immediately. Consider switching to propylene glycol-based coolants—though they aren't completely nontoxic, they are much less toxic than other engine coolants.

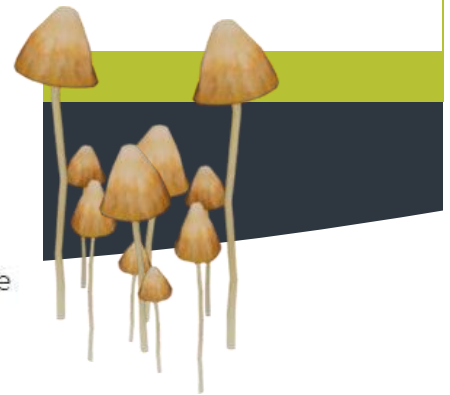


## Keep School Supplies Out of Paws' Reach

Fall is back-to-school time, and those of you with young children know that means stocking up on items like glue sticks, pencils and magic markers. Although these items are considered low toxicity to pets, gastrointestinal upset and blockages can occur if ingested. Be sure your children keep their school supplies out of your pet's reach.

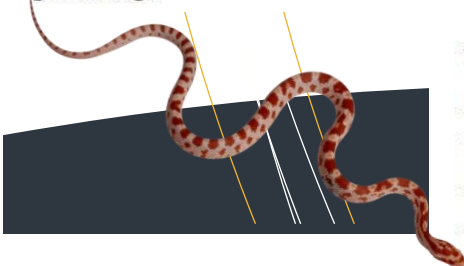
## Steer Clear of Mushrooms

Fall and spring are mushroom seasons. While 99% of mushrooms have little or no toxicity, the 1% that are highly toxic can cause life-threatening problems in pets. Since most toxic mushrooms are difficult to distinguish from nontoxic ones, the best way to prevent pets from ingesting these poisonous plants is to keep them away from areas where any mushrooms are growing.



## Watch Out for Wildlife

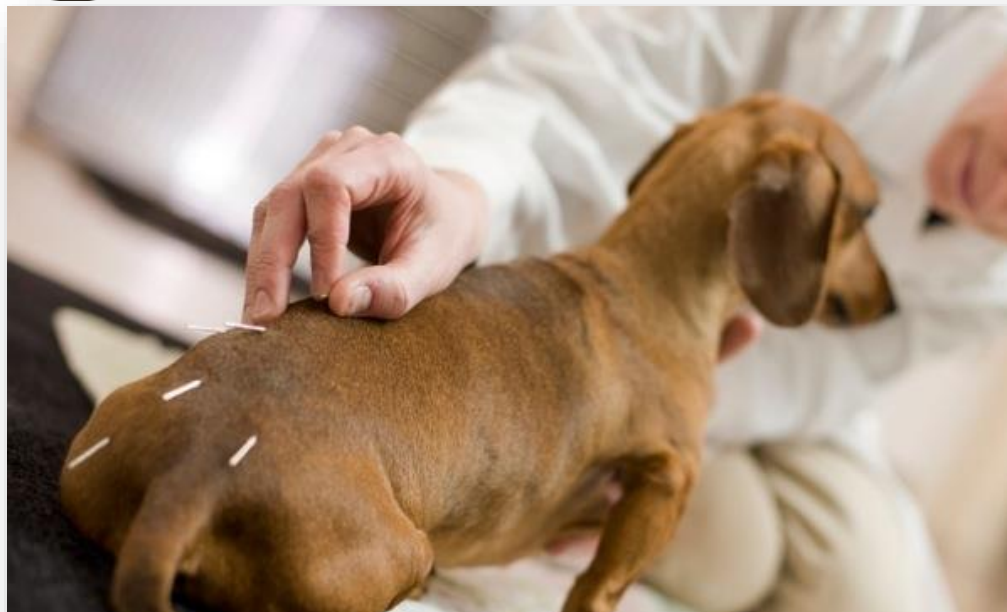
Autumn is the season when snakes are preparing for hibernation, increasing the possibility of bites to those unlucky pets who find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. Pet parents should know what kinds of venomous snakes may be lurking in their environment—and where those snakes are most likely to be found—so pets can be kept out of those areas.







# Holistic Medicine



## Now Offering Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (TCVM)

### What is TCVM?

Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (TCVM) although relatively new to the Western world, is a medical system that has been used in China to treat humans and animals for thousands of years. TCVM is often viewed as a form of complementary therapy and is best when used in conjunction with Western Veterinary Medicine (WVM). Both TCVM and WVM have their own strengths and weaknesses. TCVM is a holistic approach that is suited to assessing the well-being of the whole patient, and treatments are generally non-invasive with few side effects. However, TCVM lacks the tools necessary to pinpoint illness to specific disease-causing agents like pathogenic bacteria or viruses, and treatments are better suited for chronic conditions than acute ones.

On the other hand, WVM utilizes the tools of modern science to diagnose disease with great precision, however its' insistence on detailed diagnosis may come at the expense of getting the larger picture. Furthermore, while modern medicine and powerful procedures can perform miracles for trauma and acute injuries, it has little to offer chronic conditions like liver failure and atopy which can be treated effectively with acupuncture and herbal medicine. In many ways, TCVM and WVM each has what the other lacks.

Thus, the best medical system involves the integration of the two systems, so that the strengths of one can compensate for the weaknesses of the other.





# Holistic Medicine



## Dr. Qiang Li recalls the success of TCVM Acupuncture

“I have used acupuncture to treat three down dachshund so far at VCA over the past couple of months. All three presented as paralyzed. The first two were able to walk with only 1 session of acupuncture. The third dachshund, after pairing with Chinese herb, improved after the 3rd acupuncture treatment.

Through these cases, when owners may not financially be able to afford an MRI and surgery, there is still hope of walking normally with Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine.”





# UPCOMING

# EVENTS



Starting August 1<sup>st</sup>  
**50% off Vaccines**  
with 25\$ Wellness Exam Fee  
Every Tues & Wed  
12pm-5pm

Wednesday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

- DayCare Pets Eligible
- Must be in costume
- Free Day of DayCare For Winning Camper!



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