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ACADEMIC VETERINARY TRAINING

Internal Medicine

Board Certification **Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine** - July 2001

Residency

The University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine, Davis, California; July 1998 - July 2000

Internship

The Animal Medical Center, New York, New York; June 1997 - June 1998

- *Intern of the Year Award*

DVM

Veterinary Medicine - College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI; September 1993 - June 1997

GPA: 3.87/4.00, Class Rank: 2/95

- *1997 Small Animal Clinical Proficiency Award*
- *1997 Student Surgery Award*
- *1995-1996 Theriogenology Award*
- *Phi Zeta National Honorary Society*
- *The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi*

BS

Veterinary Medicine - College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI; December 1996

Non-matriculated
Undergraduate
Coursework

Animal Science, emphasis in nutrition - Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI; September 1992 - June 1993

GPA: 4.00/4.00

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Owner and Chief Medical Officer – *SpectorDVM Consulting, LLC*

655 Deerfield Road Suite 100-163, Deerfield IL 60015; May 2010-current

Dr. Spector owns and operates a consulting practice that offers second opinion medical consultations directly to pet owners. Consultations involve an in-depth phone conversation with a pet owner, review of a pet's medical record, and consultation with a pet's veterinarian, if necessary. Dr. Spector reviews all aspects of a pet's lifestyle and medical problems and gives solutions that will help pet owners take control of their pet's health.

Veterinary Expert—DogTalk® Second Opinion Specialist and Veterinary Nutrition Consultant, Tracie Hotchner Radio Show, http://www.traciehotchner.com/dt/show_experts.htm; May 2010-current

Dr. Spector is featured as the resident veterinary internal medicine expert that answers medical questions and offers second opinions for pets with major medical problems that may not have access to a local specialist. She is featured on Tracie's talk shows as an expert in the field of canine and feline diabetes and gastrointestinal problems.

Veterinary Expert – My Buddy Butch Radio Talk Show for Pets (www.mybuddybutch.com/radio.html), JEMAR Entertainment, Inc., North Canton, Ohio; April 2009 – current

Dr. Spector is featured frequently on this national talk radio show discussing timely veterinary and pet topics.

Veterinary Expert – K9 Cuisine (www.blogk9cuisine.com), Paris, IL; March 2009 - current

Dr. Spector is featured as a veterinary expert on this blog site answering pet owner questions about nutrition and pet health care.

Veterinary Advisor - Halo, Purely For Pets, Inc., (www.halopets.com), Tampa, FL; Feb 2008 - current

Halo is a holistic pet food company providing a full line of natural dog and cat food, treats, supplements and grooming supplies. Dr. Spector provides veterinary consultation services regarding pet healthcare, product development and nutrition. She writes educational pet health articles monthly and blog posts weekly for publication on the company's website.

Dr. Spector has appeared on national television with award winning talk-variety show host, Ellen DeGeneres; co-owner of Halo, to discuss pet healthcare topics and products.

Internal Medicine Consultant / Continuing Education - VCA Antech Inc., Los Angeles, CA; June 2008–current

VCA Antech is the leading provider of pet health care services in the United States with a nationwide network of animal hospitals and a clinical laboratory system. VCA Antech operates more than 470 hospitals in 39 states and employs over 2,000 veterinarians. Dr. Spector provides the following consulting services:

- Clinical internal medicine consultations with over 60 veterinarians throughout the United States and Canada weekly
- Monthly medical case report for company-wide publication that serves as continuing education for over 2,000 veterinarians
- Chief contributor to VCA client services website descriptions
- Publications for pet owners on common medical conditions of companion animals. These publications serve as VCA social media outreach and posted on popular pet blogs and pet owner information websites

Clinical Internal Medicine Consultant - Rivergate Veterinary Clinic, New York, NY;

January 2008 – May 2009,

Dr. Spector provided Internal Medicine services to a general veterinary practice. She provided examination, diagnostic, therapeutic plan development and long-term monitoring planning for three general veterinary practitioners. Provided ultrasound, endoscopy, and chemotherapy administration.

Head of Internal Medicine - VCA Fifth Avenue Veterinary Specialists, New York, NY;

January 2005 - October 2007

Head of Internal Medicine— Dr. Spector served as a full-time internal medicine specialist. As service head, responsibilities included the development and management of the Internal Medicine Specialist schedule, procurement of equipment to establish a complete rigid and flexible endoscopic and laparoscopic suite. Local hospital visits were made to give support to area veterinarians.

Intern Director—responsibilities included the development and management of a 15 intern program annually to provide a structured educational experience and to meet the needs of a multi-specialty hospital. Dr. Spector was responsible for organization of the intern lecture series, continuing education events and was an active mentor.

Hospital Operations Director—responsibilities included assisting the medical director and hospital administrator in the daily management of the hospital as it pertains to medical issues. Active involvement in the establishment and management of the hospital medical records system, equipment needs, contagious disease control and specialist-reception/referral coordinator interface.

Internal Medicine Specialist -Veterinary Internal Medicine of San Diego, San Diego, California;

August 2000 - December 2004

Dr. Spector was an Internal Medicine specialist in a multi-specialty hospital. She gained expertise in ultrasound, endoscopy, laparoscopy, chemotherapy handling and administration. Special interest areas included the diagnosis and treatment of patients with cancer, hematologic and immune mediated disorders, gastroenterology, and nephrology. She was an integral part of the internship program and functioned as a member of the intern selection and planning committee, lecturer and mentor.

PRESENTATIONS

Pet Nutrition, Bide-a-wee Health and Beauty Seminar Series, New York City, March 2009

Feline Diabetes: A New Look at an Old Disease, Fifth Avenue Veterinary Specialists Update, New York City, October 2007

Advances in the Treatment and Management of Immune Mediated Disorders, Fifth Avenue Veterinary Specialists Update, New York City, January 2006

Recent Advances in the Treatment of Airway Disease in the Cat, Fifth Avenue Veterinary Specialists Update, New York City, February 2005

Recent Advances in the Treatment of Airway Disease in the Cat, SDCVMA Specialist's Update, San Diego, March 2004

Feline Asthma, VCA Emergency Animal Hospital & Referral Center, 2003-2004 Lecture Series, San Diego, February 2004

Management of Chronic Renal Failure, VCA Emergency Animal Hospital & Referral Center, 2001-2002 Lecture Series, San Diego, March 2002

Advances in the Treatment and Management of Immune Mediated Disorders, SDCVMA Specialist's Update, San Diego, March 2002

Management of Gastrointestinal Motility Disorders without Cisapride—what works?, SDCVMA meeting, San Diego, February 2002

Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia, VCA Emergency Animal Hospital & Referral Center, 2001-2002 Lecture Series, August 2001; 2003-2004 Lecture Series, San Diego, July 2003

Immune Mediated Polyarthrits, VCA Emergency Animal Hospital & Referral Center, 2000-2001 Lecture Series, San Diego, July 2000

Esophagitis: Recognition and Management, VCA Dinner Meeting, San Diego, September 2000

Endogenous Lipid Pneumonia: 24 Cases, UC Davis House Officers Day, Davis, May 2000

PUBLICATIONS

HALO PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Donna has over 50 publications on pet health topics on the Halo, Purely for Pets website (www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles.html). These publications are intended to provide pet owner education on common conditions and disorders of companion animals.

- Cocoa Mulch Toxicity (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/cocoa-mulch-toxicity.html>)
- A Guide to Halo for Your Adopted Pet (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/a-guide-to-halo.html>)
- Caring for an Adopted Shelter Pet—Special Needs (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/caring-for-a-shelter-pet.html>)
- Basics of Adopting a Shelter Pet 101 (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/basics-of-adoption.html>)
- Why Adopt From an Animal Shelter (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/why-adopt-a-shelter-pet.html>)
- Animal Shelters - What They Are and Why We Need Them (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/animal-shelters.html>)
- Dry Skin (Dandruff) in your Pet (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/dry-skin-in-pets.html>)
- Canine Influenza: Everything You Need to Know about Dog Flu (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/canine-influenza.html>)
- Natural Remedies for Constipation (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/natural-remedies-for-constipation.html>)
- Halo's Philosophy on Grains for Dogs and Cats (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/halo-philosophy-on-grains.html>)
- Holiday Safety Tips for Pets (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/holiday-safety-tips-for-pets.html>)
- Halloween Pet Safety Tips (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/halloween-pet-safety-tips.html>)
- Transitioning to Spot's Stew (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/transitioning-to-spots-stew.html>)
- Promoting Intestinal Health: Prebiotics and Probiotics (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/promoting-intestinal-health.html>)
- Microchipping: Proper Identification for your Pet! (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/microchipping-your-pet.html>)
- Why Does My Dog Eat Poop? (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/dog-eats-poop.php>)
- Empty Calories and Fillers (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/empty-calories-fillers.html>)
- Pet Food Ingredients to Avoid (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/ingredients-to-avoid.html>)
- Cats' rough sandpaper tongues (http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/why_cats_tongues_are_rough.html)
- Food Allergies in Pets (http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/food_allergies_in_pets.html)

- Get Your Puppy Started on the Right Paw (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/puppy-brochure.html>)
- Feline Urinary Problems (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/feline-urinary-problems.html>)
- How to Socialize a Puppy (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/socializing-puppy.html>)
- Top 10 Green Pet Tips for Earth Day (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/top-ten-green-tips.html>)
- Dogs and Cats may be the Proverbial Canaries in the Coal Mine (http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/pets_chemical_exposure.html)
- Top 10 Secrets to Aging Gracefully (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/top-ten-secrets-to-aging-gracefully.html>)
- Common Aging Changes - What is Normal and How to Care for Senior Pets (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/common-aging-changes.html>)
- Healthy Eating for Your Cat (http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/healthy_eating_for_your_cat.html)
- Healthy Snacking for Your Dog (http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/healthy_snacking_for_your_dog.html)
- Weight Loss Tips (http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/weight_loss_tips.html)
- Tips on Lowering Veterinary Bills and Pet Expenses (http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/lowering_veterinary_bills.html)
- Pet Food - What You Need to Know - for Your Pet's Sake (http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/pet_food_what_you_need_to_know.html)
- Winter Care for Your Dog (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/winter-care-for-your-dog.html>)
- High Cholesterol in Pets (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/high-cholesterol-in-pets.html>)
- Welcoming Your New Dog (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/welcoming-your-new-dog.html>)
- Choosing the Right Dog Breed (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/getting-a-new-dog.html>)
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Dogs (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/Inflammatory-Bowel-Disease-in-Dogs.html>)
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Cats (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/Inflammatory-Bowel-Disease-in-Cats.html>)
- Allergies in Cats (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/allergies-in-cats.html>)
- Allergies in Dogs (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/allergies-in-dogs.html>)
- Supplements for Skin and Coat (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/supplements-for-skin-and-coat.html>)
- The Importance of Proper Ear Cleaning (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/The-importance-of-proper-ear-cleaning.html>)
- The Importance of Proper Eye Care (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/The-importance-of-proper-eye-care.html>)
- Supplements in Puppies and Kittens (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/Supplements-in-puppies-and-kittens.html>)
- Supplements For the Older Pet (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/Supplements-for-the-older-pet.html>)

- What Every Pet Owner Should Know About Supplements (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/pet-supplements.html>)
- Diabetes in Dogs (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/diabetes-in-dogs.html>)
- Getting To The "Root" of Bad Breath In Dogs And Cats (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/getting-to-the-root-of-bad-breathe.html>)
- Pet Insurance—is it really worth it? (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/pet-insurance.html>)
- Nix the Skin Itch of Summer (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/summer-skin-itch.html>)
- Getting a Leg Up on Dog Arthritis (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/dog-arthritis.html>)
- Dog Bladder Stones (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/dog-bladder-stones.html>)
- Feline Diabetes: A New Look at an Old Disease <http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/feline-diabetes-new-look-at-old-disease.html>)
- Pet Obesity and Your Pet's Health (<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/pet-obesity-and-health.html>)

THE HUFFINGTON POST PUBLICATION:

Sit, Stay and Don't Chew up the Lincoln Bedroom: Health Tips for America's New First Dog, The Huffington Post, April 14, 2009, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/donna-spector/sit-stay-and-dont-chew-up_b_186905.html.

VETERINARY CONTINUING EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Donna writes monthly clinical case reports that serve as continuing education for over 2,000 VCA Antech veterinarians. Dr. Donna writes these reports on topics that are pertinent to general veterinarians and also highlight new information, medical diagnostics, or treatment updates. By providing this resource to veterinarians nationwide, she hopes to positively impact the standard of care that all pets receive.

"Persistent diarrhea in a young cat: Don't let it "TRICH" you", March 2009.

This case report highlights a newer infectious cause of feline diarrhea (Tritrichomonas), appropriate diagnostics for a young cat with diarrhea and treatment advances.

"Lethargy and Limping in a Wheaten Terrier: Remember the great pretender", April 2009.

This case report is about Addison's Disease (hypoadrenocorticism) and how this hormonal / metabolic deficiency is capable of causing a multitude of clinical signs. Dr. Donna reviews new diagnostics and treatment options.

"Acute Vomiting and Lethargy in a Maltese, Renal Failure: Hold Them Suspect", May 2009.

This case report is about an infectious cause of renal (kidney) failure caused by the bacteria Leptospirosis. The disease is described in detail and updates on diagnosis and treatment are given.

"What is Your Diagnosis? Coughing in New York City", June 2009.

This case report outlines the diagnostic workup for coughing in dogs. The diagnosis was of a parasitic pneumonia caused by lungworms. Proper treatment and follow up protocols are given.

"Severe Corneal Ulceration in a dog: An Unexpected Diagnosis", July 2009.

This case report describes severe eye disease caused by the tick-borne disease, Ehrlichiosis.

Thorough diagnostic, treatment and monitoring is detailed.

"Cranial Abdominal Pain and Vomiting: Don't Forget the Gallbladder", August 2009.

This case report describes a disease that has increasing prevalence in dogs—the gallbladder mucocoele and appropriate medical and surgical approaches.

"Think HARD For Your Diagnosis", September 2009.

Feline heartworm disease causes severe lung problems in cats. This lung disease is called Heartworm-Associated Respiratory Disease (HARD). This case report describes the disease completely and appropriate diagnostics, treatment and follow-up for affected cats.

"Why Is It So Hot In Here?", October 2009.

This case report highlights the extensive workup for fever of unknown origin in a dog. This patient ultimately was diagnosed with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (lupus) with primarily joint and skin involvement. The features of lupus are described in detail as well as treatment and follow up options.

"Vomiting and Weight Loss in a Geriatric Cat: Looking Beyond the Obvious", November 2009.

Vomiting and weight loss are very common owner complaints in older cats. This report highlights an appropriate diagnostic workup and the surprises you might find. This cat was diagnosed with a splenic mast cell tumor and low grade (lymphocytic) gastrointestinal lymphoma and did very well with treatment for over 2 years.

"Painful Defecation in a Greyhound: More Than Meets the Eye!", December 2009.

This case report highlights the importance of history taking and a complete physical examination. The owner was concerned that her older Greyhound had arthritis because of howling during defecation. Ultimately he was diagnosed with perianal fistulas and colitis as the cause of these signs. New treatment options are discussed.

"Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease: A New Look At An Old Disease", January 2010.

Urinary problems are very common in cats and there is a lot of new research available on the best diagnostics and treatment options. Dr. Donna debunks several old theories and gives options for successful management, as well as websites that are excellent pet owner resources.

"Hematuria In A Dog: A Common Problem, An Uncommon Diagnosis", February 2010.

This case report describes a complete and thorough approach to bloody urine or lower urinary tract disease in the dog. The ultimate diagnosis was essential hematuria (benign idiopathic renal hematuria).

"Diabetes Mellitus: What's New Pussycat?", March 2010.

Feline Diabetes is a constantly evolving disease and Dr. Donna gives an update to veterinarians on the best diagnostics as well as the most recent treatment recommendations.

"Hyperlipidemia: The Frequently Ignored Laboratory Finding", April 2010.

Similar to people, dogs can also suffer from high blood fats (cholesterol and triglycerides), however, this is frequently overlooked by many veterinarians. Dr. Donna discusses the possible clinical signs associated with this problem and what dietary and medical interventions are helpful.

"What's Your Diagnosis? Anorexia and Vomiting in a Diabetic Cat", May 2010.

This case report discusses pyelonephritis (acute kidney infection), a common condition associated with diabetes in older cats. Dr. Donna tells what signs to look for, what diagnostic tests should be performed and the appropriate treatment and follow up.

"Acute Renal Failure: Beyond Fluid Therapy", June 2010.

This case report discusses acute kidney failure presumptively caused by meloxicam (an NSAID) that required hemodialysis for resolution with an excellent outcome.

"When is it more than just hyperthyroidism? Identifying concurrent hepatobiliary disease in a hyperthyroid cat." July 2010.

Helps identify features of a history, physical examination and bloodwork that are compatible with concurrent disease in addition to hyperthyroidism.

"Elevated ALKP in an asymptomatic older dog: what now?", August 2010

This case report outlines a rational diagnostic approach for veterinarians to use when addressing abnormal liver enzymes in older asymptomatic dogs. A detailed discussion of common liver diseases such as vacuolar hepatopathy, reactive hepatopathy, benign nodular hyperplasia, mucocoeles, hepatitis and neoplasia is included.

"Chronic nasal discharge—beyond antibiotics," September 2010.

This case reports discusses appropriate evaluation and diagnostic workup for cats with chronic rhinosinusitis (nasal signs).

VETERINARY JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Balloon dilation and intralesional steroid for benign rectal stricture management in a cat: a case report,
Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery, pending publication.

Management of gastrointestinal motility disorders: Life without cisapride, DVM News Magazine,
February 2002

Endogenous Lipid Pneumonia: 24 Cases (1985-1998), JAVMA, 2000, 216 (9): 1437-1440

VETERINARY TEXTBOOK PUBLICATIONS

Endoscopic Removal of Gastrointestinal Foreign Bodies, Small Animal Endoscopy Textbook, 3rd edition,
Chapter 7. Editors: Tams, Rawlings. Publisher: Elsevier, textbook pending publication.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

TELEVISION

Ellen and Dr. Donna are live on QVC with fabulous QVC host Carolyn Gracie, August 19, 2010.

Dr. Donna brings Halo to Canadian pet lovers on The Shopping Channel. Halo made its debut on Canadian national TV with Ellen's favorite veterinarian, Dr. Donna Spector, who introduced Halo's complete line of holistic pet products, July 2009.

Halo and Dr. Donna help Carolyn Gracie celebrate her 5th anniversary on QVC, July 2009, [See more \(click on videos\) »](#).

Dr. Donna and Halo teach holistic pet care on QVC. Dr. Donna appeared for one entire hour educating pet owners about the benefits of a holistic lifestyle and the improvements they can expect in their pets eating Halo. June 2009, [Read Ellen's comment »](#)

Three's Company with Ellen, Dr. Donna and Halo on QVC! Learn why they love Halo so much and how, with Halo, it is possible to have happier, healthier pets inside and out. [Watch videos »](#) May 2009

Ellen DeGeneres and Dr. Donna from Halo team up with Carolyn Gracie and the QVC team to tell the world about the benefits of Halo products. Watch Carolyn Gracie, the awesome QVC host, try Halo herself!! [Watch the video](#) , January 2009

Ellen DeGeneres and Dr. Donna Spector Discuss Halo, Purely For Pets®, Ellen DeGeneres invites Halo's own Dr. Donna Spector, a board-certified veterinary internist who practices in New York City, on her show to discuss Ellen's passion for the food and why it is so amazing and beneficial for your pet's health, February 2008. <http://www.halopets.com/news/degeneres-spector-interview.html>, [Watch the video](#)

RADIO INTERVIEWS

Animal Wise Radio (www.allpetsradio.com or podcast at www.animalwiseradio.com). Dr. Spector has appeared as a guest of Mike Fry and Beth Nelson on Animal Wise Radio show giving tips on general pet health topics, nutrition, and avoidance of environmental toxins.

"Summer wellness for pets—Dr. Spector shares tips for a happier, healthier summer", 1:20pm ET, June 20, 2010

"The foundations of nutrition and quality ingredients as it relates to healthy companion animals," 2:20pm ET December 13, 2009.

My Buddy Butch Radio Show

Dr. Donna has frequently appeared as a guest of Jeff Marginean's blog talk radio show, My Buddy Butch, giving helpful tips to pet owners everywhere. All interviews can be viewed and listened to at <http://www.mybuddybutch.com/blog1/category/my-buddy-butch-radio/>. Topics:

Food Safety and Pet Allergies. June 24, 2010. Dr. Donna talks about how to

report a suspected problem with a pet food to the FDA and how to keep abreast of all human and pet food recalls by using www.foodsafety.gov. She also gives listeners tips on year-round and seasonal allergies and what treatments really work.

Heartworm disease. May 27, 2010, show #84. Dr. Donna talks about heartworm disease in dogs and cats and what pet owners should be doing to stop this deadly disease right in its tracks!

Seasonal pet allergies. April 29, 2010, show #81. Dr. Donna talks about common pet allergies and what treatment really help.

Pros and cons of vegetarian food—is it a good idea? March 25, 2010, show #76. Dr. Donna talks about Humane Choice, a vegetarian dog food and whether it is a good nutritional choice.

How do pets age? November 26, 2009, show #63. Dr. Donna discusses an article written by Heloise on dog and cat aging rates.

Understanding pet food additives. September 17, 2009, show #53. Dr. Donna discusses what additives are beneficial and what is just marketing hype.

Pet Emergency Preparedness and Microchipping. September 10, 2009, show #52. Dr. Donna gives tips on how to plan for an emergency and how microchipping can save the day.

More on Pet Nutrition. August 20, 2009, show #50. Dr. Donna gives a number of great nutrition tips.

Making pet food at home. August 6, 2009, show #48. Dr. Donna gives tips on making complete and balanced meals for pets.

Coprophagia: why does my dog eat poop? July 30, 2009, show #47. Dr. Donna talks about this disgusting topic that plague many dog owners and gives useful tips on how to curb the hunger!

Vaccinations: The good, the bad and the ugly! July 23, 2009, show #46. Dr. Donna discussed vaccines and their usefulness as well as the potential side effects pet may experience.

Minimizing pet exposure to industrial chemicals and fluoride, July 16, 2009, show #45. Dr. Donna recaps research work done by the Environmental Working Group that reveals high levels of exposure in companion animals and what steps pet owners can take to avoid these pollutants.

Summer Safety-part 3, July 2, 2009, show #43. Dr. Donna talks about toxic landscaping—avoiding cocoa mulch and other common problems.

Summer Safety-part 2, June 25, 2009, show #42. Dr. Donna talks about Pet Airways, snake bite, CPR and more.

Summer Safety-part 1, June 18, 2009, show #41. Dr. Donna gave tips on preventing heat-stroke, how to administer basic first-aid and other tidbits on keeping pets safe during summer months.

National Dog Bite Prevention Week. May 21, 2009, show #38. Dr. Donna gives tips on how to minimize the possibility of your dog biting someone.

Swine Flu and your pets—get the facts from Dr. Donna. April 30, 2009, show #37.

Tracie Hotchner's CAT CHAT

Tracie Hotchner is the Author of THE CAT BIBLE: Everything Your Cat Expects You to Know, an encyclopedic guide to every aspect of sharing your life with a cat. She has taken this to the airwaves and interacts with cat owners on her CAT CHAT radio show on Martha Stewart Living Radio, Channel #112 on Sirius Satellite Radio or on XM Channel 157. <http://www.traciehotchner.com/cc/>

"The challenges of helping cats in cyberspace" and *"Debunking Chicken Meal"*, August 26, 2009.

Tracie Hotchner's DOG TALK

Tracie Hotchner is the Author of THE DOG BIBLE: Everything Your Dog Wants You to Know (Gotham Books, November 2005), an encyclopedic guide to every aspect of sharing your life with a dog. She has taken this to the airwaves and interacts with dog owners on her DOG TALK radio show on 88.3 FM on Long Island (NY) or live at www.WLIU.org blog radio. <http://www.traciehotchner.com/dt/>.

"Diabetes in Dogs...the real story", June 26, 2010.

"The challenges of helping dogs in cyberspace", September 19, 2009.

INTERVIEW / PRINT CONTRIBUTIONS

Healthy Snacking for your dog, Animal Wellness Magazine, Oct-Nov 2010, nutrition issue, publication pending.

USA Today Cat Nutrition issue, pending publication.

Gordi's Halo Journey; an 8 week series detailing one dog and his transition to Halo food and products which was guided by Dr. Donna.

PetMD Haute or Not blog, November 2009 – January 2010,

<http://www.petmd.com/blogs/hauteornot/specialeditions/gordi?page=1>

Pet Care, Natural Products Marketplace, October 2009.

2009 U.S. Animal Nutrition Industry Overview, Nutrition Business Journal, August 2009,

<http://www.halopets.com/news/pdfs/NutBusJournal4.pdf>

Natural Pet Care: Making your pet health section the pick of the litter, Whole Foods Magazine, March 2009,

http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:r7mJfSQ4h8wJ:www.wfcinc.com/?page_id=18+halo+site:http://www.wfcinc.com/&cd=1&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us

We can learn a lot from our pets, Ode Magazine blog post, March 27, 2009,

http://www.odemagazine.com/exchange/6359/we_can_learn_a_lot_from_our_pets.

Dr. Donna from Halo teams up with Bideawee for a Weight Loss Challenge, Cat Channel, February 12, 2009, <http://www.catchannel.com/news/2009/02/12/shelter-cats-take-weight-loss-challenge.aspx>.

The Biggest Loser: Halo and Bideawee Team up to Slim Down, Dr. Donna developed and supervised a successful weight loss plan for 8 obese cats, February 2009, [http://www.bideawee.org/programs & services/halo_challenge.php](http://www.bideawee.org/programs_&_services/halo_challenge.php)

Stock Medicine Cabinet for Pet Health, too, The Natural Foods Merchandiser, December 22, 2008, <http://naturalfoodsmerchandiser.com/tabid/66/itemid/3360/Stock-medicine-cabinet-for-pet-health-too.aspx>

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine- Annual Forum; 2000 - 2006, 2008, 2010
The Veterinary Cancer Society; 2000

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Illinois, 2009 – current
New York, 1997 - 1998, reinstated November 2004-current
California, 2000 – 2005; inactive
Michigan, 1997 – 2003; inactive

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Veterinary Medical Association, Member 1997 to present.

Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Michigan State University, member 1993 - 1997

Class Representative 1995 – 1997

American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association, Member 2008 – present.

American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, Diplomate, Member 2001 – present.

Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association, Member 2010-present

New York State Veterinary Medical Society, Member 2005 – 2009

New York City Veterinary Medical Association, Member 2005 – 2009

California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), Member 2001 - 2005

SDCVMA Alternate Delegate to the CVMA, 2003; SDCVMA Delegate to the CVMA, 2004 - 2006

San Diego County Veterinary Medical Association, Member 2001 - 2005

Veterinary Cancer Society, Member 2001 – 2005

References available upon request.