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Homepage

Welcome to the Animal Hospital of Chester County

Our Team

Meet our experienced team at the Animal Hospital of Chester County

Veterinarians

Lauren Jones, VMD

Dr. Jones is the proud owner of AHCC. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 2010, and began her career as an associate veterinarian at [Country Companion Animal Hospital](#) in Morgantown, PA. In 2015, she purchased Country Companion from its original owners. In 2017, she purchased the Animal Hospital of Chester County from Dr. Erlichman. Dr. Jones provides medical and surgical services for dogs, cats, and exotic pets including rabbits, ferrets, pocket pets, reptiles, and amphibians. She especially enjoys reproduction and pediatrics, ultrasonography, and dentistry in addition to general medicine and surgery. She resides in Glenmoore with her husband, Jack, three children, Jack Jr., Charlotte, and Griffin, and her two pugs (Jaz and Ace), a french bulldog (Lola), and two cats (Chevy and Simone). As the owner of the Animal Hospital of Chester County, Dr. Jones is proud to carry on the tradition of kind, compassionate care established by Dr. Erlichman, Dr. Shea, and the excellent team at AHCC.

Toby Erlichman, VMD

Dr. Toby Erlichman graduated from University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 1988. From 1998 to 2017, Dr. Erlichman was the owner of AHCC, developing longstanding professional and personal relationships with our many clients through her dedication to providing outstanding care. She will remain with AHCC, and continue to pursue her professional interests in small animal care, along with providing specialized attention to small mammals and birds. She is extremely skilled in avian and small mammal medicine and surgery, and enjoys working with wildlife, as well as pets. Dr. Erlichman is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, the Association of Avian Veterinarians, the Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians, and the Association of Exotic Mammal Veterinarians. After serving for over twelve years, Dr. Erlichman serves on the Board of Directors of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, and is co-chair of their Health Committee. She shares her home with 3 Bernese Mountain Dogs. Her son Matthew attends medical school.

Maribeth Shea, DVM

Dr. Maribeth Shea graduated from Purdue University in 1993. After practicing in Chester Springs for 11 years, she joined AHCC in 2004. Her practice is limited to dogs and cats. Dr. Shea enjoys working closely with her patients and their families throughout all life stages. She has particular interest in helping older patients maintain dignity and a good quality of life. Outside of work, Dr. Shea enjoys traveling, hiking, soccer, movies and reading. She is kept busy by her husband Marco, and three children, Caelan, Aine' and Sidra. Rounding out her house are her rescued dog Piper, and a cat named White Sox. Dr. Shea is a member of AVMA, PVMA, and the International Association of Animal Hospice and Palliative Care.

Kristen Conniff-Rafalko, VMD

Dr. Kristen Conniff-Rafalko joined the AHCC team in October 2018. Dr. Conniff-Rafalko is a Pennsylvania native, born and raised in Scranton. She first trained as an illustrator and spent several years as a working artist before making the transition to veterinary medicine. She earned her VMD from the University of Pennsylvania in 2017 and completed a one-year rotating internship at the Veterinary Specialty Center of Delaware before joining the AHCC family as a general practitioner. Her special interests include surgery, dentistry, and emergency medicine. When she's not busy caring for your furry family members, Dr. Conniff enjoys indoor gardening, hiking, and spending time with her husband and Shetland sheepdog, Shamrock.

Our Services

Well Care

Well-care examinations are the cornerstone of health care for your pet. It is far easier, and safer, to prevent medical problems than it is to treat them after they occur. Routine physical examinations and discussions of your pet's health allow the doctors at the Animal Hospital of Chester County to make sure your pet stays healthy, and to catch minor problems before they become major problems.

Sick Care

At the Animal Hospital of Chester County, we understand the concern you feel when your pet is feeling ill. As part of our commitment to providing compassionate care, we'll perform a thorough assessment of your pet, and give you all the options available to diagnose and treat illnesses to get your pet back to get your pet back to his or her healthy, happy self!

Surgery

Our team performs surgeries on the premises and cares for pets both before and after surgical procedures. If surgery is recommended, a pre-surgical examination is performed to assess your pet's health and ability to have surgery. Additionally, blood tests, blood pressure reading, and an ECG may be recommended. Among the surgical procedures provided are:

- Spaying of female pets
- Neutering of male pets
- Tumor removal
- Biopsy
- Abdominal procedures
- Exploratory surgery
- Dew-claw removal
- Ear flushing and surgical care

After surgery, pets are closely monitored by the doctors and staff. Round-the-clock monitoring is available at local emergency care facilities. In addition, the doctors maintain close relationships with surgical specialists in the area. If necessary, patients can be referred to local specialists for care.

Dentistry

Dentistry is a critical, often over-looked part of health care for your pet. Routine cleanings are needed to maintain the overall health of your pet. Additionally, a pet with dental disease is not only in pain, but is also at risk of developing serious diseases of the entire body. The Animal Hospital of Chester County is pleased to provide routine care of your pet's teeth and to treat diseases of the mouth, gums, and teeth.

Learn more about maintaining your pet's dental health. <https://www.avma.org/public/PetCare/Pages/Pet-Dental-Care.aspx>

Exotics

The doctors and staff at the Animal Hospital of Chester County are highly skilled at treating and caring for many types of exotic pets and are pleased to be able to offer care and guidance. Dr. Erlichman has exceptional experience in treating exotics and enjoys providing preventive care for pets and educational services for owners.

We treat the following exotic pets at the Animal Hospital of Chester County:

- Bird pets
- Rabbits
- Ferrets
- Small mammals such as chinchillas, hedgehogs, guinea pigs, rats, mice, gerbils, and hamsters
- Turtles, lizards, frogs

Learn more about our exotic pet services: https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/b08d9367-7128-4cad-aa88-88a0d3d66b10/downloads/1cjtrfnkh_223260.pdf

Laboratory Services

The Animal Hospital of Chester County uses both in-house laboratory equipment and commercial testing services to provide comprehensive testing and rapid results. Routine testing for blood counts and chemistries are

done with state-of-the art equipment in the hospital and are available within hours. Other test results are usually available within 24 hours. Our laboratory services include:

- Feline leukemia & FIV testing
- Heartworm testing
- Lyme disease testing
- Fecal floatation
- Urinalysis
- Complete blood counts
- Blood chemistry
- Cytology (microscopic examination of cells) of the skin and ears
- Culture and sensitivity
- Diabetes diagnosis and control
- Hormone levels, such as thyroid
- Histology (microscopic examination of tumor cells)

Prescription Medications and Foods

The Animal Hospital of Chester County has an on-site pharmacy supplied with prescription medications for preventive care and treatment of illnesses. A wide range of veterinary drugs are stocked to make sure that the medication your pet needs is immediately available. This allows for rapid filling of needed prescriptions. In addition, the hospital stocks a complete supply of prescription foods needed to treat diverse illnesses such as kidney, cardiac, and intestinal disease. The veterinarians at CCAH also perform reproduction consults, semen evaluation and help to manage other reproduction-specific conditions. We routinely freeze and store semen onsite that can be used months or even years later. Our experienced team of doctors, technicians, and support staff are hospital technicians are proud to assist with C-sections, whelping and perinatal care.

Health Certificates

As licensed and USDA-accredited veterinarians, Dr. Shea, Dr. Jones, and Dr. Erlichman are qualified to examine animals requiring health certificates for travel or sale. The doctors can then issue the specialized certificates needed for selling or transporting pets. It is important to have a healthy pet when you are traveling or planning on selling your pet(s). If you have any questions about obtaining a Health Certificate for your pet(s), please contact us directly.

Identification and Micro-Chipping

The doctors at the Animal Hospital of Chester County recommend that all cats and dogs receive identification micro-chips. These chips are tiny, rice-sized devices that contain valuable identification information to help your lost pet find its way home. During an office call, the chips are easily implanted under the skin and remain as a permanent means to identify your pet if lost. The chips are readable with a small hand-held scanner that allows the information to be retrieved rapidly and lets your pet be traced back to your home. It is an unfortunate fact of life that pets get lost. It is another unfortunate fact that many pets are not reunited with their owners. Because veterinarians and animal shelters routinely scan for micro-chips, your pet has a much better chance of being returned to you if the animal carries a micro-chip.

<https://avidid.com/>

Laser Therapy

Animal Hospital of Chester County is excited to offer our clients Companion Laser Therapy. Laser therapy provides a non-invasive, pain-free, surgery-free, drug-free treatment that is used to treat a variety of conditions and can be performed in conjunction with existing treatment protocols. Relief and/or improvement are often noticed within hours depending on the condition being treated and your pet's unique health status. Whether you

pet is rehabilitating from trauma or injury, healing from wounds, or simply aging, your companion can benefit from this innovative approach to treating pain. Applications for Laser therapy include:

- Treatment of arthritis, degenerative joint disease or hip dysplasia
- General pain management (sprains, strains and stiffness)
- Post-surgery pain (spays, neuters, declaws and other surgeries)
- Dental procedures
- Fractures and wounds (bites, abrasions, burns and lesions)
- Ear infections

Contact our practice today to schedule an appointment or obtain additional information.

<http://www.litecure.com/companion/for-pet-owners>

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Visit Your Pet's Portal: <https://www.vetsecure.com/animalhospitalofchestercounty.com/login/#sign-in>

Hours of Operation

- Monday: 8:30am – 5:30pm
- Tuesday: 8:30am - 7pm
- Wednesday: 8:30am - 5:30pm
- Thursday: 8:30am - 7pm
- Friday: 8:30am - 5:30pm
- Saturday: 8:30am - 12:00pm (Open every other Saturday)
- Sunday: CLOSED

Emergency Resources

If you have an emergency outside of our regular business hours, we recommend that you contact one of the below emergency facilities as soon as possible:

Hope Veterinary Specialists

40 Three Tun Rd
Malvern, PA 19355
610-296-2099
www.hopevs.com

Veterinary Referral Center (VRC)

340 Lancaster Ave
Malvern, PA 19355
610-647-2950
www.vrcmalvern.com

For Avian and Exotic Pets

University of Pennsylvania

Ryan Hospital for Companion Animals

3900 Spruce St
Philadelphia ,PA 19104
215-746-8911

www.vet.upenn.edu/veterinary-hospitals/ryan-veterinary-hospital

Windcrest Animal Hospital

3705 Lancaster Pike
Wilmington, DE 19805
302-998-2995

www.windcrestanimal.com

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