

PATTON VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Julie Gauldin

Julie Gauldin joined the PVH family in 2002 as a kennel attendant. Julie has a wide range of expertise and has worked in all areas of the hospital prior to becoming the Assistant Office Manager. Her love for animals dates back into her childhood, where she grew up with pets such as guinea pigs, anoles, and the family dog named Amber.

Another of Julie's passions is photography. After graduating from high school, Julie relocated to North Carolina for college where she earned a degree in Wedding/Portrait Photography and a second degree in Biomedical Photography. To assist with paying her way through school, Julie started her own freelance photography business. She would photograph anything from people to pets to catalog and advertisement items. But her favorite client was the contract she had with the local police department assisting them with their crime scene photos. "Their photographic evidence

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Telemedicine Comes to Patton Veterinary Hospital

Ever wished you could contact your veterinarian and get help from home instead of bringing your pet to the veterinary office? With telemedicine and a new app called Televet, this is now possible.

Patton Veterinary Hospital is using a new system called Televet. While this certainly won't replace office visits, we may be able to help with minor health issues while you and your pet remain in the comfort of your home. We may also be able to help via telemedicine in some cases if you do not have transportation to our office.

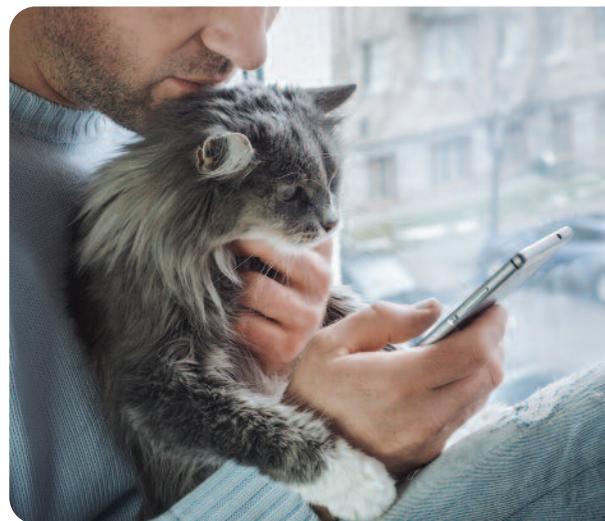
How it works: you download the free Televet app in order to use the service. Once you request a consult, one of Patton's vets will send notice to set up a consultation time that works for you both. You and the doctor can agree on either a phone conversation, a text/chat option where you can submit photos and chat via text messaging, or a video chat. A consultation fee is charged for this service.

Just a reminder, not all cases may be solved by telemedicine. If it sounds like your pet needs to come to the office for a hands-on exam, treatment, or testing, we will schedule an appointment for you (a reduced office fee may apply). If we feel your pet's medical condition is an emergency, we will recommend that he or she come to Patton immediately or visit the local emergency clinic if necessary.

Telemedicine works best for cases such as chronic skin conditions, checking wounds or incisions, monitoring diabetic patients, minor cases of diarrhea, vomiting, or limping and similar problems.

Once we establish a diagnosis, you may need to visit Patton to pick up medication for your pet or he or she may need a visit to the office to see a technician for an injection, testing, radiographs or other treatment. Remember, Televet is not meant for emergencies and it is not meant to replace office visits or physical exams, but rather to act as a new tool to help treat minor injuries or illnesses from home.

Please contact us if you need more info or go to our website for a link to download and try the Televet App today.



By Dr. Sabrina Walters

Love your dog? License your dog!

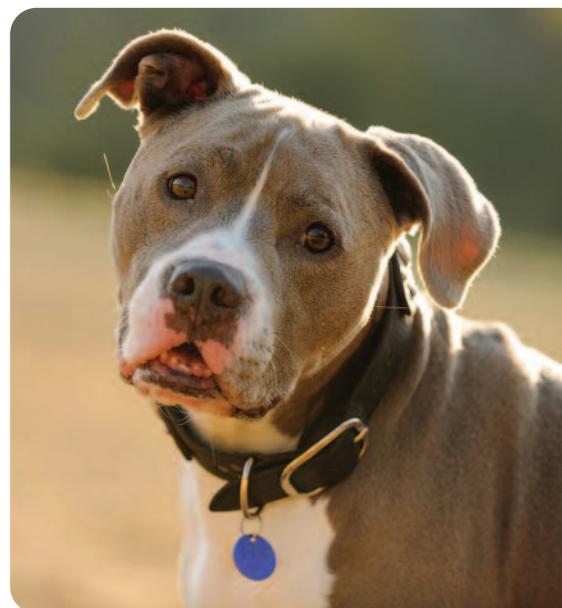
If your dog gets lost, a current license is often the fastest way to get it back.

The state of Pennsylvania requires all dogs age three months or older to be licensed by January 1st of each year. Failure to license your dog can result in a fine of \$300, plus court costs. A license costs \$8.50 for an annual license and \$51.50 for a lifetime license. For dogs that are spayed or neutered, the annual fee is reduced to \$6.50, and the lifetime license is \$31.50.

For more information and to watch a short video about the value of licensing your dog, visit

www.licenseyourdogpa.gov.

Be sure to put the license tag on your dog's collar!





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 FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

Upcoming Events

Pet Loss Support Group
May 5th 1-2:30 pm

Bark for Life at John Rudy
May 19th 12-3 pm



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PetPage,
our new app!

Learn more on our website.

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wasn't holding up in court because the photographs themselves were not holding up. They were still photographing crime scenes with a Polaroid camera. By the time the case would go to trial the images had faded or even melted due to lack of proper storage. Oh the things I've seen in my time with the department."

After the passing of Julie's father, she began working part-time for an animal shelter in Pittsboro, North Carolina. At the same time, she was living on a 200 acre farm which allowed her to foster for various rescue groups. "I was kind of a shelter for the shelter. If rescues wanted dogs or cats but had trouble finding transport, they would come hang out with me until transport could pick them up." This allowed for the shelter to continue helping other animals in need without becoming inundated.

In 2002, Julie decided it was time to move back home to the York County area. Having always wanting to work for a veterinarian, she dropped her resume off at Patton Veterinary Hospital located at 11 Pleasant View Street, Red Lion, and the rest is PVH history. Almost 17 years later, Julie resides with five dogs, five cats, four turtles, and three tortoises.



"Time spent
with cats is
never wasted."
– Sigmund Freud

Pet Myths Debunked

There are a lot of myths and mis-information about dogs and cats out there. Today, we look at four common myths about our favorite furry companions.



1 A warm, dry nose means your dog is sick: We get this one a lot. While a sick dog might have a warm nose, a dog's normal temperature is naturally higher than ours (dogs and cats have a normal temperature range of 100-103F) so they often feel warm to the touch. The temperature and dryness of a dog's nose can vary with activity, sleep, a recent meal, drink, and environmental humidity levels. An occasional warm, dry nose is normal. However, if your dog's nose is constantly dry and cracked or if it is always running with clear discharge, these conditions are not normal and warrant a visit to the vet.



2 Dogs are colorblind: It has been a long-held belief that dogs see the world in black and white and shades of grey, but it's not quite true. Dogs DO actually see some colors. Similar to red-green colorblindness in humans, dogs do not see much in the red color spectrum, but can see shades of blues and yellows. Their visual acuity or sharpness of what they see is also less than that of humans, so everything they see is a bit muted or blurry. So, all those popular red dog toys look brown or grey to our dogs!



3 Cats purr only when they are happy: This is usually true, as cats definitely purr when they are content. But cats will actually purr when they're nervous or when they're sick or painful as well. It's thought that the low frequency vibrations of a purr may improve healing and can be a self-soothing mechanism.



4 Cats always land on their feet: While it's true that cats have an excellent vestibular system which controls their balance and body posture and they can rapidly twist their bodies right side up if they fall, cats are sometimes clumsy and they can be seriously injured. Interesting fact; cats have a better chance of surviving a fall if they fall from a higher height as it actually gives them more time to right themselves during the fall. The most common injuries sustained when a cat falls are a broken jaw and thoracic injuries.

These myths have been around for a long time, but now we know that dogs can see some colors besides just black and white and that our feline friends may be using their mysterious purr for more than just telling us they're happy to see us!

Sources: www.petfinder.com/pet-adoption/cat-adoption/cat-myths/ • www.hillspet.com/dog-care/resources/dog-myths

PARASITE PREVENTION

It's springtime! The grass is green, flowers are blooming, and unfortunately, parasites are coming out in force. Mosquitoes, fleas and ticks can all live in your home and pose problems all winter, but warm spring temperatures make them even more active. Ticks can transmit multiple pathogens, including those that cause Lyme disease and anaplasmosis. Fleas can cause severe skin problems, and they can transmit tapeworms as well. Please be sure your pets are current on their parasite preventives. Ask us for recommendations about which preventives may best suit your pet's lifestyle.