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Allergy, Skin & Ear Clinic for Pets

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VETERINARY DERMATOLOGIST

What do veterinary dermatologists do? They use their expertise to diagnose and treat animals with allergies. Allergies will cause skin irritation that may lead to skin and ear infections. They are also experts at managing other disorders of the skin, hair, nails, or ears. Skin disorders include: infectious diseases; external parasite infestations; autoimmune diseases; skin manifestations of systemic disease; as well as cysts, tumors, and cancers of the skin.

Veterinary dermatologists perform many specialized diagnostic procedures. Treatment methods can include medications, allergy injections, and surgical procedures.

Dr. Paul Bloom was Michigan's first board-certified veterinary dermatologist (ACVD) in full-time private practice. Currently there are only 155 diplomates of veterinary dermatology in the USA. Dr. Bloom is also a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, Canine and Feline Specialty (ABVP). He was certified in 1984. He is currently 1 of only 7 double-boarded veterinary dermatologists in the USA. (American College of Veterinary Dermatology and American Board of Veterinary Practitioners).

What does all this mean to you, the pet owner? This means that he has the depth of training (ACVD) as well as the breadth of training (ABVP) to be of optimum assistance to you and your pets.

In order to receive his certification from the American College of Veterinary Dermatology (ACVD), Dr. Bloom had to fulfill rigorous requirements. First, he completed a 3 1/2-year residency in veterinary dermatology at MSU's Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Then, he had to submit three case reports for approval by the ACVD and had to have a research project accepted for publication by a refereed veterinary journal. Finally, he had to pass a 2-day examination. The test included questions on dermatology and allergy in multiple species, as well as the microscopic identification of various skin diseases.

Dr. Bloom first began studying advanced veterinary dermatology in 1987, when he was selected to participate in a dermatology clerkship at the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. He also participated in national and international conferences, lectured at local, state, national and international conferences, written 3 book chapters and serves on the education committee for the ACVD. In 1988, he opened the Allergy and Dermatology Clinic for Animals in Livonia.

The doctor also serves as adjunct faculty for MSU's veterinary college. Veterinary dermatologists are expected to stay abreast of new developments in the field. By working at MSU, Dr. Bloom stays involved in the educational process and informed on the latest in his specialty.

Dr. Paul Bloom

Diplomate ABVP • Feline & Canine Specialty

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