



ANGELL ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTER EAR CLINIC

The Angell Ear Clinic is a specialty clinic within the Angell Dermatology Service. We serve the entire New England Region and are dedicated to the diagnosis and management of chronic ear infections in dogs and cats. The Ear Clinic currently operates one day a week as part of the Angell Dermatology Service.

DERMATOLOGY STAFF

Dr. Kathy Tater is a Board-Certified Specialist in Veterinary Dermatology. She is the Staff Dermatologist at the Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston, MA. Veterinary Dermatologists are veterinarians who have received specialized training in skin diseases, allergies and ear diseases. In addition to performing research and publishing in the field of ear disease, Dr. Tater previously saw patients at The Ear Clinic of the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

The Angell Ear Clinic takes a team approach to the diagnosis and management of chronic ear disease. We work closely with the many Board-Certified Veterinary Specialists at Angell to deliver a comprehensive approach to your pet's care.

EAR CLINIC SERVICES

- Clinical evaluation of ears
- Identification and management of underlying skin or systemic disorders affecting ear health
- Video Otoscopic ear examination
- Ear flushing and cleaning under general anesthesia
- Ear cytology
- Ear bacterial culture by the Angell Microbiology Laboratory
- Myringotomy
- CT Scan evaluation of tympanic bullae (middle ear) by the Angell Radiology Service
- Referral to the Angell Surgery Service for surgical correction of chronic ear problems:
 - Lateral ear canal resection
 - Total ear canal ablation
 - Bulla osteotomy
 - Excision of polyps or tumors of ear canal

EAR CLINIC CASES

The Angell Ear Clinic provides advanced care for any case of chronic or refractory ear disease. We specialize in diagnosing and treating resistant bacterial ear infections and middle ear infections as well as tumors, polyps or other masses in the ear. We can perform ear surgery such as a myringotomy (obtaining a sample from the middle ear through the ear drum) and biopsy masses in the external or middle ear.

EAR CLINIC EQUIPMENT

Video Otoscopy

The Video Oscope allows us to thoroughly assess and treat chronic and difficult ear infections in pets.

Video Otoscopy is performed using an otoendoscope, camera, light source and monitor. The ear canal and the ear drum are brightly illuminated and magnified, enabling us to clearly visualize these parts of the ear. With a special attachment, suction and saline can be used to completely clean the ear in a patient that is anesthetized. Foreign objects, debris and parasites can be removed from the ear using tiny grasping forceps. Certain surgical procedures such as ear biopsies or myringotomies can also be performed with the Video Oscope.

CT Scan

A CT Scan (computer tomography or CAT scan) is a specialized piece of imaging equipment. It takes multiple pictures of a pet and then uses a computer to put them together to provide a cross-sectional view inside a pet's body.

The middle ear of the dog and cat (tympanic bullae) is housed inside bone from the skull. The CT Scan enables your pet's veterinarian to look through the bone and inside the middle ear cavity for signs of infection or masses. It also enables us to evaluate your pet's ear for permanent damage to the ear canal (ear mineralization).

HOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

All patients of the Angell Ear Clinic are seen by appointment only at the Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston. To schedule an appointment or to refer a patient, please contact the Dermatology Secretary at (617) 524-5733. To allow us to best serve our clients and patients, we request that a copy of the pet's previous medical record be faxed to the Ear Clinic at (617) 989-1613

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