



BELLE MEAD ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Best Medicine! Best Team! Most Compassionate Care!



Welcome
Dr. MJ Hamilton
BMAH in-house
Oncologist!



Please join us in welcoming MJ Hamilton, D.V.M., DACVIM (Onc) to the Belle Mead Animal Hospital team! Dr. Hamilton's mobile department, Private Veterinary Specialties, allows us to provide veterinary cancer consultations, diagnostic procedures, chemotherapy, and immunotherapy on-site. Full lab services are utilized including blood work, flow cytometry, cytology, and histology. This unique approach gives pets the opportunity to receive treatment at BMAH with the support of the entire team and help ease the mind of the pet owner. Dr. Hamilton will work closely with the pet owner by evaluating the pet's health history and discussing the customized treatment options to extend and improve the quality of your pet's life.

Dr. Hamilton received a Bachelor's degree in psychology and his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at Colorado State University. After two years in general practice in Las Vegas with a focus on oncology, behavior and theriogenology, he went on to complete a residency in medical oncology at Michigan State University Center for Comparative Oncology.

Dr. Hamilton and his staff bring years of experience in pet cancer care to our hospital. Oncology services offered will include Immunotherapy, Chemotherapy, Cancer pain management, Quality of life enhancement, Cancer diagnostic testing and Radiation therapy screening.

Quality of life

Quality of life is a top priority for everyone. We understand you are interested in the best life possible for your pet and strive to help you achieve this. With each visit our team works with pet owners to achieve this goal. No treatment protocol is set in stone. With each appointment we work with owners to ensure quality of life is being achieved or improved. Cancer is treatable. We aim to improve patients' lives via our care, allowing them to have an improved and extended quality of life. We utilize the latest techniques in pain control, nausea prevention and appetite support.

Compassion

When a pet is diagnosed with cancer owners can feel heartbroken, devastated and even terrified. The path forward starts with a sit-down consultation so we can answer your questions as well as discuss treatment options, your pet's individual prognosis and a quality of life plan.

Comfort

Our department was designed to be a comfortable environment for everyone. The department is quiet, has ample natural lighting and its own ventilation systems. We utilize non-slip surfaces for our exam tables and flooring to help pets feel secure. Patients are not left in cages. We treat one patient at a time, therefore it is rare for any patient to spend time in a cage. When a pet does have an extended stay with us they are always within a few feet of us.

Chemotherapy

Our goal during pet cancer treatment services is to ensure the highest quality of life possible for every pet undergoing treatment. Chemotherapy in animals is given at palliative doses, compared to humans which receive curative intent dosing. This difference results in most pets tolerating chemotherapy well. Adverse reactions are only reported by owners in 10%-15% of pets. We encourage owners to share their concerns and observations with us at each visit prior to treatment. This feedback provides us with valuable information on how a patient is feeling during their chemotherapy regimen.



The Team!



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The Doctor's Corner

Message From Dr. Simon-Buonocore:



Animals can suffer from either high or low blood pressure, just like humans. If left untreated it can have quite debilitating effects, especially to the eyes, kidneys, heart and brain. Most of the time there are no symptoms at all until it is too late. This is why it is important to have your senior pet's blood pressure checked on a routine basis.

Dogs and cats typically develop secondary hypertension, meaning that their high blood pressure is usually the result of some other underlying disease. Your pet's blood pressure can be controlled with medication immediately, but then the underlying disease can be diagnosed and treated soon after.

For example, a cat might suddenly go blind. After a quick blood pressure test it may be found that this cat has high blood pressure. But this would prompt us to look for an underlying cause. In an older cat, the most common underlying causes would be chronic kidney disease and hyperthyroidism. If this cat was examined routinely with blood pressure checks, we may have been able to treat the high blood pressure and address the underlying disease before the vision loss happened!

Please bring your senior pets in for routine exams and blood pressure checks. You never know what symptoms they could be hiding.

• - Dr. Simon-Buonocore •

BMAH PET PAIN CLINIC

Success Story! Tootsie is a 10 year old Labrador that presented to BMAH Pet Pain Clinic in January 2018 being unable to walk. She was diagnosed with bilaterally torn cruciate ligaments as well as luxating patellas that were making it difficult for her to walk, and she was very overweight at 100 lbs! Tootsie's parents were willing to do anything it took to get Tootsie back up and moving, so they admitted her to the BMAH Pet Pain Clinic for intensive rehab for 10 days. We started acupuncture for pain management as well as other medications to help modulate her pain, physical rehabilitation to get her legs moving, laser therapy, as well as a strict diet using a prescription joint/weight loss diet Hills Metabolic and Mobility. Tootsie was fit with a Help 'Em Up Harness to enable us to move her around, and within a few days she started walking on her own. The pounds started falling off Tootsie, and each week she improved – a month into treatment she was fit with bilateral orthotic braces to help support her knees. Tootsie is now down to 80 lbs, able to get up on her own, walks 15-20 minutes at a time, and loves her rehab sessions! Look at her go!



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