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WINTER 2011/2012

## Uxbridge Animal Hospital

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### OUR MISSION:

To provide the highest quality  
veterinary medical care in  
a comfortable, personal setting.

**Monday - Wednesday** 8:00 am - 8:00 pm  
**Thursday** 8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
**Friday** 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
**Saturday** 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
**Sunday** closed

### Emergency Information

508.278.5869 - During Hours  
401.886.6787 - Ocean State Veterinary Specialists  
508.839.5395 - Tufts  
888.426.4435 - ASPCA Poison Control

### Services Provided:

- Preventative Medicine
- Digital Radiography
- Surgery
- In-House Laboratory
- Dentistry



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## UAH Scrapbook



**Darby**  
@ Laser Therapy Demo



**Daisy**



**Frederick**  
@ Laser Therapy Demo



**Amanda holding Prince**



**Jen and Amy with Teddy**



**Hyde**

## Saying Goodbye... In Memory of Bo



I caught a quick glimpse, and then looking back through the window pane I was privy to a heart wrenching scene. Through the slats in the blinds I watched as a woman bent down to kiss her yellow lab before en-

tering the animal hospital. Bo was obviously haggard, and her kisses weren't of the frivolous kind... She kissed the old lab's snout again, and again... and again. Keeping her face ever so close to his, I watched her speak precious words close to his ear. The scene, speaking volumes of her love, wrenched my heart and sped tears to my eyes. Her sorrow was unmistakable, telling a clear story of what was about to transpire...

We've all kissed those last kisses and spoken those last words... I've found nothing in life is as difficult as saying goodbye to someone we love. Robert Brault once wrote, "*The difference between friends and pets is that friends we allow into our company, pets we allow into our solitude.*" Pets hold a unique place within our hearts and lives. Often times nothing compares to the relationship we share with our pets, and when it's time to bid them farewell it's normal to experience a sense of overwhelming grief. All of us grieve and cope with

loss differently. We can experience a wide range of emotional as well as physical effects such as shock, sorrow, emptiness, anger, fatigue, guilt, insomnia, loss of appetite, and loneliness. Understanding how you grieve and finding ways to cope with your loss can bring you closer to the day when memories bring smiles instead of tears.

Since joining the Uxbridge Animal Hospital's team in January 2011 I've witnessed other such tearful goodbyes. The Doctors and Staff at UAH provide an unmatched level of care and compassion when helping families through the passing of their beloved pets; providing genuine consideration and offering special accommodations whenever possible.

Speaking from personal experience, losing a pet is one of the most difficult seasons in a person's life. Talking with others who understand and sharing your precious memories with family and friends can provide a healthy outlet for your grief which will ease... only with the passage of time.

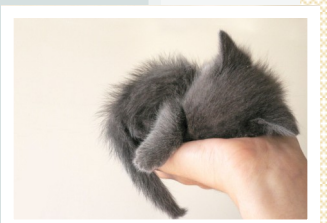
~Kim Murray

For more resources on grieving go to:  
[www.tufts.edu/vet/petloss](http://www.tufts.edu/vet/petloss)

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—Robert Brault

## Quote of the Month...

"Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things."  
~ Robert Brault



## Costume Contest WINNERS!!

And The Winners Are...

Each year the Uxbridge Animal Hospital holds a Halloween Pet Costume Contest... At the end of October the Staff votes and prizes are awarded to the winners! We would like to thank all of this year's participants!! We really enjoy seeing all your adorable pictures!!



1st Place  
Tank "The Pimp"



Runner-Up  
Pudge  
"The Prisoner"

## Holiday Pet Safety Tips From VPI Pet Insurance

### Safety Alert!

Deicing products, salt, and ice can get into fur and paws, causing skin irritation or more serious conditions. Wipe your pet's paws and tummy when



he comes in from the cold. Take care to wipe up spilled antifreeze--dogs and cats like the sweet taste and can ingest deadly amounts. Better yet, use pet friendly antifreeze products.

### Keep holiday decorations out of your pet's reach

Ingestion of glass, metal, ribbons or tinsel can lead to serious medical emergencies. Also, snow globes and artificial snow contain chemicals that can be harmful to pets if ingested or inhaled.



### Place holiday plants off the ground

Pretty as they are, ivy, holly, mistletoe, poinsettias, lilies and Christmas greens can all be toxic to animals when ingested.



### Keep a watchful eye on your pets

Everyone loves a party, but sometimes the hustle and bustle of holiday guests can frighten animals and cause them to run away. Designate a quiet, secure room for your pets away from the crowd and be sure that your pet is micro-chipped and wearing a collar with current ID tags.



### Fight the temptation to feed your pet table scraps

Fatty holiday meats can cause a number of gastronomical problems while bones can cause bowel obstructions or choking. And remember: no chocolate for pets!! The sweet stuff contains a chemical that is highly toxic to pets.

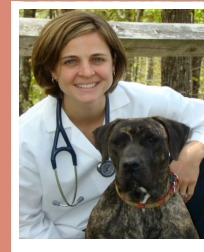


## Meet the Staff...

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## Our Doctors...

The Uxbridge Animal Hospital's veterinary team is comprised of three talented, dedicated, and deeply compassionate Veterinarians; Dr. Jocelyn Cowan, Dr. Vicki Kucia, and Dr. Deborah Veo. Together the three doctors purchased the Uxbridge Animal Hospital in 2007, with the mission and drive to provide the highest quality veterinary medical care in a comfortable, personal setting.



Dr. Jocelyn Cowan

Dr. Jocelyn Cowan joined the UAH veterinary team in 2004, providing outstanding patient care and performing surgery. "Meeting clients and their companions is one of the great parts of my job. Knowing that I help owners keep their pets safe, healthy and comfortable is a feeling beyond compare," commented Dr. Cowan.

Dr. Cowan completed a Bachelor of Arts in Natural Science and Mathematical Science at Johns Hopkins University. She earned her DVM at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. After finishing veterinary school, Dr. Cowan completed an internship in emergency medicine at Norwalk Veterinary Referral Emergency Center and worked 3 years as an emergency clinician at Ocean State Veterinary Specialists.

Dr. Cowan lives in Whitinsville with her husband, their two boys, a cat named Cheyney, their dogs: Edy, a Fila Brasileiro; Stella, a Presa Canario; two police service dogs: Titan and Hondo; and one hundred chickens!

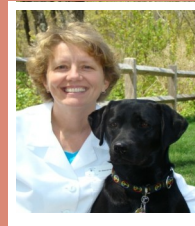


Dr. Vicki Kucia

Dr. Vicki Kucia joined UAH in 2006, because of its excellence in medicine, the highly trained technical staff and its state of the art facility. Responsible for providing exceptional patient care and performing surgery, Dr. Kucia possesses a special interest in oncology--the study and treatment of cancer.

Dr. Kucia completed an Associate in Science degree at Manchester Community College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology at Mount Holyoke College. She received her DVM at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. In addition, she holds a Massachusetts Educator Certificate in Biology and she is board registered by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists as a Medical Laboratory Technician.

Dr. Kucia, a resident of Millbury, shares her home with her "kids"...dogs Guyot, Virgil, and Tilly, and her cats Dylan and Tanner.



Dr. Deborah Veo

Dr. Deborah Veo joined UAH in 2002. Dr. Veo is responsible for providing outstanding patient care and performing surgery. Dr. Veo demonstrates an unmatched level of compassion towards her clients and their pets.

Dr. Veo has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology and Chemistry from Salem State College, and a Master's degree in Education from Tufts University. She received her DVM from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. Upon finishing veterinary school, Dr. Veo completed an internship in medicine and surgery at Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston.

A resident of Upton, Dr. Veo and her husband are the proud parents of three sheep, two goats, four cats, thirty chickens and their dog, Aspen!!