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## “HAIR WE GrOw AGAIN!”

(Dermatology Referral Service Expands Appointment Availability)

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Wow. Time really does fly. While it seems like I just joined the VEC yesterday, I have just passed my second anniversary here. I would first like to thank all of you all for your tremendous support – it has been overwhelming. In fact, within a month, we found that we were so booked that it was difficult to find timely appointments and we created a plan address this problem. Unfortunately, prior commitments slow the pace of change. However, as many of you are aware, the dermatology service at the VEC announced last fall that our plans were to increase appointment availability in a number of stages. We immediately added another day of appointments. At the same time, we announced that we started an American College of Veterinary Dermatology certified residency program, and **Dr. Karri Beck** (she's the one with the long hair) began her training as a dermatology resident.

Since then, many of your clients have had the opportunity to meet Karri and many of you have spoken to her on the phone. In fact, Karri will be speaking on behalf of the Dermatology service at the next Veterinary Appreciation Day, scheduled for Saturday October 2nd, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Ballroom at the Royal York Hotel (same space as the previous years).

As many of you know, Dr. Beck is a very experienced veterinarian, having been in general practice for almost 15 years. She is a 1996 graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College. Prior to starting a residency in dermatology, Dr. Beck practiced general small animal medicine in Thornhill. More recently, she was the Medical Director of a group of hospitals in Southern Ontario.

After close to a year of direct dermatology training including clinical appointments and procedures, histopathology training, journal review and a regimen of didactic learning, Dr. Beck is now ready to start seeing patients without my being *physically* in the room. This change will allow us to schedule concurrent dermatology appointments. Of course, all cases that Dr. Beck sees are reviewed with me daily, during clinical rounds. In fact, with very few exceptions (lectures, meetings, holidays, etc) I will be available if needed during the appointment time. The consult fee to see Dr. Beck is a little less expensive too!

Once again, thank you so much for your support! As always, please feel free to call or email should you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

(Steve)

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