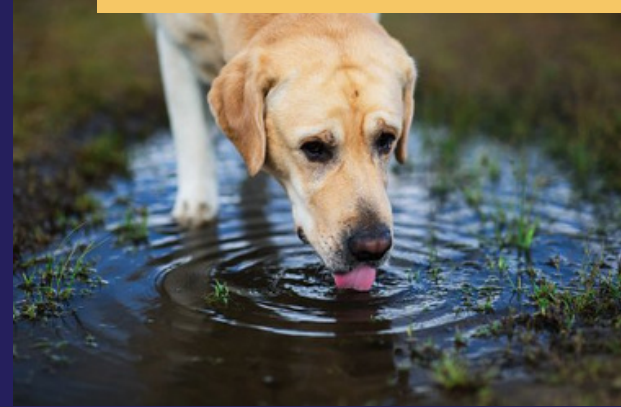




# LEPTOSPIROSIS: THE NEWEST CORE VACCINE

Veterinarians look to the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) is an organization that provides standards of care to veterinary practices across the country. As of late October 2024, they have deemed Leptospirosis a core vaccination for all dogs regardless of breed, age, or lifestyle because of its prevalence and risk to pets and people alike. Leptospirosis is a disease transmitted in the urine of wildlife and often found in standing water. It is zoonotic, which means it can be transmitted to people too! Dogs infected with Leptospirosis are susceptible to kidney and liver failure, and even with aggressive treatment, the disease is often fatal. The disease is uncommon in a properly vaccinated dog, so make sure your pups are up to date on this vaccine to stay protected! For more information, AAHA has a great article published on their website.



**PATIENT SPOTLIGHT**

»»» **Patula Mae**

Meet Patula Mae! Evacuated after Helene, Patula Mae hit the jackpot finding her new family in south Louisiana. Her demeanor is as sweet as that hound face, and we are thrilled to welcome her to the AHOM family. We cannot wait for future visits to love on Patula Mae.

Because of your support in purchasing through our online pharmacy, AHOM is able to give back to charity! VetCove chooses participating hospitals each quarter, and makes a charitable donation on their behalf as a thank you for keeping pharmacy business within our local clinic. This quarter, we are making a \$1000 donation to the Asheville Humane Society for Hurricane Helene relief efforts. This donation is being made in honor of Dr. Sydney who recently relocated to the Asheville area. Thank you for helping us make this donation possible!

»»» **Hurricane Helene**



**AHOM IN THE COMMUNITY**



**STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

»»» **Elizabeth**

In honor of Veteran's Day on November 11, our staff spotlight this month is Lizzie! Before her career in veterinary medicine, Lizzie served in the Army. She is currently in pursuit of becoming a certified technician, and we are so grateful to now have her in the veterinary field. Stop in and thank Elizabeth for her service both to our country and to your pets!



»»» **GROOMER APPRECIATION**

November 1 is International Pet Groomer Appreciation Day, and at Animal Hospital of Old Metairie, we love our grooming team! Amanda and Sierra are our two, fabulous groomers that offer grooming appointments Monday thru Saturday. From baths to beautiful cuts and blow outs, we are here to make your pets look their best! Call us today to set up a grooming appointment and see for yourself!