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THE BEAT

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WELCOME to the Fall 2023 issue of the Cardiac Education Group's The Beat. In this e-newsletter you'll be introduced to two new members of the CEG, find links to a new ABCD guide on Canine Cardiomyopathy and a new Conversations with a Cardiologist publication featuring CEG member Dr. Whit Church, get the latest information on our new CEG website, and learn about a new video tool on how to properly place a Holter monitor on a canine patient. Enjoy this issue and be sure to share it with your staff and colleagues and visit the CEG website often for regular updates.

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WHAT'S NEW?

NEW MEMBERS

As you know, the mission of the Cardiac Education Group is to assemble the country's most notable experts in canine and feline cardiology, to provide independent recommendations for the treatment and management of heart disease in cats and dogs. So when we have two new additions to the CEG, that's big news! We'd like to welcome two new members to the Cardiac Education Group – Dr. Teresa DeFrancesco and Dr. Aaron Wey. Here's more information about our new members:



**Dr. Teresa DeFrancesco, DVM,
Diplomate ACVIM, ACVECC**

Dr. DeFrancesco is double board-certified in the specialties of Cardiology (ACVIM) and Emergency and Critical Care (ACVECC). She has been on the faculty of the North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine since 1995. Dr. DeFrancesco's areas of interest include improving the diagnosis and treatment of heart failure in dogs and cats, use point of care ultrasound in emergency settings, cardiac emergency management (including treatment of



**Dr. Aaron C. Wey, DVM,
Diplomate ACVIM**

Dr. Aaron Wey obtained his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Texas A&M University and completed a one-year rotating internship at the North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine. His residency in cardiology was at the University of California, Davis. He is board certified in the specialty of Cardiology through the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM). He is an owner and currently the Chief Medical Officer at Upstate

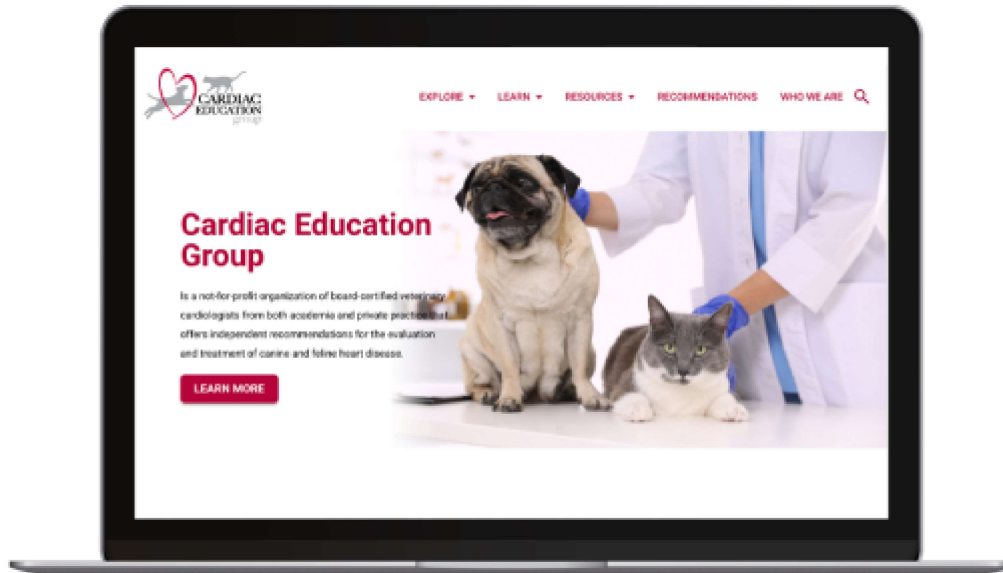
arrhythmias) pacemaker and ventilator therapy.

Veterinary Specialties, a specialty referral and emergency hospital in the Capital Region of upstate New York.

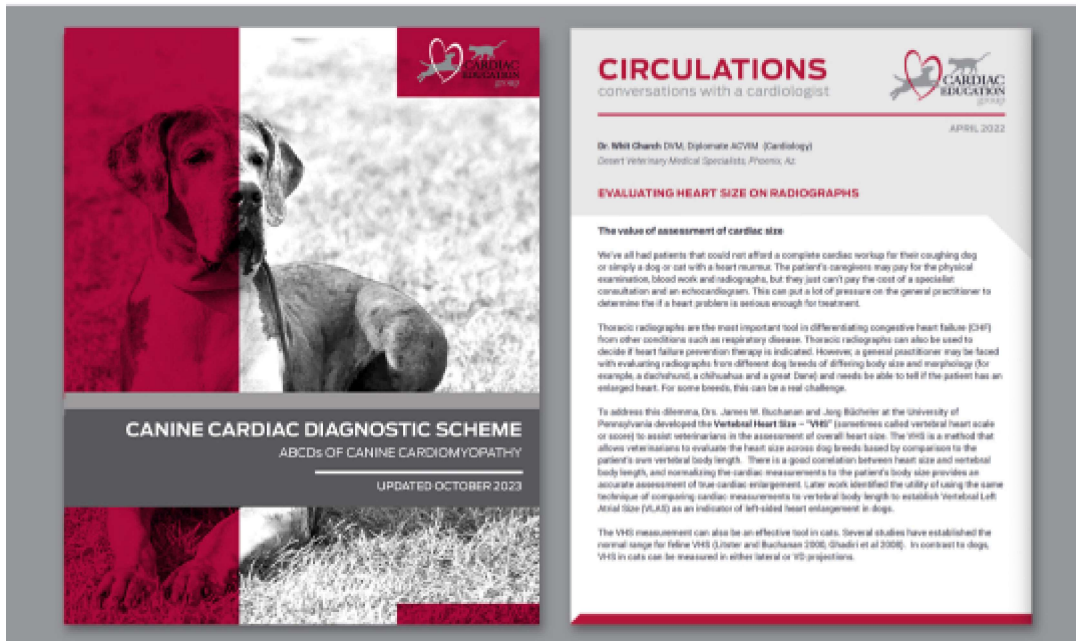
NEW RESOURCES

New CEG Website

The CEG has a new website! Our new website is packed with tools and other resources to help veterinary professionals diagnose, treat and manage heart disease and heart failure in dogs and cats.



The Cardiac Education Group continues to expand its library of tools and resources for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, educators and students. Here are more details about the latest new items now available:



ABCDs of Canine Cardiomyopathy – NEW!

- Canine cardiomyopathy is a myocardial disease that is characterized by some combination of ventricular dilation, decreased systolic function or arrhythmia. Cardiomyopathy can be familial, idiopathic or have a defined underlying cause. As such, it can be difficult to accurately diagnose the presence and severity of cardiomyopathy in canines.
- This new brochure from the Cardiac Education Group looks at every stage of canine cardiomyopathy and provides detailed recommendations on how to gain the most accurate diagnosis possible, and also provides detailed treatment recommendations.

Conversations With a Cardiologist: Evaluating Heart Size on Radiographs

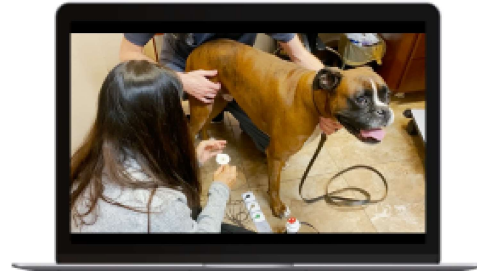
- CEG member Dr. Whit Church has authored this new piece, which details how to measure both Vertebral Heart Size (VHS) and Vertebral Left Atrial Size (VLAS) in both dogs and cats.
- The piece also provides expert insight on why taking these measurements is an important part of the diagnostic process and key technical tips to obtain accurate measurements.

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New video now available!

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TO USE AS A
REFERENCE GUIDE**

- CEG member Dr. Whit Church walks you through the proper placement of a Holter monitor on a canine patient.



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