



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Dr. Nathan Miller, Diplomate American College of Veterinary Surgeons Joins Santa Cruz Veterinary Hospital**

Santa Cruz, California, February 16, 2009 - Santa Cruz Veterinary Hospital has announced that beginning Monday February 16<sup>th</sup>, the surgery service will add Dr. Nathan Miller, DACVS, to the veterinary professional team. Dr. Miller will join Dr. Nick Macy to provide specialty surgery in soft tissue, orthopedic, and neurosurgery to Central Coast and area pets 6 days a week.

Dr. Miller became a board certified surgeon in 2003. His schooling includes a bachelor's degree from Harvard University and a veterinary degree from Colorado State University. His post-doctorate training consisted of an internship at North Carolina State University where he was voted small animal intern of the year and a residency at the University of

Georgia. Dr. Miller's professional interests include minimally invasive surgery (arthroscopy, laparoscopy, and thoracoscopy) and he has lectured nationally on these topics. Dr. Miller previously worked at Alameda East Veterinary Hospital (of the TV series on Animal Planet) and Veterinary Referral Center of Colorado, both located in Denver. Originally from Evergreen, Colorado, Dr. Miller is excited to learn how to sail and to explore the area by bike.

Established in 1961, Santa Cruz Veterinary Hospital has a long history in the Santa Cruz community as a specialty referral and emergency practice, and has also seen wellness/general practice patients for many years. The specialty referral practice is unique because just as a human's family physician may refer them to a specialist for serious illness, the primary veterinarians in the area rely on the specialists at Santa Cruz Veterinary Hospital when they need to refer complex and serious cases. Once a patient is referred to our specialists, a team of referral coordinators schedule an appointment with the owner and their pet. The specialist will meet with and speak to each owner, examine the pet, and talk about the best course of action in each situation. The specialist continues to work very closely with the primary veterinarian throughout the care of each pet throughout the duration of treatment or illness, at which time the patient will return to them for ongoing wellness care.

In addition to surgery, the referral practice provides a wide variety of specialty veterinary care for patients. Specialties include internal medicine, surgery, and oncology; services provided include digital x-rays, ultrasound, CT scan, orthopedic, soft tissue and

neurosurgery, radiation therapy and chemotherapy for cancer treatment, and radioactive iodine treatment for feline hyperthyroidism.

Working closely with the emergency service, Santa Cruz Veterinary Hospital can accept referrals as well as emergency cases 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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