

All of the specialists and emergency doctors at both AERA and Animal Eye Center of NJ, along with your primary family veterinarian, work together as a medical and surgical health care team for your pet. They, along with our support staff, have chosen to devote their lives to providing the most comprehensive and compassionate care possible for your pet. Our philosophy at AERA and AEC is that our animal companions deserve access to the same high level of medical care that is available to ourselves. Our animal companions provide so much love and support for us that we feel they deserve the finest quality of life that we can give them. We are constantly reassessing protocols, procedures, medical therapies, diagnostic options and equipment needed, to be sure that we are the best that we can be. We spare no expense to obtain the finest state-of-the-art equipment that will provide the best outcome for the patient.

If you are interested in arranging an appointment with one of our specialists consult with your primary family veterinarian. They will then be able to provide us with the full medical history of your pet and will be able to work closely with our specialists for any follow-up care that is needed.

If your pet requires hospitalization, he or she will receive the very best of care, with a veterinarian on duty at all times. You will receive a written estimate of costs prior to hospitalization that outlines services that will be provided. If your pet is first admitted through Emergency Services and then is transferred to a specialty department, you will receive separate estimates for emergency and specialty care.

The hospital financial policy is that payment is required at the time services are provided and a substantial deposit is required for hospitalized cases.



For more information and to download informative pdfs, visit [www.animalerc.com](http://www.animalerc.com)

## **DIRECTIONS to AERA** **1237 Bloomfield Avenue, Fairfield, NJ 07004**

**From I-80 West:** Take exit 52 (Fairfield, Lincoln Park & the Caldwells), turn right onto Two Bridges Rd., which becomes Passaic Ave. Go straight for 3 miles and turn right onto Bloomfield Ave. We are located 1 mile down the road on the right hand side across from Verner Ford.

**From I-80 East:** Take exit 47B to Route 46 East. Proceed 2 miles to the Newark/Caldwells exit in Pinebrook. This exit will put you directly onto Bloomfield Ave. We are located 1/2 mile ahead on the left hand side.

**From 46 West:** Take the Passaic Avenue exit. Turn left at the traffic light onto Passaic Ave. Go straight for 3 miles and turn right onto Bloomfield Ave. We are located 1 mile down the road on the right hand side across from Verner Ford.

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**Garden State Parkway North and South:**  
Exit 145 to route 280 West. Follow directions below.

**Route 280 East and West:** Get off at exit 7 for Pleasant Valley Way. Bear right onto Pleasant Valley Way and go straight to the end. Turn left onto Bloomfield Ave. We are located 4-1/2 miles down the road on the right hand side across from Verner Ford.

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# **Dermatology**



**Animal Emergency &  
Referral Associates**

Fairfield, New Jersey



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## What is a Veterinary dermatologist?

A Veterinary dermatologist is certified by the American College of Veterinary Dermatology (ACVD) and receives specialized, advanced training in the recognition, diagnosis and treatment of allergies, skin, ear, hair and nail disorders.

## Your pet may need a dermatologist if he or she experiences:

- Increased itchiness (includes excessive scratching, licking, rubbing, chewing, shaking head)
- Ear infections
- Hair loss
- Skin infections
- Odor from the skin or ears
- A previously diagnosed or suspected auto-immune skin disease
- Poor hair coat
- Referral by your family veterinarian

## Dermatologic Conditions Treated/Managed:

- Allergies
- Infectious skin diseases (bacterial, fungal, viral)
- Skin and ear infections not responding to prior treatment
- Parasitic skin diseases
- Dander-related skin disorders
- Alopecia (hair loss)
- Autoimmune skin diseases (such as pemphigus foliaceus, pemphigus vulgaris)

- Acral lick granulomas
- Symmetric lupoid onychodystrophy (nail disorder)
- Hormonal-related skin diseases and other internal (systemic) causes for skin abnormalities

## Procedures:

- Skin cytology read during your visit
- Skin scrapings read during your visit
- Skin and/or ear cultures for infections not responding to treatment
- Intradermal skin testing for allergies
- Formulation of allergy vaccines (administered under skin or as liquid drops in mouth)
- Skin biopsy (often done without need for general anesthesia)
- Video otoscopy (use of a camera to examine the ear canals)

## Hours

Consultations are by appointment only. Please allow 1 – 1<sup>1/2</sup> hours for the initial consultation depending on services being provided. We ask that you notify us of a cancellation 24 hours prior to your appointment. Our hours are **Monday through Thursday from 8am to 5pm.** Occasional appointments are available on Fridays. Please call to determine availability.



## Heather Peikes, VMD, Dip ACVD

Dr. Heather Peikes graduated summa cum laude from University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. She then completed an internship in Small Animal Internal Medicine and Surgery and a dermatology residency at

University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Peikes relocated to Manhattan in 2001 to open a specialty clinic on the Upper East Side. In January of 2004, she opened the first hospital in Manhattan devoted to the skin care of dogs and cats, Animal Allergy and Dermatology. Dr. Peikes has been featured in numerous publications including *The New York Times*, *The New York Post*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *Country Living* and was named one of *New York Magazine's Best Vets*.

Dr. Peikes has a special interest in allergies, treatment of resistant skin infections, improving quality of life of allergic patients, treatment of hair loss and use of sublingual immuno therapy.

