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**Upcoming CE Events  
(Details coming soon)  
March 20**

**Veterinarians (Basics of  
Radiation Oncology)  
with Dr. Jason Strasberg  
Vet Techs (Dreaded Dystocia...or  
Is It?)  
with Rebecca Howell**

**Upcoming Events**

**April 9 - HCVMA Meeting  
Dr. Theresa Hess  
(Neutering...is it recommended  
in canines?)**

**Journal Club**

**March 6 - Dr. Billy Pullen  
April 3 - Dr. Nicole Bailey  
May 1 - Dr. James Cryer  
Details coming soon  
on our website.**

**Dogs on the Diamond  
Chattanooga Lookouts  
April 10**

## VCSG Opens New Industry-Leading Cancer Center in Chattanooga



In January, the Pullen Cancer Center opened its doors for a ribbon cutting and celebration. Despite winter rains, a steady and enthusiastic crowd enjoyed barbeque food trucks and an open-house tour with experts and veterinarians.

In the past, pet-owners would often drive hours for faraway cancer treatment for their dog or cat, with treatment sometimes lasting days or weeks.

Now, the Pullen Cancer Center – the new 27,000 square foot addition to Chattanooga's Veterinary Care and Specialty Group 24/7 emergency and specialty hospital – offers world-class treatment for pets facing a cancer diagnosis along with an expanded physical rehabilitation department.

**All in Chattanooga.**

There's quite nothing like this, said Dr. Katelyn Marlowe, VCSG's medical oncologist. We can provide comprehensive care – from radiation and medical oncology to imaging, surgical specialists and more – all under one roof.

Dr. Marlowe toured guests through the facility's dazzlingly advanced radiation and rehab departments, with pet wheelchairs, underwater treadmills and laser therapy.

**But the star of the show that afternoon? The Varian Edge.**

Located behind concrete walls eight feet thick, the Varian Edge is VCSG's linear accelerator, the machine delivering radiation therapy. VCSG's linear accelerator will be the most advanced -- for pets -- in the region. It is rare in the world of veterinary medicine.

**So is the man standing next to it.** Dr. Jason Strasberg, head of VCSG's Radiation Oncology department, is one of only a few radiation oncologists nationwide. Standing near the Varian Edge, Strasberg spoke to guests with optimistic hope, knowing that the Pullen Cancer Center can offer treatment in entirely new ways for pets in our region.

VCSG is one of the largest veterinary hospitals in the Southeast, offering extensive 24/7 emergency care and specialty services with a team of more than 100 vets, specialists and technicians. For more info, visit [vcsgvets.com](http://vcsgvets.com).

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## Vader's Friends of the Month



Vader Pullen



**Chattanooga  
School of Language**  
*The Key to Connection*



The Varian Edge

## Introducing VCSG's Oncologists

### Katelyn Marlowe, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology) Medical Oncologist



Dr. Marlowe grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee. She received her bachelor's degree from Maryville College and her veterinary degree from the University of Tennessee. After veterinary school, she completed a small animal rotating internship at VCA Alameda East in Denver. Dr. Marlowe then pursued a three-year medical oncology residency at the University of Wisconsin and achieved her board certification in 2019. Her special interests include histiocytic

sarcoma, lymphoma, and palliative care for cancer patients. She believes in the importance of the doctor-client relationship and maintaining a good quality of life for all her patients. Her study on pulmonary histiocytic sarcoma in dogs has been published in the Veterinary and Comparative Oncology journal. Dr. Marlowe enjoys hiking, reading, craft breweries and spending time with her family.

### Jason Strasberg, DVM, DACVR-RO Radiation Oncologist



Dr. Strasberg grew up in Memphis prior to attending the University of Georgia for undergraduate and veterinary school graduating in 2019. He then went on to complete a one-year rotating internship at a Blue Pearl Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. Following his internship, he finished a three-year residency program at the NC State College of Veterinary Medicine in 2023 in Radiation Oncology. Outside of work, Dr. Strasberg enjoys rock

climbing, grilling out, board games, and basketball. He recently married his wife Laura, and they have a miniature poodle (Anya) and an orange tabby (Mr. K) at home.