



KICKING CANCER'S TAIL

Meet Gracie! This lucky girl originally hit the jackpot years ago, when her owner rescued her from a shelter where she was paralyzed in the back end. He gave her a chance, and nursed her back to full functionality. Now, she is undergoing chemotherapy for an aggressive tumor found in her mouth. We performed surgery and successfully removed the tumor, and we love her adorable crooked smile now. Unfortunately, the cancer had already spread to her lymph nodes, so surgery was not enough. With the help of our telehealth consult oncologist, we have been able to start chemotherapy on Gracie, and she is set to finish treatment before Thanksgiving. We love being able to help our patients even in the hardest of times and can't wait for Gracie to be cancer free! Special thanks to her owner for giving her a second AND third chance at life!



PATIENT SPOTLIGHT

>>> Jillie

Jillie is this month's patient spotlight because of her bravery during a recent difficult diagnosis. During her routine annual, Dr. Mistarz felt a lump in her neck region. Bloodwork indicated it may be a thyroid tumor, so Jillie saw a specialist for removal of the left side of her thyroid gland. Jillie bounced back immediately after surgery, and is doing great! We are so happy we could help Jillie get the care she needed before she even felt symptoms.

Meet Tara, a second year veterinary student at LSU doing an externship with us later this month. Though originally from California, she now calls Louisiana home. After school, she plans to work as a mixed animal veterinarian. With a passion for integrative medicine, Tara aspires to become acupuncture and rehabilitation certified. If you see Tara when you're in next, give her a warm welcome to AHOM!

>>> Tara

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

>>> Mary

October's spotlight is Mary, not only because she loves spooky season, but also because she's hit a big milestone in her schooling with the start of her externship. Mary is in school to become a credentialed veterinary technician, and I'm sure you can agree she is deserving of that title. While Mary loves all animals, cats hold a special place in her heart, so bring us your feline friends this month for extra love from Mary!

>>> NATIONAL PET WELLNESS MONTH

October is National Pet Wellness Month, and we want your pets well as much as you do! At Animal Hospital of Old Metairie, we recommend early detection bloodwork (EDB) as a routine assessment of your pets' health. With EDB, we can detect problems sooner and initiate treatment earlier. Even if your pet seems to be feeling fine, EDB can pick up on disease processes even before symptoms begin. Will your pet be amongst the pets pictured who were brave for their annual bloodwork? Call us today to set up an appointment to get EDB for your pet to ensure their wellness!

