The Dermatology Service specializes in the diagnosis of diseases of the skin in all species with an emphasis on dogs, cats and horses. The service provides diagnosis and treatment for allergies (environmental, food, flea), ear conditions, infectious dermatitis, autoimmune, neoplastic and parasitic skin disorders. The Dermatology Service has the goal of providing patients and clients with excellent care and continuing support for treatment and management of companion animal dermatoses.
WHAT WE DO

The Dermatology Service evaluates dogs, cats, horses, exotic species, large animals and small ruminants with a variety of dermatologic conditions. This includes allergic skin diseases, auto-immune diseases (e.g. pemphigus, lupus, vasculitis, adverse drug reactions), parasitic diseases (e.g. demodicosis, sarcoptes), endocrinopathies (e.g. hypothyroidism, hyperadrenocorticism) and neoplastic conditions (e.g. cutaneous lymphoma, hemangioma, squamous cell carcinoma, cysts, hair follicle tumors). Intradermal allergy testing for dogs, cats and horses is available to select allergen specific immunotherapy unique for that patient’s allergies. We also consult with the Equine Medicine service regarding horses that have recurrent airway obstruction (RAO) secondary to allergies. We frequently perform biopsies on the skin of animals in order to culture the skin for various bacterial and fungal diseases, and to diagnose various immune mediated, infectious, and neoplastic diseases. Advanced techniques include CT/MRI, cryosurgery, CO2 surgical laser and video otoscopy for deep ear flushes, myringotomy and mass removal.

HOW WE DO IT

The Dermatology Service has the benefit of access to state-of-the-art equipment for diagnosis and treatment of dermatologic conditions. This includes:

- Computed tomography (CT)- 24/7 access for emergencies
- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)- 24/7 access for emergencies
- Videotoscope
- Cryotherapy
- CO2 surgical laser therapy

WHO WE ARE

The Dermatology Service has two full-time faculty members, both board certified by the American College of Veterinary Dermatology (ACVD). The service has one veterinarian resident who is training to become a specialist. There is one technician dedicated to the Dermatology Service that assists the veterinarians and students.

APPOINTMENTS

Appointments can be made by referral from your primary care veterinarian. At the time of referral, they will be asked to provide copies of previous tests and reports. We also accept referrals directly from owners and we can reach out to your primary care veterinarian for background information.

All referrals to the Wilford and Kate Bailey Small Animal Teaching Hospital require appointments. For more information on appointments, go online to www.vetmed.auburn.edu.