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## DR. DEFORGE



A 1971 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, **Dr. Donald DeForge** is director of the Silver Sands Veterinary Center and the CT & NY Specialty Centers for Oral Care. The CT & NY Specialty Centers for Oral Care are specialty practices in veterinary companion animal dentistry and oral surgery. These practices serve primarily the New England and Mid-Atlantic states.

Dr. DeForge lectures on small animal dentistry and oral surgery emphasizing practical applications for the general veterinary practitioner. He has written over 100 articles in various veterinary publications since 1993.

In 1995, Dr. DeForge published and edited the first issue of *Veterinary Dentistry Report (VDR)*, an encapsulated digest of the common problems in

dentistry and oral surgery faced by the general practitioner. The digest emphasizes dental products and equipment of clinical importance to the practicing veterinarian.

As a Fellow of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry and clinical researcher, Dr. DeForge studies techniques and materials that may improve or enhance veterinary dentistry. Fixed crown prosthodontics, guided tissue regeneration with bioceramic bone grafts, and implantology advancements are his major professional interests in veterinary dentistry. He teaches wet labs in veterinary dental radiology and film reading to assist veterinarians and their technicians in their post-graduate journey in veterinary dentistry.

Dr. DeForge received the 1996 Northeast Practitioner of the Year Award from the American Animal Hospital Association and was the recipient of the American Veterinary Dental College's Peter Emily Resident Award sponsored by Pharmacia and Upjohn Animal Health. This annual award has been given to an individual exhibiting high ideals and a commitment to further the field of veterinary dentistry.

Dr. DeForge and Dr. Ben Colmery, Dipl. AVDC are co-editors of *An Atlas of Veterinary Dental Radiology* (Iowa State University Press, January 2000). This textbook, with contributions from twenty-nine veterinary specialists, emphasizes the normal oral x-ray structures as well as all abnormal x-ray problems in the major intra-disciplines of oral care.

Dr. DeForge has recently joined the Hudson Highlands Veterinary Medical Group in Hopewell Junction, NY as a veterinary dental specialist

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Disclaimer:

“Lisa Taylor-Austin believes there was merit to her claims that Dr. Deforge negligently cared for her cat, Simba, and that he misrepresented whether he was a Board-certified dental specialist. Dr. Deforge denies these claims and asserts that the Department of Public Health’s veterinary board cleared him of any wrong doing. However, Dr Deforge agreed to pay \$7,500.00 to compensate Ms. Taylor-Austin because he believed the risks inherent in any lawsuit and the cost of missing two weeks from his practice made it imprudent to go to trial.”

Note: My guardian’s costs for my medical care and all legal avenues exceeded \$20,000.