

## *Connecticut Dental Referral Service*

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Dr. DeForge is a 1971 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He is Director of the Silver Sands Veterinary Center and CT & NY Specialty Centers for Oral Care. The CT & NY Specialty Centers for Oral Care is a specialty practice in veterinary companion animal dentistry and oral surgery that services, primarily, the New England and Mid-Atlantic states. Additionally, Dr. DeForge is the director of Oral Medicine, Oral Surgery and Advanced Dentistry at the East End Veterinary ER in Riverhead (Long Island), NY and at the Center for Specialized Veterinary Care in Westbury, NY.

Dr. DeForge lectures on small animal dentistry and oral surgery emphasizing practical applications for the general practitioner. He has written over 100 articles in various veterinary publications since 1993 (please see the links page for access to some of these articles).

In 1995, Dr. DeForge published and edited the first issue of [Veterinary Dentistry Report \(VDR\)](#). The VDR is an encapsulated digest of the common problems in dentistry and oral surgery faced by the general practitioner. It emphasizes dental products and equipment of clinical importance to the practicing veterinarian.


As a Fellow of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry and clinical researcher, he 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 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. Also in 1996, he was recipient of the American Veterinary Dental College's Peter Emily Resident Award. This annual award is sponsored by Pharmacia and UpJohn Animal Health and goes to an individual exhibiting high ideals and a commitment to further the field of veterinary dentistry.

Dr. DeForge is co-editor of the publication, *An Atlas of Veterinary Dental Radiology*, with Dr. Ben Colmery, Dipl. AVDC. 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.



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“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.