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EDUCATION

- June 7-11 2009 Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania: Executive Veterinary Leadership Program: Making an Impact as Public Health Leaders
- October-December 2008 Hyperbaric Medicine: Principles and Practice. 40 hour hyperbaric medicine training course.
- Annually Attendance at the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine continuing education meetings.
- February 2006,2007,2008 Attendance at the Western Veterinary Conference continuing education meetings.
- February 2006,2007,2008: Media Training with Jim Humphries and Veterinary News Network; Television Production News Seminar: Five days intensive training to produce eight one-hour news shows. Associate Producer and Reporter.
- January 2007 One week advanced cardiac ultrasound course at Colorado State University School of Veterinary Medicine given by June Boon and Dr. Jan Bright.
- Nov. 2002, March 2001 Media training with Dr. Jim Humphries, St. Francis Productions.
- July 1992-1994 Residency in small animal internal medicine, Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, North Grafton, MA.
- June 1991-1992 Internship in small animal medicine and surgery at The Animal Medical Center, New York, NY.
- 1987-1991 University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinariae Medicinae Doctoris.
- 1983-1987 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, Bachelor of Science, Honors in Biology.

VETERINARY PRACTICE

- January, 1010- present Internal medicine consultant for Antech Diagnostics, a national veterinary diagnostic laboratory providing telephone consultation service for veterinarians with questions regarding interpretation of laboratory work and case management.
- January 2009- present Founder and President of Helping Promote Animal Welfare, Inc (Helping PAW). A 501(c)(3) tax exempt public charity whose mission is to end pet overpopulation through education of the public on the importance of sterilization, basic pet care, humane treatment of animals and its benefits to animals and society and by providing high volume, high quality, targeted, affordable sterilization services of unowned and companion animals. Currently the organization is offering high quality, low cost general health care services and is subsidizing care for animals whose owners are on government assistance.
- January 2008- Sept.2008 Chief Medical Officer of PetWatch, Inc. A short lived company that hoped to create a network of veterinary specialty and general practice veterinary hospitals. Their mission was to provide the best and most progressive health care options for pets together with fulfilling the emotional and intellectual needs of the entire family; to enable progressive veterinary medicine through focused support of academic institutions and to be the preferred care providers in the field of veterinary medicine.
- November 2002- 2008 Founder, Director: Specialized Veterinary Care, PLLC, a multi-specialty veterinary referral and emergency/critical care hospital with the world's first Compassionate Care Center. It has every veterinary specialty under one roof and is the only Center in the north eastern United States offering small animal hyperbaric medicine. In its prime, The Center for Specialized Veterinary Care had 130 employees including 27 doctors (board certified specialists, interns and emergency veterinarians). The Center received great recognition for its contributions to the community and to the veterinary profession. It was featured on the Today Show as well as Fox 5, The Nightly News and more. See www.vetspecialist.com
- August 2000- Feb. 2003 Owner and Chief of Staff of Veterinary Internal Medicine Specialists, Selden, NY. 24 hour care internal medicine specialty practice.
- September 1997- Aug 2000 Founding member and Chief of Internal Medicine at Long Island Veterinary Specialists, PLLC, and Animal Emergency and Critical Care Center (AECCC), Plainview, NY, a multi-specialty veterinary referral and emergency/critical care veterinary hospital.
- July 1996- present President of Mobile Veterinary Ultrasound & Endoscopy, P.C., Syosset, NY, a mobile veterinary internal medicine consultation and diagnostic service for veterinarians. Four internal medicine specialists travel to veterinary offices in and around Long island and New York City providing consultations, ultrasound and endoscopy services.

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- July 1994- March 1996 Internal medicine specialist at Ultravet Diagnostics, Mineola, NY. Ultrasound, endoscopy, internal medicine and critical care.
- June 1992- June 1994 Internal medicine, emergency medicine and critical care at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, North Grafton, MA.
- March- June 1993 Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine exotic animal medicine. Primary exotics veterinarian.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENDEAVORS

- February 2010- present Member of the American Society of Veterinary Journalists, as a Certified Veterinary Journalist. ASVJ is a growing organization dedicated to advancing accurate and trustworthy animal health information.
- February 2009- present “Learning a la Carte” established as a new entity of Mobile Veterinary Ultrasound & Endoscopy, PC. Dr. Levitan will offer technical skills training and business management courses for veterinarians, office and technical staff at veterinary clinics.
- January 2009 -present Co-host of Pet Life Radio’s “The Pet Doctor” with Dr. Bernadine Cruz. An internet radio show with podcast ability. Hundreds of subscribers and thousands of listeners.
- May 2008- present Established www.thevetreporter.com as a means to promote veterinary education and responsible veterinary news and information reporting. This is where you can see Diane in action, take a look.
- October 2008- present Consultant for Vista Research as a member of their Society of Industry Leaders. Provide confidential and unbiased business consultation for institutional money managers.
- 2007-present The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Foundation: Board of Directors.
- October 2006-2009 “Ask The Vet” expert veterinary advisor and contributor of educational video segments for PetStyle.com; contributor to ThePetStyleBlogSpot.
- August 2006-2009 Contributing writer for Elements Magazine.
Contributing writer for Boulevard Magazine.
- January 2006-present **Your Pet Matters** column writer for New York Tails Magazine.
- February 2006-2009 Regular contributor: Newsday’s Parents & Children Magazine.
- May 2006-present Advisor for 1-800-VETERINARIAN.COM.
- January 2006-present Frequent guest on WBNR and WLNA Radio. The show is “Good Morning Hudson Valley” with host Bruce Owens.
- August 2005-2008 Veterinary News Network: writer and news reporter. VNN News Team Coordinator and WVC-TV Associate Producer.
- March 2005-2008 Expert veterinarian for Doggybling.com.
- January 2000-2009 Frequent guest on News 12 Long Island’s “The Family Pet.”
- March 2005-present Founder and past director of For Animals In The Hospital, Inc. (FAITH), a non-for-profit organization with the mission to help defray costs of emergency veterinary care to homeless pets and pets whose owners cannot afford care, as well as to promote community service.
- January 2003-2004 Host of radio program “Pet Sense” on Long Island’s “World Famous 92.7 FM, WLIR.” Aired twice daily at drive times, five days per week.
- July 2001-August 2002 Host of a radio show internationally on the Internet as well as live in Phoenix, AZ and Providence, RI: July 2001-October 2001) “Speaking of Pets”... and “Of Animals and Man,”... a show emphasizing the importance of the relationships between animals and man. See www.nabcinc.com.

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

July 2009	Lectured at the American Veterinary Medical Association Meeting “Ethical Concerns of a specialist on a State/Provincial Board”
May-Sept. 2009	Lecturer for Pfizer Animal Health to local practitioners regarding Leptospirosis
March 2009	Guest lecturer at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. “Life after Residency...”
March 2003-2008	Supervise interns and residents at the Center For Specialized Veterinary Care. Teaching and case rounds daily.
1997-2008	Internship program mentor for Suffolk Community College Veterinary Technician Program.
1995-1999	Endoscopy and laparoscopy course instructor for Karl Storz Veterinary Endoscopy America. Teaching continuing education wet labs with Dr. Todd Tams in NY, PA and NJ.
1995-present	Private ultrasound and endoscopy instructor.
1995-2000	Guest lecturer at Suffolk Community College, Brentwood, NY. Lectures on veterinary ultrasound and endoscopy.
1995-1999	Lectures to Westchester and Rockland County and Brooklyn-Queens Veterinary Medical Societies and other groups on multiple topics, including the clinical significance of Helicobacter gastritis and inflammatory bowel disease in veterinary medicine and protein losing nephropathies—clinical significance and therapeutic options.
1995	Guest lecturer at LaGuardia Community College, Astoria, NY. Lectures on veterinary ultrasound and endoscopy.
1992-1994	Instructor and lecturer while a resident in small animal internal medicine at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine.

RESEARCH

Multiple projects since 1985. Details upon request.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Society of Veterinary Journalists: Certified Veterinary Journalist. ASVJ is a growing organization dedicated to advancing accurate and trustworthy animal health information.

Society of Industry Leaders (“SIL”): Member. The Society of Industry Leaders (SIL) is a carefully selected global network of industry professionals and thought leaders. SIL Members are connected to the clients of Vista Research Inc. via telephone and in-person consultations, and are compensated for their time.

Nassau County Medical Reserve Corp.: Member. Command Staff- Veterinary and other professions coordinator.

Society for Veterinary Medical Ethics: Historian and past secretary of this international veterinary society.

For Animals In The Hospital, Inc. (FAITH): Founder and past director of this non-for-profit organization with the mission to help defray costs of emergency veterinary care to homeless pets and pets whose owners cannot afford care, as well as to promote community service.

Pet Peeves, Inc.: Veterinarian and advisor for this non-for-profit organization that educates the public about animals and supports abandoned and stray animals on Long Island.

American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine: Past program committee member and Chairman of the LiverStudy Group for its annual meeting, 2002 & 2003; member of Residency Training Committee, 1999-2000.

American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Foundation: Member of the Board of Directors; previously Co-chairman and Charter member of Development Committee. The ACVIM Foundation's central mission is to support and advance studies in veterinary internal medicine that lead directly to new techniques in diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease

Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Society

Long Island Veterinary Medical Society: Past director of the Education Committee, responsible for organizing continuing education lectures for Westchester, Rockland, New York City and Long Island; Chairperson of the Town

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of Hempstead Rabies Clinic in support of the Town of Hempstead and the Animal Health Foundation of Long Island, 1999-2002; member, Public Relations Committee.

New York State Veterinary Medical Society: Co-Chairman of the Government Relations Committee, 2002-2007; member, Public Relations Committee, 2000-2002.

Comparative Gastroenterology Society

American Veterinary Medical Association

Tilles Center for the Performing Arts: Member, Council of Overseers.

Madonna Heights Governing Body

Nassau County Museum of Art: Fundraising and event committees.

North Shore Child & Family Guidance Center: Bereavement & Trauma Advisory Council

MEDIA APPEARANCES

TELEVISION

Purr 'n' Tell Local Cable television, Long Island

Mike & Juliet Morning Show (FOX): veterinary expert

Multiple appearances on CNN as Veterinary Expert.

The Catherine Crier Show, Court TV; Veterinary Expert.

Multiple appearances on The Today Show, NBC; Feature stories.

Western Veterinary Conference Television: assistant executive producer, news reporter, editor.

Multiple appearances on Long Island news channels; reporting on Leptospirosis and other veterinary issues.

Regular guest as a veterinary specialist on "The Family Pet," a Cablevision of LI program.

Veterinary expert on "Good Day New York" morning segments.

Guest appearance on the Food Channel series "The Three Dog Bakery."

News 12, "The Family Pet".

NBC Nightly News, CSVC Overview.

Fox 5 News, CSVC Overview.

WB11, Summer pet tips.

RADIO

Montel Across America guest

USA Radio Network's Daybreak USA: frequent guest

Sirius Radio: The Loading Dock: frequent guest

Hofstra Radio; Veterinary Commentator.

Recurring guest on WBNR and WLNA radio "Good Morning Hudson Valley."

Recurring guest on The Frankie Boyer Show, 550 WLIE, Lifestyle Talk Radio

Host of radio program "Pet Sense" on Long Island's "World Famous 92.7 FM, WLIR." Aired twice daily at drive times, five days per week.

Host of *Animals and Man...* a talk radio show broadcast on 92.7 FM WLIR, NY and 98.5 FM WDRE,

Long Island, as well as WALE Providence, RI and KFNX, Phoenix, AZ (Renaissance Radio of the North American Broadcast Company).

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Host of *Speaking of Pets...*, www.NABCinc.com, a talk radio show broadcast through Renaissance Radio of the North American Broadcast Company.

Morning radio interview on Y107, New Country Radio.

Multiple interviews for National Public Radio news regarding Leptospirosis.

Regular guest appearance on Day Break USA with Al Lerner and Scott West on the USA Radio.

WICC, "Talk of the Town".

WBNR, Monthly segment.

PetStyle Radio veterinarian.

CONSUMER PRINT FEATURES

Martha Stewart Living

Hallmark Magazine

Petside.com

Numerous articles in New York Times, Newsday, Long Island Press, New York Post.

Sunday Edition of New York Times, Style section cover story: "Fido is having a Senior Moment," written by Julie Iovine.

Best Friends News, Poisonous flowers.

Cat Fancy, Avian Flu in Cats.

Long Island Press, Pet dental care.

I Love Cats, Top-10 dangers.

Distinction, Extreme care.

Asbury Park Press, Summer pet tips.

New York Post, CSVC Overview.

Woman's World, Exercising your pet.

The Scranton Times, CSVC Overview.

New York Post, Oncology.

PROFESSIONAL JOURNAL FEATURES

Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Society, cover: advertisement for VetCentric.

DVM News Magazine: Article on the Center For Specialized Veterinary Care, "Care center beckons clients to book a room," by Stephanie Davis.

Long Island Business News, Human-animal bond.

Veterinary Practice News, Avian Flu in Cats.

Commercial Appeal, Avian Flu in Cats.

New York Tails, CSVC Overview.

Plain Dealer, CSVC Overview.

Frequent source for many other professional publications.



PUBLISHED WORK - PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS AND TEXTS

In Washabau's Textbook of Gastrointestinal and Liver diseases, Elsevier. Chapter 27, Care and Cleaning of the endoscope and its accessories. In print.

Levitan, Diane M., Susan Kimmel. Flexible endoscopy of the respiratory tract. BSVSA Manual of Endoscopy and Endosurgical Techniques, eds: Lhermette, Sobel. Wiley, John & Sons, Inc. April, 2008.

Levitan, Diane M. "Evolving trends for the management of diabetes mellitus in veterinary patients." DVM Magazine, September 2001.

Levitan, Diane M. "Acute renal failure: Did you consider Leptospirosis?" Vet Forum, 1998. "Leptospira kirschneri serovar grippotyphosa epizootic and unique clinical syndrome."

Written to all veterinarians in New York State to educate them and to increase awareness of the re-emerging disease, Leptospirosis.

Levitan, Diane M. "Transplantation for the treatment of diabetes mellitus." Sem Vet Med Surg (small animal) 12:268-273, 1997.

Levitan, Diane M., Peter Kintzer, Glen L. Spaulding and Robert J. Murtaugh. "Microencapsulated pancreatic islet cell transplantation for the treatment of spontaneously occurring diabetes mellitus in dogs." Abstract Proceedings IVECCS V. 894, 1996.

Levitan, Diane M. "The significance of Helicobacter infections in veterinary medicine." Antech Diagnostics Lab Notes 017, 1997.

Kramer, Jeffrey M., Diane M. Levitan. "What's your diagnosis?" J Am Vet Med Assoc 209 (5): 899-900, 1996.

Levitan, Diane M., Michael E. Matz, Catherine S. Findlen, Richard D. Fister "Treatment of Oslerus Osleri infestation in the dog: Case report and literature review." J Am Anim Hosp Assoc 32:435-438, 1996.

Monsein, Diane L. "Physiological effects and applications of classical massage." Journal Am Holist Vet Med Assoc 14:31-35, 1995.

Monsein, Diane L. "An overview of animal cancer registries in the United States and suggestions for improved applications." Comp Cont Ed Pract Vet 13:1139-1146, 1991.

Roberts, David D, Diane L. Monsein, Ralph Frates Jr., Milica S. Chernick and Victor Ginsburg "A serum test for Cystic Fibrosis using monoclonal antibody 19-9." Arch Biochem Biophys 245:292-294, 1986.

HONORS

2008 Third time honoree and induction into the Hall of Fame of Long Island's Top 50 Women awarded to the 50 most influential business women on Long Island by Long Island Business News.

2007 Awarded Veterinarian of the Year by All Saints Church, Great Neck, NY.

2006 Awarded 2006 Alumni Award of Merit presented by the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Alumni Society (VMAS); awarded to distinguished graduates for their contributions that advance knowledge in biomedicine, promote the welfare of animals through public education of animal owners, and benefit society through civic activities that foster the advancement of the profession and the school's good name.

2006 Second time: Honoree at Long Island's 50 Top Women, awarded to the 50 most influential business women on Long Island in 2006 by Long Island Business News.

2006 Distinction Magazine: Woman of Distinction for 2006.

2005 Honoree: "40 Under 40" awards from Long Island Business News, honoring Long Island's "rising stars under 40."

2004 Development award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Long Island Chapter.

2004 Honoree at Long Island's 50 Top Women, awarded to the 50 most influential business women on Long Island in 2004 by Long Island Business News.

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- 2003 Awarded Trailblazer Award from The National Association of Women's Business Owners, Long Island Chapter.
- 2003 Awarded "Long Island Business Diva" by M3P (Millennium 3 Partners), Long Island.
- 2002 Award from The SPCA for tireless efforts during the events surrounding the World Trade Center tragedy.
- 2001 Recognition from the Long Island Veterinary Medical Society for volunteer efforts during World Trade Center tragedy.
- 2000 Merit Award from the Long Island Veterinary Medical Society in recognition of donations made to the Animal Health Foundation of Long Island, an organization that provides financial assistance for pet care costs to the needy.
- 2000 Veterinarian of the Year Award from the Long Island Cat Fancier's Association.
- 1997 Regional Service Award from the New York State Veterinary Medical Society for Leptospirosis research and efforts toward veterinary and client awareness and education.
- 1997 Merit Award from the Long Island Veterinary Medical Society for Leptospirosis research and efforts toward veterinary and client awareness and education.
- 1991 Cum Laude, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.
- 1987-1991 Dean's List, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.
- 1990 Phi Zeta, Beta Chapter, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.
- 1987 Phi Beta Kappa Society, Alpha Chapter, University of Michigan.
- 1987 High distinction, honors in Biology, University of Michigan.
- 1987 Mortar Board, National Senior Honor Society.
- 1986 Golden Key National Honor Society.
- 1985 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation research grant: Cystic Fibrosis Research, NIADDK, The National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.

GOALS

My life and my practice revolve around ethical and affordable veterinary practice as well as the importance of the human animal bond. A major goal in my life is to improve veterinarian and client education, and to encourage understanding and appreciation of the pet as a member of the family. I would like to make client emotional support, education about pet diseases and ethical treatment of clients and patients a priority for all practicing veterinarians. I will make a difference. My other goals are to be the best wife and mother I can be to my wonderful husband and three beautiful children, Sophie (13), Benjamin (11) and Samuel (9)

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