

Meet Our Behaviorist

**Dr. Laurie Bergman,
VMD, DACVB**

Dr. Laurie Bergman is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. She completed an undergraduate degree in Biology at Barnard College, Columbia University. She worked in a small animal practice and completed an internship in Wildlife

Medicine and Surgery at Tufts University. Dr Bergman's residency was in Clinical Animal Behavior at the University of California Davis. She conducted research into feline urine marking, canine separation anxiety and feather picking in Amazon parrots.

Dr. Bergman is qualified to treat behavior problems in every animal species on this planet except one, human beings!

With over 20 years experience in the field, Dr. Bergman provides pet owners with safe, humane and practical treatments for their pets' behavior problems.



What is Veterinary Behavior?

Veterinary Behavior is the equivalent of Psychiatry and Psychology in human medicine. Board Certified Veterinary Behaviorists (DACVBs) manage and treat animals behavior problems to improve the quality of life of pets, working animals, zoo and farm animals and of the people who care for them.

As veterinarians, DACVBs can diagnose medical conditions that may be impacting an animal's behavior and have a full range of treatment options to help your pet, including medication. Many people come to us after working with trainers or following advice from friends, family or other well-meaning people but still have concerns. The patients that we treat don't have training problems, they have anxieties. That is what drives their behavior problems.



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What happens at an appointment?

We will review your pet's history and observe their behaviors during the appointment. At no point will we try to provoke aggression or anxiety. Our goal is for you and your pet to have as positive an experience as possible. It's important that you understand not just what your pet is doing but why, that is the best way to help you help your pet. You will be given a written assessment and treatment plan prepared specifically for your pet which we will review during the consult.

How do I schedule a behavior appointment?

Simply fill out and submit a behavior history form on our website.

Once we review your forms we will e-mail you within 72 hours with next steps.