

## House Calls, Holistic Treatments & Happy Pets

*Veterinarian Dr. Michel Selmer Reaches Out to Long Island Pets and Owners—Naturally*

by Rachel Sokol

When a pet is ill, or there's been an emergency, Dr. Michel Selmer, of Advanced Animal Care Center in Huntington Station, can help. Aside from running his veterinary practice, Dr. Selmer truly reaches out to the community through the various pet services he offers Long Islanders, including house calls. Advanced Animal Care Center's Mobile Animal Care Unit offers services such as physical examinations, routine and preventive healthcare, vaccinations, diagnostic laboratory testing and more. The Care Unit's motto is, "The Vet That Comes to Your Pet." This special, professional service is convenient for pets that are too stressed or ill to travel to a veterinary hospital.

Advanced Animal Care Center also offers clients at-home pet sitting services with their licensed Caring4Pets program. "You don't need to board your pet at a kennel," says Dr. Selmer. "If you're going to be away or staying at a hospital, our team members make sure your pet's home care needs are met."

Always seeking out the most effective, most efficient ways to help animals, over the years, Dr. Selmer has gradually incorporated naturopathy into his practice. "I practice integrative medicine; both Eastern and Western modalities," he says. "This gives me more options as a veterinarian. I don't



*Dr. Michel Selmer*

believe one type is better than the other; I am truly integrating these philosophies." Dr. Michel Selmer's strong interest in naturopathy places him at the forefront of the ever-advancing veterinary profession. In fact, according to Dr. Selmer, in New York State, licensed veterinarians are not required to obtain continuous medical training after their licensure, the way human doctors are. By personal choice, he frequently attends seminars about naturopathy and holistic healing for animals; sharing his knowledge with Long Island pet owners.

At Advanced Animal Care Center, Dr. Selmer focuses on minimally-invasive diagnostic and surgical techniques. For example, unlike more traditional veterinarians, Dr. Selmer performs laparoscopic spays, which are minimally

invasive, less painful for pets, don't require pets to stay overnight and have fewer health risks.

According to Dr. Selmer, when it comes to holistic healing, it's all about the body "going back to basics." With each pet, he initially conducts a biochemistry test and nutritional analysis to decide what will best supplement the animal's health, both traditionally and holistically.

Highly discouraging pet owners from feeding their animals over-the-counter processed pet foods, Dr. Selmer says, "we deliver what your dog needs nutritionally—it's about long-term health and well-being." Plus, he adds, as an extra bonus, "you'll save money because you'll see me less because your pets are healthier thanks to their new diet."

Also active with the Suffolk County SPCA, and recently named Best Veterinarian of Long Island for 2010, Dr. Selmer mostly wants Long Islanders to know, "When you put the body in a more natural state, it will perform better and heal better—all pets can benefit from this, the same way their owners can."

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