



## Introducing Dr. Robert Klain to the West Chelsea Veterinary Family & Wishing Dr. Rebecca Shumaker a Fond Farewell



This month we say farewell to one esteemed colleague and hello to another experienced veterinarian committed to your pet's health. We are thrilled to announce that Dr. Robert Klain will join West Chelsea Veterinary this spring, who, along with our team, will continue to offer the best quality of care for your pets.



### Thank You Dr. Shumaker

Dr. Rebecca Shumaker has been a valued member of the West Chelsea Veterinary family for almost eight years. She has worked tirelessly at practicing high quality progressive medicine and surgery for animals. Over the years, Dr. Shumaker has built a close relationship with clients of both the two-legged and four-legged varieties. She credits her love for animals and respect for medicine and the art of healing as the reasons she became a veterinarian. Dr. Shumaker's attention to detail, compassion, and love for pets remains unwavering. Dr. Shumaker will be leaving at the end of the month to spend more time with her growing family, but she will always be part of the WCV community. WCV wishes Dr. Shumaker the best of luck on all her future endeavors and we thank her for her tremendous time and dedication. For clients of Dr. Shumaker's, she will be available for appointments before her tenure is complete on Saturday March 16 and Saturday March 30.

### Meet Dr. Robert Klain!

West Chelsea Veterinary is proud to welcome Dr. Robert Klain to our venerated veterinary team. Dr. Klain was born in Italy and shortly thereafter moved to Brooklyn where he grew up. He obtained his Bachelors Degree of Science from The University at Albany where he graduated summa cum laude and then went on to earn his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, with honors, from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 2004.

During veterinary school, Dr. Klain focused his attention on underprivileged Native American communities in Arizona and Ohio at the Rural Area Veterinary Services. After graduating from veterinary school, Dr. Klain completed a yearlong internship at Animal Medical Center in Manhattan where he delved into a variety of multiple fields of veterinary medicine and surgery for small animals. Since finishing his internship at Animal Medical Center, Dr. Klain has been a general practitioner in New York City before recently joining West Chelsea Veterinary.

As a youngster, Dr. Klain would pour over books about animals yet it was difficult to convince his parents to let him have a pet since they never had the opportunity themselves. But Dr. Klain was persistent and upon admittance to high school honors classes, his parents agreed to get him a beagle named Sammy who lived to be 17. The whole family quickly bonded with Sammy, who inspired Dr. Klain to further his passion for animal wellbeing by enrolling in veterinary school.

Dr. Klain's areas of interest include oncology, cardiology, dermatology, anesthesia and pain management where he has the opportunity to work closely with a menagerie of animals to be part of solving complex medical issues.

Dr. Klain currently shares a home with a gray and white tabby rescue cat named "The Iceman." When not at work, Dr. Klain loves sports, including running, cycling, snowboarding, basketball, and dodgeball. He is also interested in the mechanics and artistry of black and white photography.



Dr. Klain with Patient

