## CPVH News January 2025

Nala is a 3-year-old Great Dane. Her owners brought her in for a sick visit as she had been lethargic and not eating well for a few days. We decided to run some tests in the hospital, including a full panel of bloodwork and a urinalysis. Nala's labwork results confirmed her dehydration but also showed that her electrolytes (sodium, potassium, and chloride) were all abnormal. This combination of symptoms and abnormal electrolytes suggested a condition called Addison's disease. Two final blood tests confirmed our suspicions.

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Addison's disease is a condition in which the adrenal glands do not form properly, and thus do not make the normal amounts of hormones pertinent to dealing with stress and fluid and electrolyte balances in the body. This disease is very treatable but can lead to a life-threatening crisis if left undiagnosed and untreated.

Today, Nala is healthy and thriving at home and will receive monthly injections to keep her living a long normal life! Dentistry month is just around the corner! When you book your pet into dentistry in February, you pay only \$60 for dental X-rays (normally \$120) during the procedure and have peace of mind that you aren't missing disease under the gumline that could be causing your pet problems. Call us to schedule at 704-844-8387!

(Please note that annual physical exam and core vaccines must be up-to-date).

Happy New Year! Our wish for 2025 is to welcome more wonderful people and pets into our practice!

Please share your recommendation with family, friends, and acquaintances. Remember that we offer **referral discounts** for you and your friend and hold a **raffle each month** for anyone who has posted a Google or Yelp review. With **same-day appointments** available Monday through Friday and an **experienced and friendly veterinary staff**, we'll be sure to take excellent care of your referees. Thank you!

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