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## Meet the Doctors

Dr. Tina Brown a board-certified dermatologist and a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Dermatology (ACVD). She specializes in diseases of the skin, ears, and nails due to allergic, parasitic, autoimmune, endocrine, and infectious causes. Dr. Brown has extensive experience in the management of chronic skin and ear infections secondary to allergies. Memphis Veterinary Specialists offers intra-dermal skin testing to assess the cause of many of your pet's allergies. We then have the capability of formulating an allergen specific immunotherapy for pet. [Click here for more info.](#)



## Winter Safety Tips for Pets

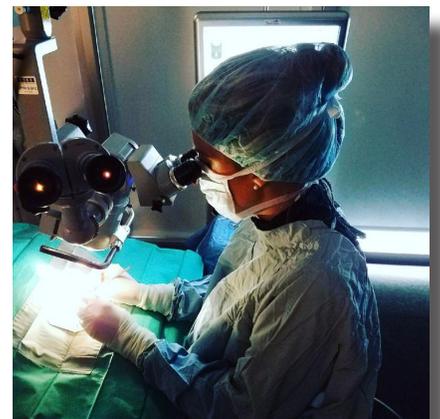
- Avoid any exposure to rock salts or antifreeze. Wipe paws well after walks to avoid exposure from dogs licking their paws.
- Holly, mistletoe, and amaryllis are just a few of the many holiday plants that are toxic to pets. Be sure to keep out of pet's reach or avoid having in the home altogether.
- Just like humans, pets are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia. Keep them out of harsh weather conditions if you can.
- During the colder months, some cats will seek warmth under a car's warm engine. Try to make a habit of checking under your vehicle before starting your engine.

## Is My Dog a Candidate for Cataract Surgery?

While our ophthalmology department treats a wide range of diseases and conditions of the eye, canine cataracts are among the most common. Each year, plenty of pet owners make trips to their veterinarian with complaints about their dog's eyes appearing cloudy or noticing that their vision seems impaired. While various conditions and normal aging of the eye can contribute to these symptoms, cataracts are important to rule out.

Once a cataract has formed in the lens, there is no way to reverse it. The only way to remove a cataract is with surgery. It is important for owners to understand, however, that not all cataracts require surgery, and not all patients are candidates.

Over the years, there have been several medical therapies (such as eye drops) developed to "dissolve" cataracts, but none have proven successful. [Read More](#)



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