



# Calvert County NEWS

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### **This Doctor Makes House Calls**

*Darnell's Mobile Veterinary Service LLC Debuts in Calvert County, Md.*

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – October 13, 2009** – When Spot or Fluffy get a cold or are due for their yearly checkup, the last thing most pet owners want to do is take off work, put them in the car, drive to the veterinarian's office and wait for an appointment. Besides the hassle and time, the ordeal can also be traumatic for the animal. Now there is an alternative – have the veterinarian come to you.

Dr. Kristina Darnell, owner of Darnell's Mobile Veterinary Service, operates a house-call veterinary practice for dogs and cats in the Southern Maryland area of Calvert, St. Mary's, and southern Anne Arundel counties. Dr. Darnell offers the convenience of quality veterinary care without the stress associated with traveling to the veterinary clinic, such as pet anxiety, motion sickness, traffic, inclement weather, a crowded waiting room, aggressive pet-to-pet interaction and the potential for disease transmission.

"Many pets are traumatized by visiting a vet's office," Dr. Darnell says. "The added stress of being shuttled to a clinic and having to wait in a strange building with other animals and the unusual smells only adds to their anxiety. There are also instances when pet owners are unable to get to a vet because of transportation or child care issues. So, I can now come to you."

Dr. Darnell graduated from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in 1998 and has been practicing in Prince Frederick, Md., for 11 years. She established Darnell's Mobile Veterinary Service in February of 2009 in response to numerous inquiries for a mobile vet in Southern Maryland. "I like being able to take time to get a complete medical history, do a thorough physical exam, and tailor any vaccines, tests or treatments to each individual patient as needed," she said. "I also enjoy working with owners who love and care for their pets wholeheartedly." Dr. Darnell believes in

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offering personalized and compassionate home veterinary care and is an especially strong advocate of at-home euthanasia. "When a treasured pet has to be euthanized, the comfort and compassion that is offered in an at-home setting is priceless," she says.

In addition to sick visits, Dr. Darnell also offers wellness checks, vaccinations and a variety of testing options. Services are designed to assist in routine preventive care for young, healthy pets, early detection and treatment of disease as pets age and medical care as necessary during his or her lifetime.

Dr. Darnell and her crew will be on hand at Calvert Animal Welfare League's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pet Walk on Saturday, October 17, 2009, at Annmarie Garden in Solomons. She will be promoting her new business and distributing helpful information for pet owners. The Pet Walk takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is CAWL's biggest fundraiser of the year. There will be refreshments, vendors and special activities like a blessing of the animals, pet costume contest, raffles and prizes and demonstrations.

For more information on Darnell's Mobile Veterinary Service, visit online at [www.darnellsmobilevet.com](http://www.darnellsmobilevet.com), call 443.975.2495 or send an e-mail to [dkstallings@yahoo.com](mailto:dkstallings@yahoo.com).

For more information on CAWL's Annual Pet Walk, visit online at [www.cawl.us/Petwalk/Petwalk.html](http://www.cawl.us/Petwalk/Petwalk.html).

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*Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. There are more than 5,000 businesses in the County and a labor force of at least 1.8 million resides within a one-hour drive. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.*