

SMALL TEAM, BIG IMPACT: THE FIELD VETERINARY PROGRAM IN DC

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AGENDA

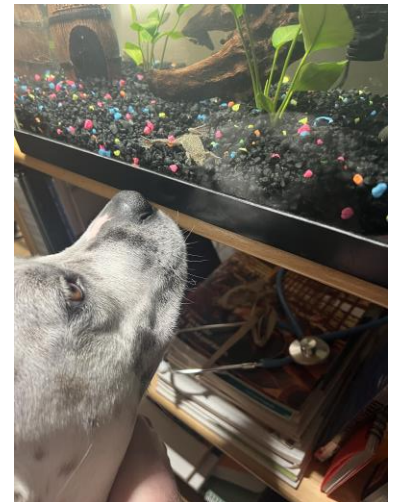
- Introductions
- How we started
- What we're doing
- Discussion and questions

DR. KELSEY GERBIG

Background: small animal private practice, global health certification, community medicine

Midwest transplant to the DMV

Hobbies: pets and reading



DENITA BROWN

DC community member

Adopted Sidney from HRA!

Caregiver to kids and animals

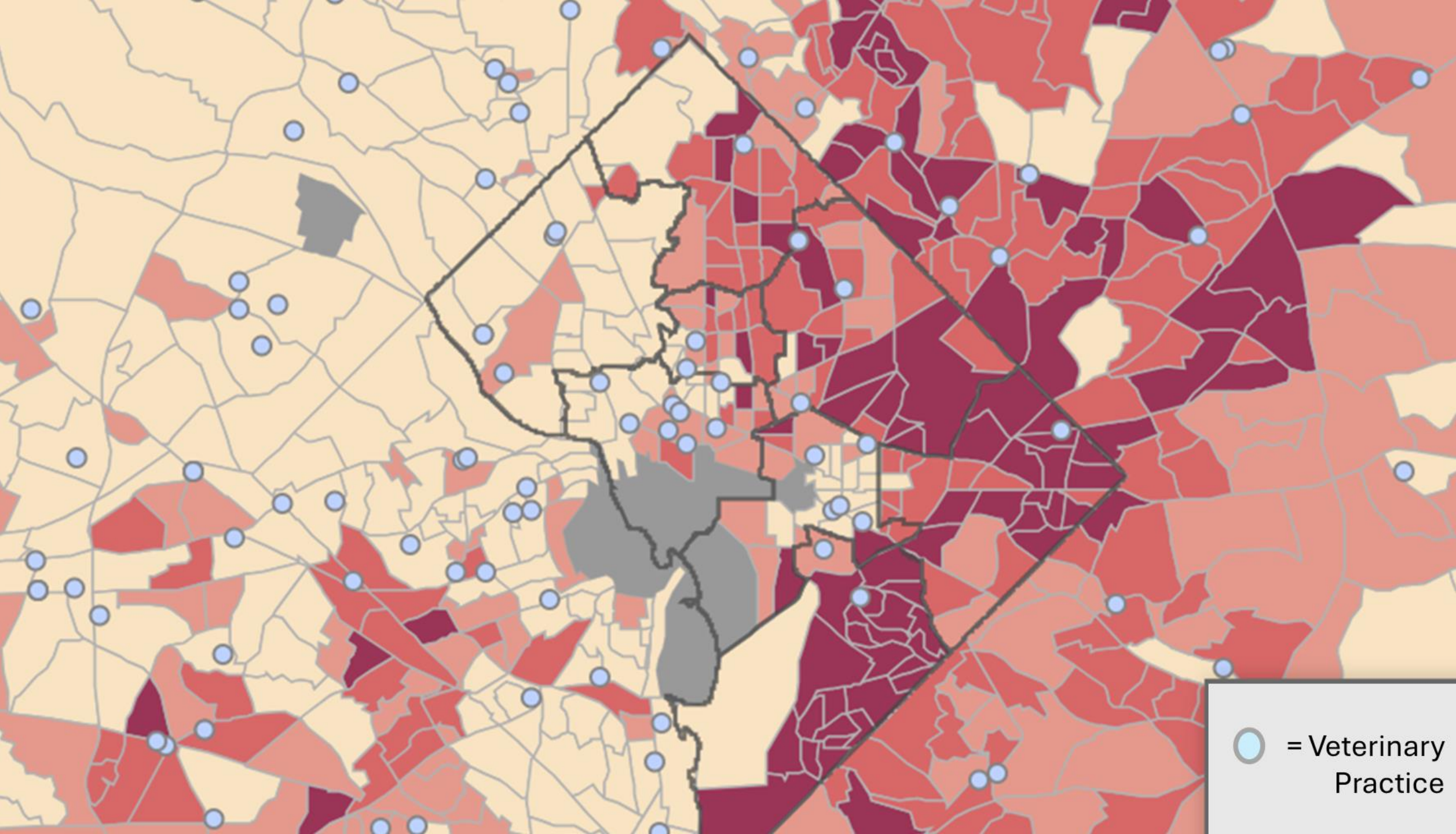
Hobbies: cooking – specifically sandwiches
right now!

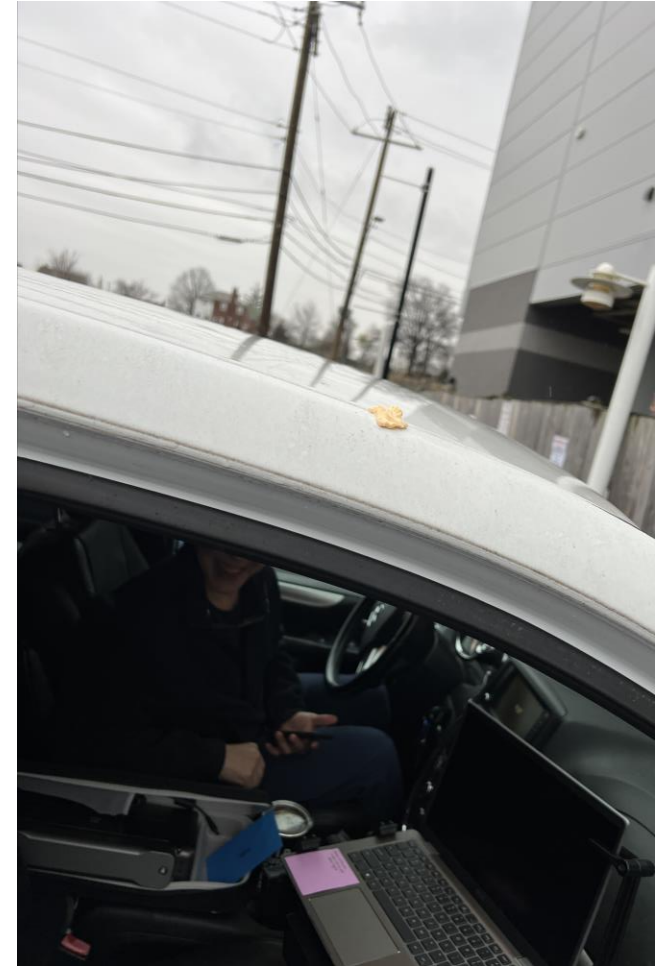




HOW WE STARTED

- Recognized need for veterinary care in the city
- Folks had few options except to surrender if needing care
 - Some things were not life threatening!
- Consequences included
 - Unneeded stress for animal
 - Unneeded stress for owner
 - Cost (\$ and time) associated with treatment in medical center







Multi Vaccination Certificate Filter

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State	County	Animal	Animal ID	Animal Type	Animal Breed	Animal Color	Animal Sex	Animal Age	Animal Status	Animal Date	Animal Location	Animal Notes
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Vaccination Certificate - Jan 21, 2021

HUMANE RESCUE ALLIANCE

TEL: 202-725-5730 / 202-576-4000

Safety certificate
make sure to add
extra tag in





OUR OFFICE

- Wi-fi
- Portable scale
- "Refrigerator"
- Pharmacy (trial and error)
- Food, toys, leashes, harnesses
- E-collars



CLIENTS



Animal dispatch



Field services
colleagues

Humane Law Enforcement
Animal Control Officers
Animal Control
Investigators



Word of mouth

NANA – ANIMAL DISPATCH

- 4 week old, female kitten
- Looking for veterinary care
- Having loose stool
- Scratching ear





ON EXAM...

- Good body condition score
- Well hydrated
- Curious
- Cute



SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

- First vaccines
- Dewormer
- Toys
- Cat behavior

SIDNEY – DISPATCH / WORD OF MOUTH

- Adopted Fall 2022
- Ear infections
- Itchy skin
- Open sores from scratching



LOST AND FOUND



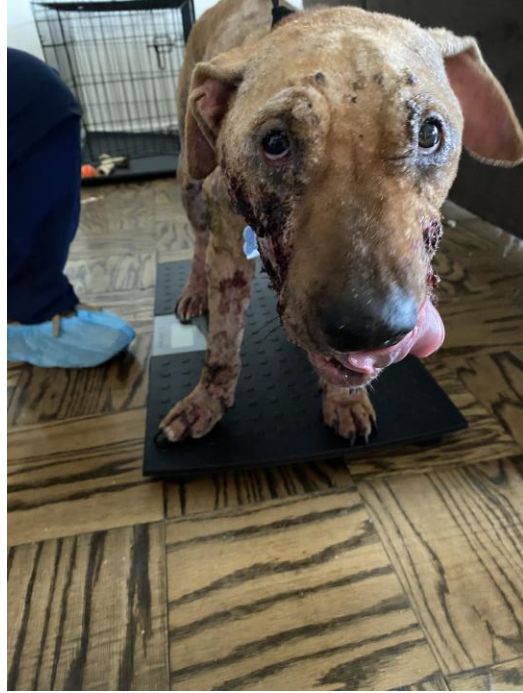






PENNY –
HUMANE LAW
ENFORCEMENT





SKIN DISEASE – DEMODECTIC MANGE

PENNY

- Medicated shampoo
- Flea/tick prevention – Bravecto
- Heartworm test and prevention
- Food
- Leash and harness



AUTUMN - WORD OF MOUTH

- 6 month old, female pit bull terrier
- History of vomiting, decreased energy and appetite



PARVO TREATMENT



DISCUSSION

