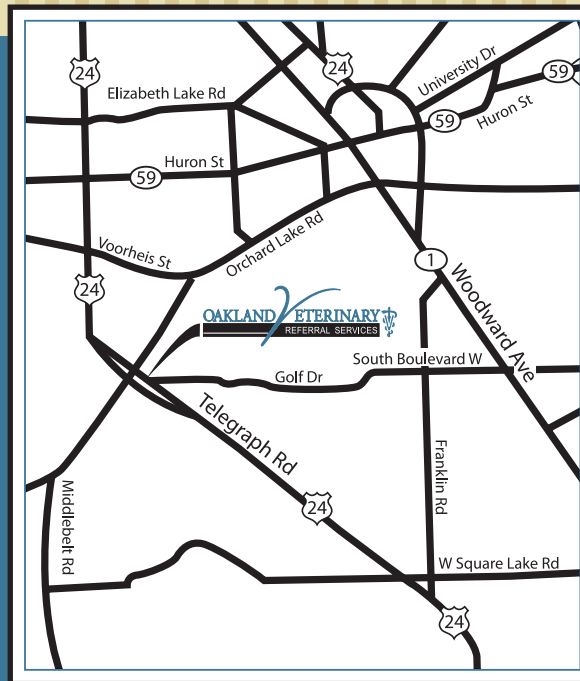


The Behavior Service is led by Theresa DePorter, who is a board-certified diplomate in both the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB) and the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine (ECAWBM).



### Residency Program for the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB)

The Behavioral Medicine Service at Oakland Veterinary Referral Services offers a nonconforming residency in accordance with the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB) residency program mentored by Dr. DePorter.



### Our Location

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### An OVRS *Commitment*

The health of our patients is our top priority. We will always work in close partnership with the referring veterinarian to promote the best course of care.

# Behavioral MEDICINE

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**The objective of the Behavioral Medicine Service is to provide solutions to canine and feline behavior problems while providing high-quality veterinary care, accurate diagnosis, appropriate use of medications and humane behavior modification therapy.**

Veterinarians approach behavior problems from an ethological, developmental perspective with a focus on understanding your pet's body language and communication perspective.

## BEHAVIOR SERVICES

### Aggression

### Destructive Behaviors

### Fears, Anxieties and Phobias

### Separation Anxiety

### Elimination Problems

### Unruly or Uncontrollable Behavior

### Training Difficulties

### Cognitive Dysfunction

### Repetitive or Compulsive Disorders

### Puppy or Kitten Preventative Visits

### Pre-Selection Consultation

### Preparing for Life Events

## Reasons to Consult a Board Certified Veterinary Behaviorist

Behavioral problems can result from an underlying fear, anxiety, stress, genetic or learned predisposition or even medical conditions. A Veterinary Behaviorist is in a unique position to diagnose both behavioral conditions and medical conditions that can cause or affect a pet's behavior.

## What is Involved With a Behavior Consultation?

During the consultation, we will evaluate, discuss and review your concerns regarding your pet's behavior from early development through evolution to the current situation. You will be asked to complete a detailed history before the consultation so we may review it before your appointment and be prepared to discuss findings with you during the consultation. Diagnosis and recommendations are discussed with consideration for your goals and expectations. Each pet is unique. Be prepared to learn about your pet's behavior and how to incorporate treatment methods which are humane, gentle, and scientifically based.



## What Treatment Methods are Utilized?

Scientifically sound techniques include behavior modification, counter-conditioning, desensitization, environmental modification, proper positive reinforcement techniques and owner education. Appropriate medications, pheromones or nutraceuticals may be recommended as adjunctive treatment to the behavior modification program. Your pet will never be subjected to methods that include startling, hurting or shocking. We can alleviate undesirable behaviors in pets while treating animals with kindness, gentleness, respect and admiration.

## The Behavioral Medicine Service is Available Monday-Saturday by Appointment

The initial consultation may be up to 2 hours in duration and shorter recheck appointments (50 min) are scheduled every 1 to 3 months as appropriate for your pet. Some patients are seen a few times, while others continue long term.



## Staff members in the OVRs Behavior Service are Fear Free<sup>SM</sup> Certified Professionals.

Fear Free<sup>SM</sup> is the implementation of techniques which prioritize the emotional well-being of the patients we treat and the people who love them while safely administering veterinary care.