



Annual Report



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About CHAI

The Center for Human-Animal Interaction (CHAI) is a 501 (c)(3) charity that is stewarded through the Medical College of Virginia Foundation (assessed by Charity Navigator to be 97%, 4-out-of-4 stars). CHAI is generously housed within West Hospital by the Psychiatry Department of Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Medicine. Many of CHAI's staff and executive committee members are VCU professors and professionals with a passion for animals and the benefits of human-animal interaction, but CHAI includes a large number of dedicated volunteers most of whom are involved in the delivery of our Dogs on Call program.



VISION AND HOW WE ACHIEVE IT

● **Mission**

Improving health and well being through human-animal interaction.

● **To achieve this mission...**

Our research goal is to increase knowledge of the benefits of the human-animal interaction through interdisciplinary research.

Our clinical goal is to enhance health and well-being for patients and other members of our community through animal-assisted interventions.

Our educational goal is to improve understanding of the benefits of the human-animal interaction.

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FROM THE *DIRECTOR'S DESK*

Nancy Gee, Ph.D., C-AISS

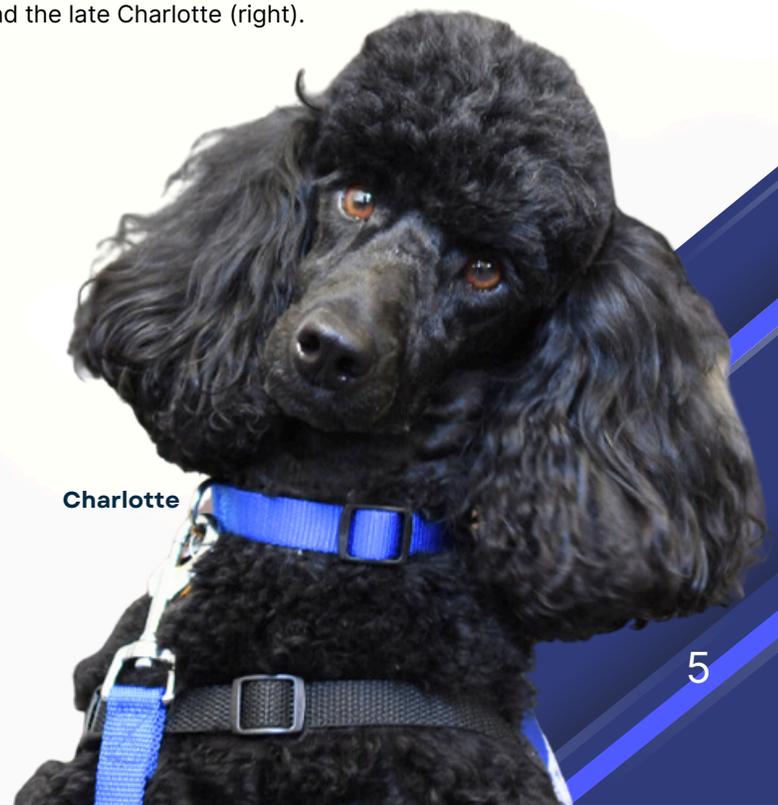
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Once again it gives me great pleasure to share in this report the achievements of the Center for Human-Animal Interaction over the past year. We have been productive and impactful in a variety of ways. All three of our grant-funded randomized clinical trials completed intervention data collection in 2024. One of our studies has already produced a peer-reviewed publication of impressive results in the high impact factor journal *Innovation in Aging*. We have and will continue to publish our results and present them at international conferences. This year we have provided some unique educational opportunities for VCU and international students, and our Dogs on Call program continues to expand and meet an ever-increasing need throughout the VCU Health System. Our research provides an evidence base supporting the efficacy of our Dogs on Call program making CHAI an internationally recognized leader in the field of Human-Animal Interaction/Anthrozoology. Our work continues to receive recognition in the press, including coverage in national outlets like the *New York Times*, locally on CBS6, and even internationally in the *Financial Times*, *Fortune Italia* and *Die Zeit*. All of this has been achieved by the staff at CHAI alongside our amazing volunteers. I invite you read on below to see the details of our accomplishments in 2024.

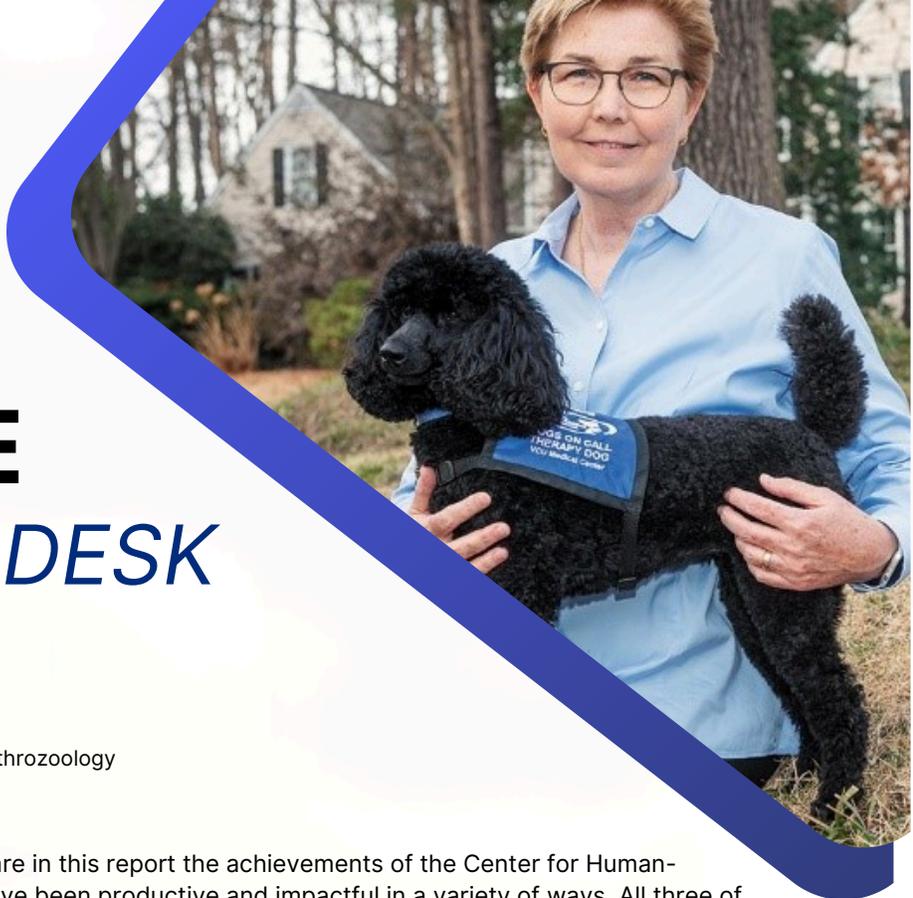
Below are my two Dogs on Call dogs, Allie (left) and the late Charlotte (right).



Allie



Charlotte



WHO'S ON *THE TEAM*



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PROGRAM COORDINATOR



J.T. HOSACK, MA

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, SENIOR

OUR VOLUNTEERS

CHAI's 66 volunteers (counting both Administrative Volunteers and Dogs on Call Handlers) contributed 1,746 hours of service in 2024!



● Dogs on Call Volunteers

Beth & George with Maggie & Baylee
Kathy with Hairy Harry
Marcie with Harry
Sean with Gracie
Benjamin with Sadie
Lauren with Darcy
Gary with DeDe
Paula with Otis
Emily with Matt
Ann with Booker
Denice with Darcy
Linda with Jag
Nancy with Allie
Jennifer with Snickers
Brinkley with Tilly
Jules with Junia

Tracy with Missy
Mike & Susan with Kimchi
Susie with Homer
Harrison with Scout
Lindsey with Molly
Mike with Keegan
Dana with Bailey
Danessa with Dolly Parton
Kristen with Poppy
Simone with Captain Jack
Marcia with Phoebe
Crystal with Deezel
Eliza with Luna
Kim with Cliff & Rudee
Jeanne with Zeke
Brad with Teddy
Carmen with Weird Alf
Yank-A-Leash

Sarah with Albert
Joan with Gabbi & Truvy
Pam with Beckett
Brenda with Leroy
Ann & Bruce with Pippa, Scout, & Emma
Margaret with Elsa
Donna with Cassie
Denise with Wiley
Wayne with Maxwell
Susan with Roe
Katia with Kepler & Schiller
Mary Lu with Healey
Carol with Dunkin
Karlin with Albie
Bob with Louie & Remy
Brian with Camryn (Cam)
Cheryl with Blue
Robin with Wrigley, Bear, & Yogi
Kim with Callie

● Administrative Volunteers

Kathy Albers
Dr. Randolph T. Barker
Dr. Sandra B. Barker

Denice Ekey
Morgan Gossman
Barbara Klucik

Margaret Popik
Brinkley Taliaferro
Ivy Worsham



● Research Teams

A number of our Dogs on Call teams go above and beyond by helping CHAI conduct randomized clinical trials in the hospital to examine experimentally the impact of therapy dog visitation in a hospital setting. We are grateful for their commitment to the additional training and time commitments this work requires.

George & Beth Adams & Maggie & Baylee
Kathy Albers & Hairy Harry
Marcie Apelt & Harry
Anna Badgley & Murphy
Emily Cooley & Matt
Linda Flamm & Jag
Nancy Gee & Allie
Tracy Hartman & Missy
Susie Higbie & Homer
Simone Kschuk & Captain Jack

Marcia LaMaskin & Phoebe
Jeanne McNeill & Zeke
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Denise Russell & Wiley
Wayne Sarkees & Maxwell
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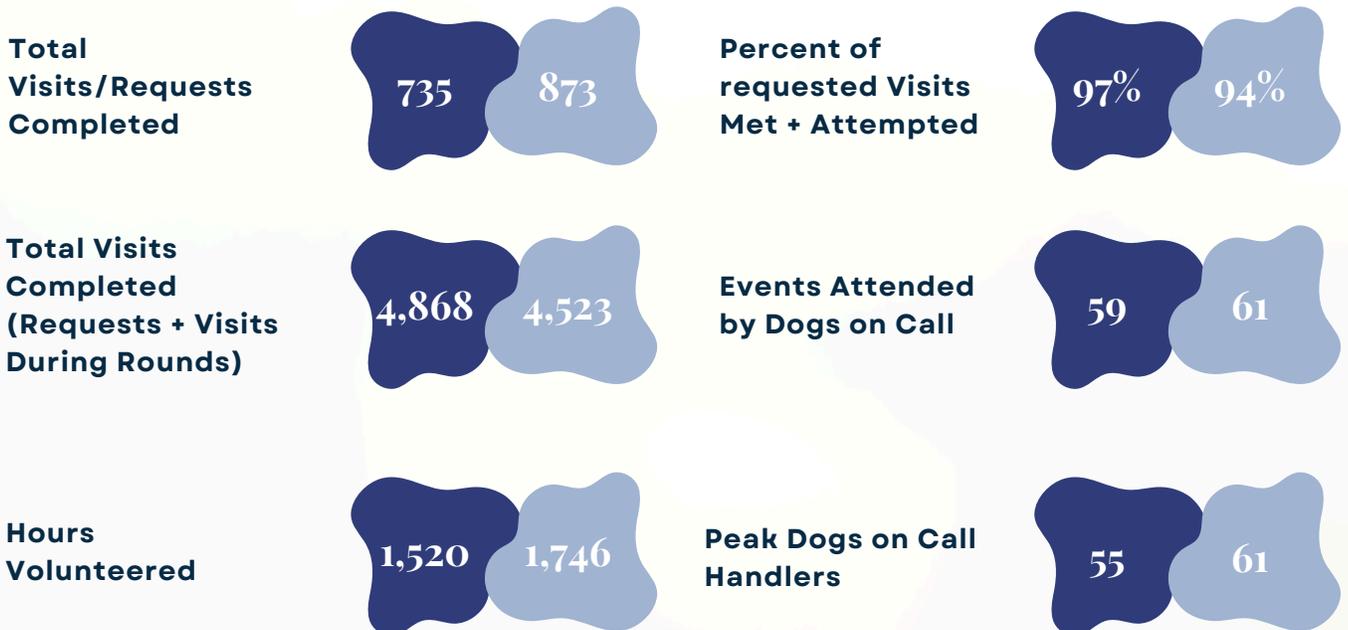
DOGS ON CALL

BY THE NUMBERS

Dogs on Call delivers complimentary/no-cost therapy dog visits to patients, their families, and staff at VCU Health. Visits can be requested by calling (804) 827-PAWS, by emailing chai@vcuhealth.org, or by paging #6134 using a VCU Health pager. Once a request is made, this information is relayed to the Dogs on Call therapy dog teams, and at their next visit they will attempt to go to the requested location. We refer to these therapy dog visits as requested visits, but our teams do much more.

In addition to taking requests, Dogs on Call teams routinely visit a variety of areas of the hospital in which stress-relieving therapy dog visits are likely to be especially helpful. These areas include pediatric and adult cancer clinics, the burn unit, palliative care, and the staff of the emergency department. Subject to availability and upon request, Dogs on Call teams also make appearances at VCU Health events throughout the year.

The Center for Human-Animal Interaction is proud of its Dogs on Call therapy dog program and amazing volunteers that make it a reality. **Take a look at these numbers!**



Our volunteers completed 226 more hours of service and 138 more visit requests in 2024 compared to the previous year!



2023



2024



DOGS ON CALL

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF RICHMOND

Since the move to the new inpatient tower, we have been visiting over the past year. Dogs on Call visits both pediatric inpatient and outpatient locations.

Total Pediatric Visits at CHoR

1,115

262

+

458

+

395

ASK
Pediatric Oncology
Clinic Visits

CHoR Inpatient
Visits

CHoR Outpatient
Visits



DOGS ON CALL

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



While Dogs on Call continues to focus on serving VCU Health patients, families, and staff, our teams also love supporting the broader VCU community. Dogs on Call teams made appearances at 61 events in 2024! Here are just a few of the highlights:

-  3/7 Dogs on Call Visits the Virginia State Capitol
-  4/11 Human-Animal Interaction in Medicine Lecture
-  4/14 Children's Hospital Stewardship Event at the Science Museum
-  5/1 Palliative Care Memorial Service
-  5/14 Polaroids with Pups (AOP)
-  9/26 Pups on the Plaza
-  11/2 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Light the Night
-  11/14 World Diabetes Day
-  12/17 Ryan White Annual Children's Holiday Party

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ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS

The Center for Human-Animal Interaction is sustained in no small part by the generosity of the VCU Health community. We are grateful that so many friends and allies showed their support at our fundraiser events.

Pups on the Plaza (September 26, 2024). This Block Party-like fundraiser occurred on 12th street and the plaza just outside the McGlothlin Medical Education Center. VCU police closed the street, and provided a table and McGruff the crime fighting dog made an appearance. People were dancing to music provided by DJ Woof (aka J.T. Hosack). Food & Nutrition Services donated hot dogs, chips and drinks as well as grills for us to cook and serve on location. The stars of the show were a rotating cast of more than a dozen Dogs on Call therapy dog teams. Funds were raised by selling meal tickets, t-shirts, and other Dogs on Call-themed merchandise.

Calendar Sales (November & December 2024). Our Dogs on Call calendars, presenting photos of our Dogs on Call teams in action, were once again very popular in the VCU/VCU Health community. We were able to find 29 sponsors for this year's calendar, and we have nearly sold out!

Close at Heart. Throughout the year, members of the community are able to make donations in memory of, or in honor of, a pet, pet owner, organization, or anyone who loves animals. Both the donor and the honoree or family of the honoree receive signed letters from CHAI's Director, and the honorees also have their names memorialized in the Close at Heart book that we display prominently in our main office. Donations greater than \$500 are honored with a name plate, which we post on plaques hanging in the CHAI main office. We mailed out hundreds of Close at Heart letters in 2024, with each letter individually prepared and signed.

THANK YOU to everyone who supports our mission!

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STUDENT & RESIDENT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



Our educational goal is to improve understanding of the benefits of the human-animal interaction. We accomplish our mission by teaching students, engaging in public education, and sharing HAI science in news and press interviews.

Students

A number of students, both at VCU, other parts of the USA, and abroad, participated in educational experiences at The Center for Human-Animal Interaction in 2024!

Eight medical students in their fourth year (M4s) completed a 1-month elective rotation at CHAI. During their time at CHAI they split their time between working with CHAI's Director on research projects and helping with CHAI's day-to-day functioning. They supported Dogs on Call teams while in the hospital, helped prepare and distribute stuffed animals for children, and performed a variety of other mutually-beneficial tasks.

Four PhD students, 2 from the USA and 2 from Europe, worked with CHAI's Director on various research projects, dissertations, and presentations.

Mentoring

CHAI's Director also mentors other faculty from the USA and abroad; e.g., an Assistant Professor from Purdue University and a Psychiatrist from Egypt.

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RESEARCH & ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS



3

**Randomized Control Trials (RCTs)
Experiments**

7

Journal Publications

5

Edited Books & Chapters

5

Conference Podium or Poster Presentations

6

Invited and Keynote Presentations

CHAI PUBLICATIONS



2024 Journal Publications

Clements, H., Valentin, S., Jenkins, N., Rankin, J., **Gee, N. R.**, Snellgrove, D., & Sloman, K. A. (2024). Do Workplace Fish Tanks Influence Employee Wellbeing and Cognitive Performance? An Embedded Mixed-Methods Study. *Anthrozoös*, 37(3), 459–478. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08927936.2024.2303227>

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Friedmann, E., **Gee, N. R.**, Simonsick, E. M., Kitner-Triolo, M. H., Resnick, B., Gurlu, M., ... Adesanya, I. (2024). Pet Attachment and Maintenance of Physical and Cognitive Function in Community-Residing Older Adults: Evidence From the Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging (BLSA). *Anthrozoös*, 1–17. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08927936.2024.2395125>

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2024 Conference Podium Presentation

Meints, K., Brelsford, V. L., Dimolareva, M., Marechal, L., Pennington, K., Rowan, E., & **Gee, N. R.** (2024, June). Effects of dog-assisted and relaxation interventions on self-esteem and anxiety in children with and without special educational needs: a longitudinal, randomised controlled trial. Podium presentation at the International Society for Anthrozoology Annual Conference. Hartpury, England, UK.

Friedmann, E., **Gee, N. R.**, Simonsick, E., Resnick, B., Gurlu, M., Shim, S., & Adesanya, I. (2024, November). Pet attachment and retained physical function in community residing older adult pet owners. Podium presentation to be delivered at the Gerontological Society of American Annual Conference in Seattle, WA, USA.

2024 Conference Poster Presentations

Friedmann, E., **Gee, N. R.**, Simonsick, E. M., Kitner-Triolo, M. H., Resnick, B., Gurlu, M., Shim, So., Adesanya, I., (2024, June). Relationship of Pet Attachment to Deterioration of Cognitive Function in Community Residing Older Adult Pet Owners: Evidence from the Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging (BLSA). Poster presentation at the International Society for Anthrozoology Conference. Hartpury, England, UK.

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2024 Invited and Keynote Presentations

Gee, N. R. (2024, January 19). How companion animals impact human mental health [Online Lecture]. State University of New York at Buffalo Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds. Buffalo, New York, United States.

Gee, N. R. (2024, February). How companion animals impact human mental health [Presentation]. World Veterinary Conference. Las Vegas, Nevada, United States.

Gee, N. R. (2024, April 11). HAI in Medicine [Presentation]. Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. Richmond, Virginia, United States.

Gee, N. R. (2024, April 26). How companion animals impact human mental health [Presentation]. Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine. West Lafayette, Indiana, United States.

Gee, N. R. (2024, September 17). After 30,000 Years, What Do We Know About the Human-Animal Bond [Elanco Human Animal Bond Lecture]. Purdue Veterinary Medicine Annual Conference. West Lafayette, Indiana, United States.

Gee, N. R. (2024, November). Emotional support animals: The evidence and the issues [Presentation]. Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds. Richmond, Virginia, United States.

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EXTERNALLY-FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Center for Human-Animal Interaction creates new knowledge by conducting rigorous research. External grant funding supported three randomized-controlled trial (RCTs) examining the impacts of a therapy dog intervention on loneliness, depression, anxiety, and related health outcomes among three vulnerable inpatient populations: older adults, adults with mental illness, and children. Intervention data collection was completed for all three projects this year and publication of results has already begun! Stay tuned for more journal publications and conference presentations in the coming year.

The Center for Human-Animal Interaction is grateful to the following external funders for supporting our ongoing research:



CHAI SOCIAL MEDIA REACH



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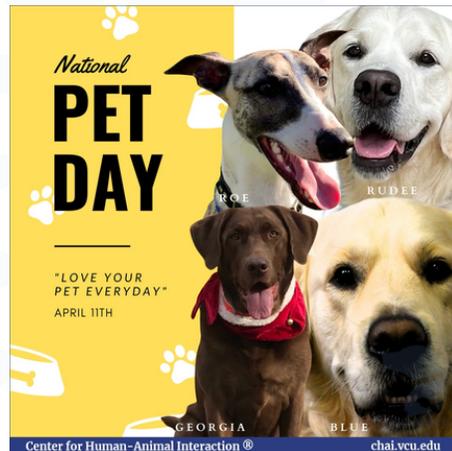


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Top Posts of 2024



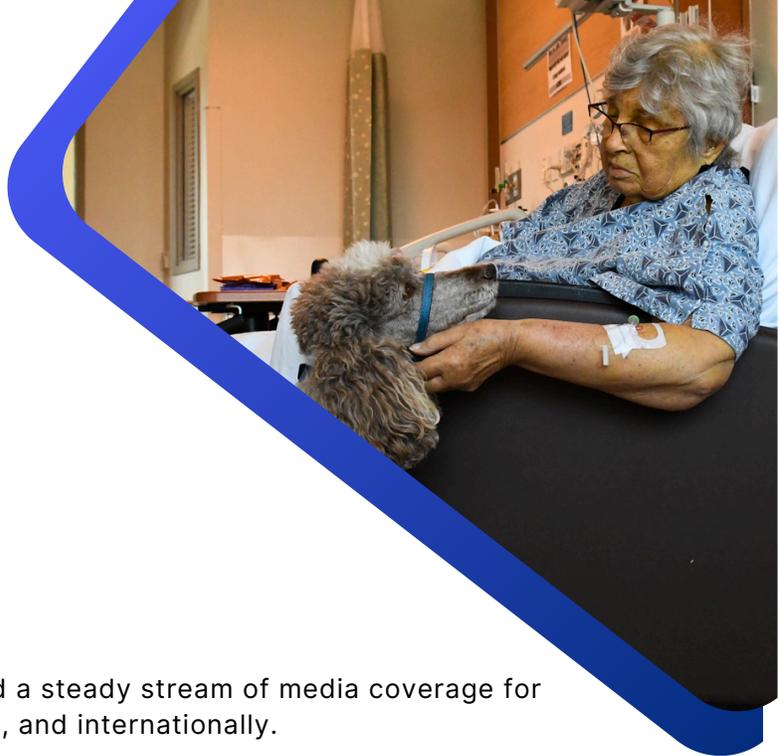
**26 Reactions
2,906 Impressions**



**15 Reactions
1,164 Impressions**

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IN THE PRESS



CHAI faculty and programs have again garnered a steady stream of media coverage for VCU and VCU Health in 2024, locally, nationally, and internationally.

Steinberg, B. (2024, February 2). Dentist's adorable dog snuggles up to calm down anxious patients: 'He's such a good boy'. **New York Post**. <https://nypost.com/2024/02/02/lifestyle/dentists-adorable-dog-snuggles-up-to-calm-down-anxious-patients-hes-such-a-good-boy/>

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Kiel, V. (2024, May 13). Ihr Kind kümmert sich dann auch um die Zecken, ja? [Your child will also take care of the ticks, right?]. **Die Zeit**. <https://www.zeit.de/wissen/2024-05/haustiere-kinder-vorteile-nachteile-studien>

Guyer, S. P. (2024, May 17). To be a kid again. **Virginia Living**. <https://virginaliving.com/healthwellness/to-be-a-kid-again/>

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