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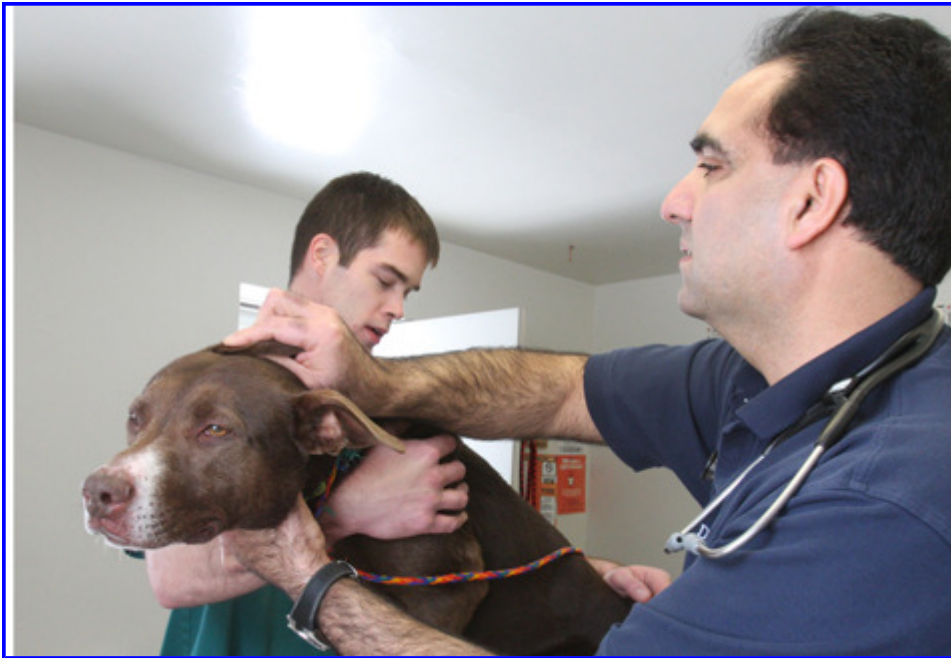
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Slide Show: Riverhead shelter dogs receive a vet visit

By [Vera Chinese](#) | January 21, 2011 in [Featured Stories](#), [News](#)





BARBARAELEN KOCH PHOTO | Buster, a 50 lb. lab/doberman mix available for adoption at the town shelter, gets evaluated by a Dr. Lachhar and vet tech Dan Lorenz Friday morning.

Dogs at the Riverhead Town Animal Shelter got a visit from a local veterinarian Friday, something the animals at the facility don't routinely get.

Dr. Mandip Lachhar, of the Animal Hospital of Riverhead, examined the 14 dogs at the shelter today and said not one had a serious physical health problem. However, many appeared to have minor skin irritations, Dr. Lachhar said. He said he would bring two dogs to his office for further evaluation sometime next week.

The dogs were also treated for worms.

Previously, dogs at the shelter only saw a vet on an emergency basis and to get the rabies vaccine, according to Riverhead Supervisor Sean Walter.

Mr. Walter said the town will continue to use the vet's services about once or twice or month and the initial visit cost \$28 per dog. He said the Town Board will meet with Dr. Lachhar at the Jan. 27 work session to discuss a schedule.

"It is the goal of this administration to provide the best possible health care to the animals housed under our roof and today we take an important step in making sure the dogs get the care that they are deserving of, once and for all," Mr. Walter said in a statement.

The shelter has drawn criticism in recent weeks after a pit bull mix named Bruno was put down despite efforts from shelter volunteers, other animal activists and Town Councilman Jim Wooten to bide more time for the animal, which an animal control officer and a vet had deemed aggressive. Mr. Wooten, the town board's liaison to the shelter, [has championed efforts](#) to privatize the Youngs Avenue facility and, in recent weeks, to hire a shelter director.

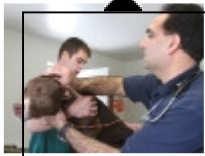
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Riverhead's shelter dogs get a vet visit

BARBARAELEN KOCH PHOTO | Dr. Lachhar and vet tech Daniel Lorenz examine Buster, a 50 lb. lab/doberman mix, who is available for adoption.



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