



Why Has Your Veterinarian Been SO Busy?

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The pandemic has caused a major increase in new patients.

Appointments have increased as pet owners are getting caught up on postponed appointments due to lockdown periods.

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Many pet owners are working from home resulting in an increased awareness and recognition of their pet's health problems.

The increase in workload is exceeding the daily limit of what many hospitals and clinics are capable of.

The huge demand is cutting into down time and time off leading to overwhelmed and exhausted veterinarians and staff.

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Appointments take longer to account for social distancing requirements or the continuation of curbside service.

The pandemic has compounded the national staffing shortage that was already affecting the veterinary profession.

Please be...

**Patient
Understanding
and Kind**



A message from the **Maryland Veterinary Medical Association**