

# The Hope Line

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Happy New Year to our fabulous referring vet community! For this edition of our Hope Line, I want to introduce you to the newest member of the SEVO-Med family... Joan of Arc! Joan is our new Varian linear accelerator. Joan has RapidArc technology (hence her name) which means the radiation beam rotates around the patient while a 120 leaf collimator is simultaneously moving to deliver very PRECISE radiation to your patient's tumor. This GREATLY spares the patients normal tissues and



allows for much fewer treatments to deliver a cancer killing dose of radiation. Joan also has on-board imaging (a small CT head mounted to the gantry) so we can be sure our very precise radiation is also very accurate!

So what, you say? What can Joan of Rapid Arc do for me?

Well, I present to you Spartacus the 9 1/2 year old handsome pitty. His veterinarian referred him to SEVO-Med after diagnosing a 6 cm tumor in the base of his heart! A heart arrhythmia prompted an echocardiogram which identified the mass. Heart based tumors have been notoriously difficult to treat if inoperable—until now! We delivered three treatments of targeted radiation to Spartacus with our new and improved radiation machine, affectionately named Joan of Arc by our radiation team. Spartacus is back to loving life with no radiation side effects to speak of!



As always, we are very thankful for our partnership with you, the family veterinarian. We wish you much happiness and prosperity in the 2018 year!

Cheers from Dr. LaDue, SEVO-Med,  
Spartacus, and Joan of Arc!

## Clinical Trial Opportunities Available with PetCure Oncology at SEVO-Med



Southeast Veterinary Oncology and Internal Medicine is now participating in a clinical trial for the treatment of Canine Lung Tumors with stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) and a new treatment option for dogs and cats with incompletely resected tumors.

If you have questions about enrollment criteria or would like to refer a patient for evaluation/inclusion in the study, please visit the website, [PetCureOncology.com/ClinicalTrials/](http://PetCureOncology.com/ClinicalTrials/).



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Even though it was bittersweet saying good-bye to Dr. Locke after her serving our community for over a decade with spectacular specialty care, we are excited to introduce Dr. Kristina Miller to you!

Dr. Miller is returning to Jacksonville to live with her husband, a proud helicopter pilot in the US Navy, after he was reassigned for duty in Florida. Originally from North Carolina she went to both undergraduate and veterinary school at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC. She then completed a Rotating Internship at the University of Georgia in Athens, GA, and traveled further south to complete an Oncology Speciality Internship and Medical Oncology Residency at the University of Florida. She became board certified in 2017 after completion of her residency, and worked for a year in Richmond, VA before returning to her home in the south.

Dr. Miller is looking forward to the opportunity to offer trustworthy and up-to-date oncologic care in addition to exemplary client and referral veterinarian communication. We are so happy to have her join our SEVO-Med team!!

