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Above, Snoopie, a 2 1/2-year-old boxer mix, demonstrates the underwater treadmill at the Mid-Atlantic Animal Specialty Hospital in Huntingtown during its grand opening celebration Tuesday. At right is his owner Beth Sleboda, a technician at the hospital, and in the background is physical therapist Amie Hesbach. The animal hospital, which was started by veterinary surgeons Bruce Nwadike and Rodney Oakley, is billed as only such hospital in Southern Maryland with board certified surgeons. Left, Kate, a five-year-old border collie, left, and Seeker, 10-year-old chocolate Labrador retriever, guard the ribbon cutting ceremony. From left are: county commissioners Jerry Clark, Susan Shaw and Wilson Parran, Maryland Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, veterinary surgeons Rodney Oakley and Bruce Nwadike, commissioners Linda Kelley and David Hale, and Andrea Theiler.