



Bakersfield Veterinary Hospital - Bakersfield, California



The newly constructed Bakersfield Veterinary Hospital is a 13,570 SF full-service general practice which also includes a specialty, referral and emergency clinic plus luxury and general boarding. The hospital's design reflects the owner's desire for a professional and compassionate environment that emphasizes quality medicine and warm surroundings.

A spectacular, clerestoried waiting area lies beneath the hospital entry's high gable roof. A client seating area includes a planter that contains a large faux banyan tree. The treatment area is at the center of all related medical functions. A doctor's office for 10 doctors has convenient access to and from the treatment area and the 6 exam rooms.



Alicia Pet Care Center - Mission Viejo, California

The Alicia Pet Care Center is a 6,000 SF tenant improvement hospital featuring integrated, state-of-the-art veterinary medical technology. The project reflects the owner's dream to establish a premier veterinary hospital in an existing shopping center to serve the needs of the local community.

The floor plan functions as a general practice within a master plan designed to expand over time into adjoining suites. A large, see-through saltwater aquarium in the client waiting area (surrounded by built-in seating) provides amusement for the cats in the cattery directly behind it.

The treatment area is centrally located for visual monitoring over all related functions. A central island workstation contains twin "utility" towers serving both the wet and dry tables.



Under Construction...

River Road Animal Hospital - Andover, Massachusetts



Located in a suburban town north of Boston, Massachusetts, the owners, a husband and wife team of veterinarians, are finally realizing their dream of running their own practice. Comprised of 6,000 SF on two floors, within a very constricted site, the exterior of the hospital incorporates the vernacular of traditional New England architecture with its unique proportions, gray clapboards and white trim. An important goal was to blend in with the surrounding residential neighborhood in both scale and appearance.

While traditional on the outside, the interior has all of the amenities of a modern veterinary hospital. Under a cathedral ceiling, the waiting area has separate seating for feline and canine patients. Next to the entry is a small retail "boutique". The construction of the River Road Animal Hospital will be completed in early November 2008.

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Chelmsford Animal Hospital - Chelmsford, Massachusetts

DESIGN NOTES



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The treatment area serves as the nucleus of operations for the hospital. As such, we usually encompass all the ancillary support function/rooms along the perimeter of the treatment area. Trip distances add up on a daily basis, so we like to limit these distances with a well-conceived plan that maximizes your ability to function more effectively and efficiently. The workstation configurations most practitioners gravitate towards are usually those that are a combination of both wet and dry tables. These combination workstations are also equipped with anesthetic and dental x-ray units, overhead procedure lights, vacuum outlets, gas scavenger and oxygen outlets, and under-cabinet floor sinks for waste discharge (from the wet tables) to facilitate ease of maintenance.

After working in a very small and cramped veterinary clinic, four partners (3 vets and 1 business manager) who also happen to be two married couples decided they needed to be in a full service veterinary hospital that truly reflects the high standard of medical care that they provide to their clients. In addition they also want to provide boarding and retail plus a resident living unit for one of their staff and all on a very small site. The solution was a 10,460 SF three-story structure with one level below grade that opens onto a sunken courtyard. The veterinary hospital occupies the first floor and the resident unit occupies a small second floor. The Lower Level contains a staff lounge, boarding runs opening on to the courtyard, storage and unfinished space for future expansion.

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