



2008 Veterinary Economics Merit Award Winner - California Veterinary Specialists

CARLSBAD, CA | This hospital was designed to promote the practice's philosophy of integrating the efforts of clinicians to provide the best possible services to their patients.

Using a contemporary craftsman-inspired interior, this 12,500 SF specialty, referral and emergency center reflects the Owner's desire for a professional and compassionate environment emphasizing quality medicine within warm surroundings. This interior renovation features blends of dark rich wood and mottled laminates with warm earth tone walls and composite granite counters tops.

In the center of the hospital is *rfa*'s classic "fishbowl"; a large glass room that contains doctor's workstations looking out onto the central treatment area. This shared space facilitates a wide range of clinical discussions. An extensive use of glass walls and the general layout support the feeling of medical teamwork.



Butterfield Animal Hospital – Temecula, California



Butterfield Animal Hospital is a general practice of approximately 2,600 SF of leased space. Located within the Butterfield Ranch Shopping Center in Temecula, Southwest California, this desert hospital design is the culmination of Dr. Ken Kalthoff's desire to reflect both the old traditions and natural beauty of historic Temecula, together with the new business directions of the Town Square Marketplace.

This was Rich Rauh's second project with Dr. Kalthoff, the first being the Animal Urgent Care Center of South Orange County. The interior colors and finishes reflect Dr. Kalthoff's desire to create a warm, client friendly atmosphere with significant attention to detail. Both the out-patient and in-patient areas of the hospital are strategically designed to maximize efficiency through short trip distances and well thought out functional arrangements.



Hyman Residence - Ladera Ranch at Covenant Hills, California



"rfa doesn't just design for pets; they design for people too!"



This architectural gem was inspired from a Tuscan Hillside Villa. The property's natural setting in the hills of Southern California, resembles that of Tuscany with its rolling terrain, oak trees, sage and rugged valleys. The single story floor plan and design resulted from the client's desire to have this home personify his love for art and his leisure lifestyle. The casual symmetry of the 4,000 SF floor plan revolves around a central cloister patio that also defines the casual living spaces. A sleek, contemporary Italian interior design is juxtaposed against the exterior's rusticated Tuscany motif. The playful contrast of random size stone and smooth plaster walls, modulating building heights, towers with peek window accents and tiled gable roof elements were all inspired by the romance of the Tuscan farmhouse. Rich landscaping is enhanced by individual private garden patios, low planter walls, fountains and terraced entry features.

On The Boards...

Bristol Animal Shelter - Bristol, Rhode Island



Deep within the seaside community of Bristol, Rhode Island lies a picturesque 23 acre parcel of land half donated by the Town of Bristol and half donated by a private citizen, to become the site for the new Bristol Animal Shelter. The project is a joint effort between the Town of Bristol and Friends of Foley, a local animal welfare organization. The goal is to create a truly compassionate haven for lost, abandoned or abused dogs and cats, while they wait to be adopted or reunited. The project also includes a spiritual-like mausoleum for 4-legged family members who have passed away. This area serves as a sanctuary for quiet contemplation.

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DESIGN NOTES

Every quarter in this column, Richard Rauh, AIA, and Warren Freedенfeld, AIA, share their design tips for solving design problems in both established and yet-to-be built animal care facilities.

Floors are the most important material – and the most abused material in a veterinary hospital. It's easier and less expensive to prevent damage to floors than to treat them. Floors are one of the best investments you can make. Protecting your floors can't be an afterthought. You can apply protective coatings to floors after installation, but I don't suggest that route. Once you do that, the floor then owns you. You don't own the floor. Traffic patterns wear through the coating over time, forcing you to continuously recoat. I recommend recessed mats which stop adverse weather and its aftermath of slush, sand, salt, and dirt. Unlike regular floor mats, recessed mats won't become saturated or allow pets, owners and staff to track in debris. The mats are also extremely durable. Compared to repairing, replacing, and cleaning debris-covered floors and regular mats, recessed mats will save you time and money. They also save you from the safety concerns of regular mats like icing over and slippage.