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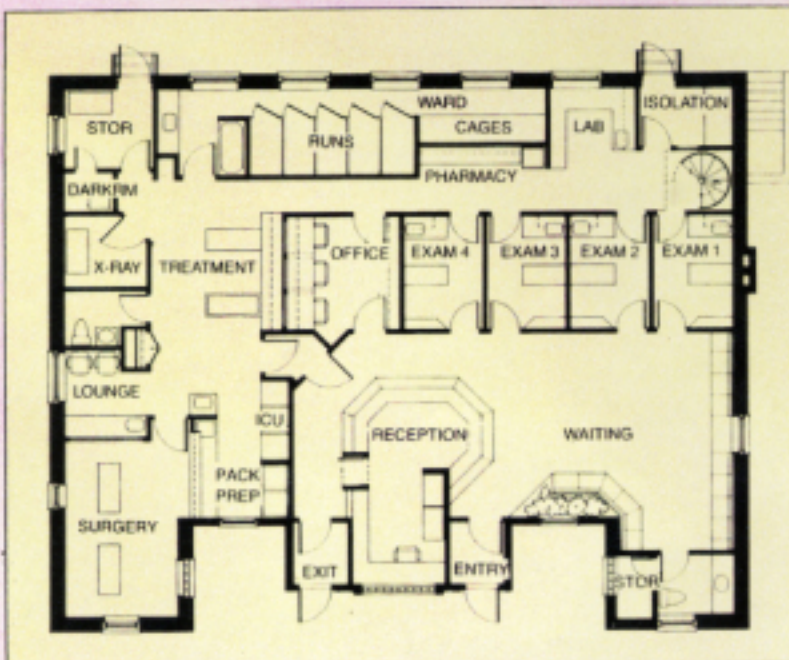
Carlson Animal Hospital, P.C., winner of a Special Award for conversion design, is the third incarnation of the building in Oak Park, Ill. The structure was formerly a church, and before that, a VFW hall.

The judges agreed that the hospital, owned by Dr. Richard Carlson and his wife, Lisanne, exhibited a highly creative use of space in renovation. The Carlsons received a loan from the Oak Park Redevelopment Corp. to refurbish the abandoned church into an operational, tax-paying principal. The remodeling project took seven months to complete.

The judges did question whether enough floor space was devoted to the pharmacy, considering the practice has four full-time practitioners. They also suggested that coved flooring would last longer and require less maintenance than the existing rubber baseboards.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Carlson Animal Hospital, P.C.
 414 Lake St.
 Oak Park, Ill. 60302

Owner:
 Richard Carlson, DVM

Other DVMs: 3

Personnel: 4 full-time, 5 part-time

Practice: 100 percent small animal

Building size: 3,565 square feet

Construction cost: \$180,000

(\$50.49 per square foot)

Site: \$100,000

(includes existing building)

Equipment: \$30,000

Furnishings: \$20,000

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