

## Health and Wellness Care



*for your dogs and cats  
at the  
Veterinary Hospital*

The Veterinary Hospital at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine is a comprehensive specialty referral center for veterinary practitioners and is one of the largest facilities of its kind in the world, with more than 35,000 large and small animal patients each year. The College of Veterinary Medicine is ranked fifth in the nation among veterinary schools according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "Best Graduate Schools" and includes more than 1,000 faculty, staff, and students in the Departments of Veterinary Biosciences, Veterinary Clinical Sciences, and Veterinary Preventive Medicine. In addition, the college operates a nationally-recognized large animal ambulatory practice and teaching unit in Marysville, Ohio and a Food Animal Health Research Program in Wooster at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center. More information can be found at [vet.osu.edu](http://vet.osu.edu).



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- Spay and Neuter Surgery

### Appointments and Office Hours

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Tuesday 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Saturday 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Drop off service Monday through Friday between 7:30 and 9 a.m. Call to schedule drop off and arrange pick up times.

To schedule an appointment, please call (614) 292-3551.

### What to expect

Senior veterinary students are an important part of our Community Practice service team. One of these students will greet you, ask you questions regarding your pet's health and perform a physical examination on your pet under the supervision of a faculty veterinarian. Together they will develop recommendations for your pet. All pets are given a thorough examination by a licensed veterinarian. Once the team has collaborated, they will meet with you to discuss their recommendations. Our wellness appointments last approximately 60 minutes.

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The **Community Practice service** provides health and wellness care for cats and dogs. We will tailor a wellness plan that best fits both your pet's and family's lifestyles.

Our goal is to create a general practice environment and mindset within the veterinary hospital. This translates into managing our patients over the course of their lives. We strive to provide optimal care within our service, and to work with the specialists within our veterinary hospital to manage more complex cases that would benefit from consultation or referral.

The services we offer in Community Practice include wellness care for dogs, cats, and pocket pets (if clinician available). We do not provide care for reptiles, birds or other exotics. We may perform minor procedures as needed, such as oral biopsies performed during dental cleaning. In addition, we offer nutrition, dentistry and behavior wellness services. In order to provide comfort for your pets, we emphasize low-stress handling techniques and offer a cats-only ward for our feline patients.



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During these examinations, we will assess your pet's body condition and make dietary and exercise recommendations to help your pet maintain its ideal body weight. In addition, we will carefully assess the health of your pet's teeth and gums, as dental disease can be a significant problem for senior pets.

### Dental Care

The Community Practice service offers routine dental care for our patients. Our dental service offers routine dental cleaning and dental radiographs, along with simple and complex tooth extractions.



## Healthy Weight Management Program

We offer weight management services for dogs and cats with weight-related health problems. The goal of our healthy weight program is to help clients achieve a healthy weight for their pet.

## Puppy Kindergarten



Our puppy kindergarten serves to socialize new puppies so that they may learn to handle stress and new situations well as an adult. Additionally, the class will provide owner education in all aspects of canine development and behavior problem prevention and resolution. Owners can utilize this early experience to create a confident, comfortable and loving member of their household and community.

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## Indoor Cat Enrichment Program

We created the Indoor Cat Initiative to improve the lives of indoor cats. We believe that indoor enrichment is as important as an excellent diet and health care. We offer information to explain a cat's personality, help get you off to the right start, introduce you to the things indoor cats need, and help you troubleshoot problems. See [vet.osu.edu/indoorcat](http://vet.osu.edu/indoorcat) for more information.



## Nutritional Services



Our mission is to provide the highest quality nutritional care for our companion animal patients. We'll assess the current health of your pet and provide nutritional advice to ensure a happy and healthy pet.

## Kitten and Puppy Care

Kittens and puppies will receive a complete physical exam and have their previous medical history reviewed. Owners will also receive an educational kit with tips on care and behavioral concerns to ensure a happy life for their pet.

