Overnight Monitoring and Nursing Care for Your Patients at the Veterinary Medical Center–Dublin

Dear Colleagues,

In addition to providing full-service, 24-hour, 7-day-a-week care for your patients, the Ohio State Veterinary Medical Center–Dublin now provides another requested and valuable emergency service: shared patient care with after-hours hospitalization, monitoring and nursing care for your stable patients. This service is designed to allow the following:

• **Daily transfer** of cases between your hospital and the VMC–Dublin Emergency Service at a price your clients can afford.

• Primary control of patient management by you as the referring veterinarian while our team of experienced emergency doctors and registered veterinary technicians ensure patients are observed closely and well cared for after hours.

The monitoring and nursing care prices are designed for cases you would like transferred back to your hospital the next day, and are described in the table enclosed with this letter. We will provide specific cost estimates for medications required from our hospital that will be in addition to the nursing care fees (in general $20-30).

To utilize and optimize this service, we ask the following:

• Call our ER doctor on duty to discuss the case.

• Fill out a referral form and send it with the patient or fax it to 614-889-8069.
  
  - Please list the medications the patient is receiving on the reverse side of the referral form, including the dose, frequency, route, time last given and time next due, along with any other instructions.

• Provide any properly-labeled medications required for the night. Please do not send narcotics or fluids with additives.

• For true emergencies or patients that have not been seen at your hospital that day, standard emergency fees will apply ($130 exam fee).

• The monitoring and nursing care prices are designed for cases you would like transferred back to your hospital the next day. Selected examples of such cases include:
  
  - Seizure watches
  - Post-operative patients
  - Feline urinary catheter monitoring
  - Any patient you are not comfortable leaving in your hospital overnight

• For patients being transferred to the emergency service for extended care or those that require a specialist consultation or additional diagnostics, please call 614-889-8070 and speak with our emergency doctor for a cost estimate.

_We hope you will find our new patient care initiative a valuable resource and service._ At the Ohio State Veterinary Medical Center–Dublin, we strive to work in partnership with you to deliver the highest quality care to your patients. We are here to serve and enhance the primary veterinary community and thank you for your trust in us.

Sincerely,

The Doctors and Staff of the VMC–Dublin