Community Practice service to move to Frank Stanton Veterinary Spectrum of Care Clinic

Focus on “students as doctors” within new space on College of Veterinary Medicine campus.

Pending approval by The Ohio State University Board of Trustees later this week, a gift from the Stanton Foundation will create the Frank Stanton Veterinary Spectrum of Care (SOC) Clinic adjacent to the Veterinary Medical Center. The current Community Practice will relocate to the new facility, where students will take the lead providing veterinary care to patients while faculty clinicians and locum practitioners serve as coaches. Establishing this separate facility will further the college’s ambition to Be The Model™ comprehensive college of veterinary medicine by delivering an extraordinary and value-driven education that prepares veterinary students to practice broadly across the spectrum of care in a realistic, full-service general practice.

Within the proposed clinic, students will gain experience practicing broadly across the spectrum of care, providing service to clients from a wide array of socioeconomic backgrounds. They will learn multiple approaches to care, including alternative diagnostic and treatment techniques, a wide range of clinical procedures and post-visit care protocols. The unique environment will create more opportunities for clinicians and students to conduct clinical research that advances the spectrum of care in veterinary medicine. Our Veterinary Medicine Outreach program will use the clinic as a home base, creating access to veterinary care for additional underserved populations and providing expanded care that cannot be provided in clients’ homes or community partner agencies.

“I am thrilled about this unique learning opportunity for Ohio State veterinary students. The real world setting will prepare our graduates unlike any other to practice spectrum of care and be day-one ready for general practice.”
Kim West, DVM, Health & Harmony Animal Hospital

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The Frank Stanton Veterinary SOC Clinic will be separate from, but adjacent to, our tertiary care Hummel & Trueman Hospital for Companion Animals, encouraging more independent thinking on the part of our students and allowing us to optimize our mission of teaching primary care veterinary medicine. Students will work with our specialists on a referral basis, just as they will in a general practice environment. The new clinic will provide an excellent opportunity for us to engage our referring practitioner partners in clinical teaching, which we anticipate will provide an exceptional training opportunity for our students, and will help prepare even more highly sought after, skilled and practice-ready graduates for alumni and other employers.

This change to our education model was driven by feedback from faculty, practitioners and students. Students will gain valuable, hands-on medical and surgical experience needed to become competent and confident veterinary practitioners upon graduation, which many of you have emphasized as a need for our college, successful entrepreneurs, and even more highly sought after employees.

At the same Board of Trustees meeting, Roger B. Fingland, DVM, MS, MBA, DACVS, Professor, Executive Associate Dean, and Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer of the Veterinary Health System, will be named the Frank Stanton Chair in General Practice and Canine Health and Wellness. Dr. Fingland has been instrumental in developing the veterinary spectrum of care clinic concept and will continue to oversee its construction and operation.

Construction is slated to begin in early 2020, with projected completion by summer 2021. We look forward to sharing more information as details are finalized. The Frank Stanton Veterinary Spectrum of Care Clinic is funded by a gift from the Stanton Foundation, whose continued support provides students with hands-on learning opportunities to develop and refine essential spectrum of care clinical and professional skills to broaden the confidence and competence of veterinary graduates.

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