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Cornell University Opens Veterinary Hospital in Stamford

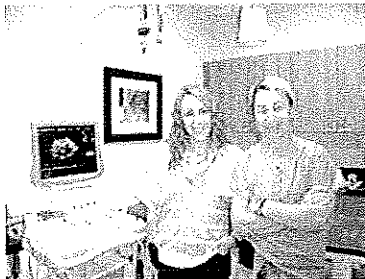
Animal lovers now have 24-hour access to emergency and critical care for their pets.

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Fido no longer needs to limp it out until the vet opens. In an emergency, pets can now be rushed to the hospital. [Cornell University Veterinary Specialists](#) recently opened on Canal Street in Stamford and is the largest university affiliated emergency and critical care veterinary center in the country.

For emergencies, the hospital treats everything, according to client services manager Christiana Campos. If an animal is hit by a car, suffers injuries from a fight with another animal or swallows something that needs to be removed, the hospital is there to help 24 hours a day.

The center also helps manage diseases and critically ill pets. On-site veterinarians specialize in heart disease, orthopedic and soft tissue conditions, cancer and internal medicine.

"We are only for specialty and emergency care," Susan G. Hackner, BVSc, MRCVS, DACVIM, chief medical officer, told Patch. "We don't do any general practice."

Dr. Hackner explained that there are two ways pets end up at the hospital: they're either referred by a veterinarian because a specialist is needed, or it is after hours and the pet needs emergency care.

"We have all the things that university hospitals have," cardiology specialist Mandi Kleman, DVM, DACVIM said. "We focus on providing state-of-the-art, advanced medicine."

Treatment "is very similar to human medicine," she added. Stents, balloon valvuloplasty and pacemaker implantation are some of the heart disease treatments offered.

"In the last decade, a lot has changed — from diuretics and pills to being able to intervene," Dr. Hackner said. "We can fix conditions that were not fixable."

The diagnostic tools are what you'd find in a human hospital with a spiral computed tomography (CT) on site for full body scans. Other imaging tools available at the hospital include electrocardiography, ultrasonography, digital radiography, angiography and fluoroscopy. The advanced imaging also is used with minimally invasive surgery, allowing pets to heal faster.

While it is a university hospital, all the specialists and nurses are experienced medical professionals.

"We don't have any trainees," Dr. Hackner said. "No students. No interns."

Their focus is on how they treat every individual animal, not the volume of animals they treat.

"We are here to raise the quality of medicine and combine the best of academia with the best of private practice," Dr. Hackner said.

In terms of cost of care, Campos said that it's comparable to other specialty care offered elsewhere.

"We do the best we can do medically to keep cost down," she said.

Campos added that the hospital is knowledgeable in helping clients manage financial needs for pet care.

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