



Veterinary Teaching Hospital

Educating tomorrow's veterinary leaders by providing world-class care

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH), located on Virginia Tech's campus in Blacksburg, Virginia, provides the finest animal health care available while building the future of the veterinary profession through hands-on training of residents, interns, and DVM students. The hospital's proximity to the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine allows students to develop clinical skills and to offer additional care and attention to animal patients. VTH client Danielle Johnson said that "it was great to see the knowledge of the graduating students. They are clearly ready to take the next step in life and are well equipped to stand out in their field."

From routine care for small and large animals to challenging ailments that require specialized care and treatment, the teaching hospital serves a range of clients across the country. To accommodate its growing clientele, the veterinary college has plans to launch a much-needed expansion of the VTH to create modern, world-class teaching and clinical research spaces. By increasing the hospital's size and upgrading existing facilities, the college can advance veterinary medicine through translational medicine and discovery; gain an edge in recruiting and retaining elite faculty; and expand preventive, emergency, and specialty care services.

"As a university, we're always striving to be the leader in the community. We want everyone to know that they're getting the best of the best at the veterinary college."

- Virginia Corrigan, assistant professor of community practice in the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences

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Total care for clients and patients

Offering a wide range of essential services, the Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH) is dedicated to providing a total care experience for our clients and animal patients near and far.

Preventive Health Care

For the local community, the VTH provides full-service preventative health care through the Small Animal Community Practice (CPRAC), Equine Field Services, and Production Management Medicine. To complement its care services, CPRAC now offers telemedicine as an alternative to in-person visits. Clients can meet with a clinician from the comfort of their own home to receive answers to questions about their pet's health or help monitoring any ongoing medical issues.

Specialty Services

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital's world-class specialty services offer frontline veterinary medical care not only to patients at CPRAC, but also to the larger community by way of referral services for the region's practitioners.

Beyond traditional medical services, the VTH also provides a veterinary social work program. Recognizing that animals are beloved family members, the VTH implemented a service to help clients navigate through every step of their pet's care, which may include talking through treatment options, facilitating communication with clinicians, or offering support for decision-making.

“We are clients for life and will bring every pet we ever own here. The expert care we received saved our pet's life, and the compassion we felt for us and our dog gave us great comfort.”

- Katherine Thacker, VTH client

About VA-MD College of Veterinary Medicine

The Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine is a leading biomedical teaching and research center and the in-state veterinary college for residents of Virginia and Maryland. The college is focused on the development and delivery of a One Health education, integrating multidisciplinary research and educational opportunities that provide health care solutions for animals, people, and communities. Locations include the main campus in Blacksburg, Virginia; the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, Virginia; the Gudelsky Veterinary Center in College Park, Maryland; and the Animal Cancer Care and Research Center in Roanoke, Virginia. The college offers a four-year, full-time, professional Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program, a graduate degree program in Biomedical and Veterinary Sciences, a master of public health, and a bachelor of science in public health.



Physical rehabilitation in the 'spectrum of care'

A key tool in a variety of cases, physical rehabilitation can be used as routine intervention before, after, or in lieu of surgery once a diagnosis has been made. At the VTH, the physical rehabilitation team takes a translational approach to discovering and leveraging the most effective rehabilitation techniques for patients referred for treatment.

This approach is highlighted by Saint's case. A former service dog with limb weakness and mobility issues, Saint was referred to the VTH's physical rehabilitation service by his primary care veterinarian Thomas Blaszak, a Virginia Tech alumnus. Although Saint's owner, Krista Sinnott, was unfamiliar with physical therapy for dogs, she was very receptive. Following his initial evaluation, Saint has undergone a variety of treatments, shifting from twice weekly to bimonthly as his progress has improved. "It has made a huge difference," Sinnott said. "He plays a lot now. He's taking longer walks, and he's much more stable. We have stairs in our house, and he is much more confident going up and down and has far fewer spills. His quality of life is much better."

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