Rendering of the VTH expansion derived from a feasibility study by an architectural firm specializing in veterinary teaching hospitals.

Veterinary Teaching Hospital Expansion and Renovation

An opportunity to elevate a world-class veterinary program

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. Since the current small animal hospital was completed in 1987, it has seen incredible growth in cases due to the increased demands for veterinary services across the world. To address this need, the veterinary college has plans to launch an expansion of the VTH to create modern, world-class teaching and clinical research spaces that will advance knowledge through patient care.

With a scheduled ground-breaking in 2024 and doors opening in 2026, the VTH expansion and renovation will add 37,000 square feet, provide necessary upgrades to our current facilities, and incorporate unfinished space to allow for continued growth. We are seeking philanthropic partners to ensure this project can occur in a timely fashion without increasing the financial burden on future students. Your investment can ensure an overall increased level of care for the community by increasing the number of patients we can help, lessening the wait time for hospital services, and improving the hospital environment.

"This expansion will increase the number of patients and clients that receive timely, compassionate, and cutting-edge clinical care while notably improving the experience of faculty, staff, and students through an improved hospital environment."

-M. Daniel Givens, Dean

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A fully functioning teaching hospital

The VTH is not only a state-of-the-art clinical facility, but also a premier teaching hospital producing compassionate and skilled veterinarians each year. The teaching model in academic hospitals in both human and veterinary medicine involves small groups of students immersed in a specialty for weeks at a time. This model for experiential learning creates needs for physical space in addition to a patient treatment area with appropriate equipment for each specialty. Space needs include touchdown locations for veterinary technicians, private call stations where specialists can speak with referring veterinarians, and a student "rounds" room to support group collaboration, teaching, medical records entries, and communication with clients.

Due to the VTH's exponential growth over the last 40+ years, current facilities and staffing creates challenges to the care provided to small animals and the experiential education of veterinary students. The completion of this planned expansion and renovation will ensure that clients continue to entrust their animals to the VTH and allow Virginia Tech to continue to be at the forefront of veterinary care.

College and hospital growth in numbers

9   **Additional specialty services have been added since the college's inception**

97 %   **Increase in our student class size since the college's inception**

13,000   **Dogs and cats receive clinical care each year**
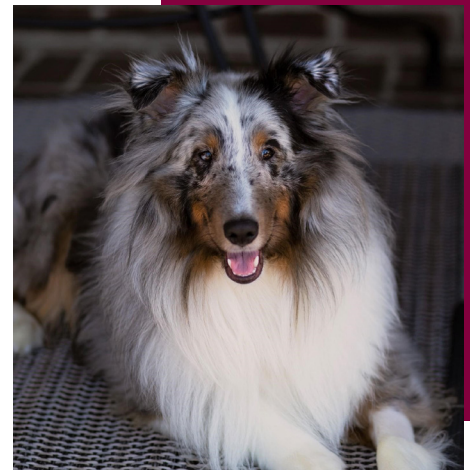
1,900   **Dogs and cats receive overnight care each year**

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.

A puppy's conquest of a pancreatic abscess

As long-time clients of the VTH, Chris and John Meade knew when Griffin, their 11-month old sheltie, was still vomiting with a high fever after several visits to their local veterinarians that they needed to make the two- and a-half hour drive to Blacksburg.

Through a series of diagnostic scans and an exploratory laparotomy, a risky but necessary surgery, they determined Griffin had a pancreatic abscess - a condition that in 30+ years surgeon Otto Lanz had never seen in a dog so young.

Although the surgery was successful, Griffin was not out of the woods yet. During his recovery, his fever spiked to a dangerous level several times due to ulcers and infections causing a few late-night drives to Blacksburg for the experienced eye of ER doctor Bobbi Conner. Thankfully, after his third visit, Griffin finally showed signs of improvement and is now on his way to a happy, healthy, and full life.

"Dr. Bobbi Conner and her ER/ICU team of vets and students as well as Dr. Otto Lanz SAVED his life! My husband and I will be forever grateful for VT"

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