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Cornell University Veterinary Specialists opens in Connecticut



Cornell University Veterinary Specialists (CUVS) will welcome its first patients on Friday, January 14, 2011. The satellite referral and 24-hour emergency care hospital located at 880 Canal Street in Stamford, Conn., leverages the resources of the nation's leading veterinary college, Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine, with those that the best of specialty private practice can offer for the benefit of pets, owners, and the veterinary profession.

At CUVS, board-certified specialists will offer high-end treatments and procedures as well as a variety of continuing education opportunities for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and pet owners. In addition to 24/7 emergency and critical care and minimally invasive procedures, CUVS will specialize in orthopedic and soft-tissue surgery, internal medicine, cardiology, oncology and advanced imaging. Additional services will be added over time, in consultation with referring veterinarians. CUVS will not engage in general practice. While students may complete externships at CUVS, they will not provide any patient care.

"As the largest university-affiliated veterinary specialty and emergency hospital in the nation, we are committed to providing the most sophisticated and compassionate patient care," said Dr. Susan Hackner, chief medical officer. "We will contribute to the advancement of companion animal medicine as well as being a good neighbor – to our community and to the profession. Our aim is to combine the most advanced medical practice within a service-oriented, efficient, and sustainable practice model."

The decision to open a referral/emergency clinic in the New York metro area was an outcome of the College's strategic planning process that involved many outside stakeholders, members of the College community, and veterinarians. CUVS is housed in a 20,000 square-foot building, as part of the \$3 billion LEED-certified Harbor Point mixed-use urban redevelopment project, which also includes a new Fairway supermarket, 4,000 new luxury apartments, numerous office buildings, and the worldwide corporate headquarters for Starwood Hotels and Resorts.

CUVS will expand the number of veterinary options available in the region; compete fairly based on the quality of medicine and client services offered; and meet a number of significant needs for the College and the profession. It will expand Cornell's role in specialty medicine by creating an integrated veterinary medical center that supports clinical research and expands the educational experience for veterinary residents and students seeking their doctor of veterinary medicine degree. The facility includes a tiered auditorium and overnight rooms for rotating students and residents. It also

allows Cornell to effectively deliver continuing education programming to veterinarians in the New York metropolitan area.

“This is an exciting and innovative initiative for Cornell and one that will combine the best elements of private practice and advanced, discovery-based medicine,” said Michael Kotlikoff, Austin O. Hooey Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. “We have multiple goals for CUVS, all of which will benefit our clients and patients, and strengthen the College and the veterinary profession.”

For more information about CUVS and the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell, visit www.cuvs.org