

REFERRAL INSTRUCTIONS

Working as a team with practicing veterinarians throughout the state, faculty and staff at the Lois Bates Acheson Veterinary Teaching Hospital have two complementary missions. As a referral center, we serve the public by providing expert medical and surgical care for companion animals and livestock. In addition, we are responsible for educating the next generation of veterinarians and veterinary specialists. Because of these dual missions, an appointment with the Veterinary Teaching Hospital takes longer than a typical veterinary visit.

LARGE ANIMAL CLINIC

Appointment

Date _____

Time _____

What to Expect

The entrance to both the Large and Small Animal Clinics is located at the north end of Magruder. Large animal clients continue on through the gate to the west side of Magruder Hall. Register your animal at the reception desk prior to unloading.

After admission paperwork is completed, you can elect to unload your animal under the direction of a technician or a member of the patient care team. Other team members include a board-certified faculty member who will directly oversee patient care, a resident in training for board certification, and a certified veterinary technician. A fourth-year veterinary student will conduct a complete medical history and physical examination. After the examination is complete, the veterinary student will discuss findings with the attending veterinarian. Options for diagnostic evaluation and treatment will be discussed with the client. As a referral center, we are often presented with animals having complex disorders resulting in critical illness. Occasionally, diagnosis and subsequent treatment plans cannot be developed until diagnostic information is obtained. Patients are usually hospitalized and medically supported until diagnostic information is available.

SMALL ANIMAL CLINIC

Appointment

Date _____

Time _____

What to Expect

The entrance to the Small Animal Clinic is located at the north end of Magruder. Small animal clients will find parking here.

Your visit to Small Animal Clinic usually begins with a complete medical history and physical examination performed by a senior veterinary student. After the examination is complete, the veterinary student will discuss findings with the attending veterinarian. The student and veterinarian then reconvene with you to perform a final physical examination and provide recommendations.

The complex disorders and critically ill patients referred to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital often require advanced or repeated diagnostic tests to ascertain the underlying problem and provide the best opportunity for successful treatment of your pet's disease. Therefore, in general, appointments begin in the morning, diagnostic tests are performed in the late morning and early afternoon, and the results are discussed and patients are discharged in the afternoon.

Because faculty members also have teaching, research and administrative duties, referrals are assigned to faculty members currently scheduled for hospital duty. We strive for close communication between faculty members and complete, accurate medical records to provide continuity of care.

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital does not receive state funds to subsidize the care of its patients so fees at the hospital are similar to those at private referral practices. The cost of diagnostic testing, hospitalization, and treatment varies depending on the complexity of the case and the treatment required. A cost estimate is routinely provided to the owner during the initial office visit. A deposit equal to 50 percent of estimated expenses is required at the time of hospitalization, and the balance is due upon the patient's discharge.

DIRECTIONS

From I-5, take Exit 228 (Oregon Hwy. 34/Corvallis-Lebanon Hwy. exit). Turn west toward Corvallis. Go 9.5 miles and turn left at the Hwy. 34 bypass, toward Philomath/Ocean Beaches. Turn right onto SW 15th Street, then turn left onto SW Western Blvd. Turn right at SW 30th Street.

Or, eastbound on Hwy. 20/34 (Philomath Blvd.), turn left on 35th St., right on Western Blvd., left on 30th St.

The entrance to both large and small animal services is located at the north end of Magruder Hall. **Small animal clients** will find parking here, while **large animal clients** will continue on through the gate (sound your horn) to the west side of Magruder Hall.

Magruder Hall is located on **SW 30th St.**, between Western Boulevard and Washington Way — Magruder Hall is west of Reser Stadium.

To Google, Map Quest or use a GPS unit, use “SW 30th Street and SW Western Blvd., Corvallis, Oregon.”

