

**CHICAGO VETERINARY EMERGENCY & SPECIALTY CENTER'S
EMERGENCY DIVISION RECEIVES ELITE CERTIFICATION**

AAHA accreditation designates the highest level of veterinary excellence.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 15, 2014... The Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center's emergency division recently received accreditation from the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA).

"AAHA accreditation represents the highest standard of veterinary care," said Dr. Rae Ann Van Pelt, President of the Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center. "It confirms for clients that our emergency facility offers the best possible care to pets when they are most in need and outstanding service to the people who love them."

As an AAHA accredited facility, Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center has met a rigorous set of more than 900 quality standards. AAHA representatives evaluated all areas of Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center's emergency practice including staff training, customer service, patient care, pain management and advanced diagnostic services.

The Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center is pleased to join this elite group as it continues to provide year-round, 24/7 emergency care for Chicago-area pet owners.

AAHA is America's only accrediting body for veterinary hospitals and clinics. Only approximately 12% of veterinary hospitals and clinics in the United States have received AAHA accreditation, and they must undergo regular examinations to remain accredited. The process is so rigorous that some states now accept AAHA accreditation as a legal alternative to state inspection.

About Chicago Veterinary Emergency and Specialty Center

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Chicago's oldest and largest pet emergency facility, the Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center provides advanced emergency, critical and specialty care for cats and dogs. Each year, the center treats more than 11,000 cats and dogs in its emergency room and thousands more are cared for by veterinary specialists.

Staffed by highly trained specialists and equipped with the latest technology, Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center is always open – 24-hours, every day of the year. In addition to emergency veterinarians and staff, the facility offers board-certified veterinarians who specialize in cardiology, dentistry, dermatology, diagnostic imaging, internal medicine, neurology, oncology, ophthalmology and surgery. This state-of-the-art facility includes ultrasound and MRI equipment, specialized surgical suites, a blood bank, specialized oxygen cages, heart monitors and more. A cancer and rehabilitation center is located across the street. Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center has been providing emergency care for cats and dogs since 1978.

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