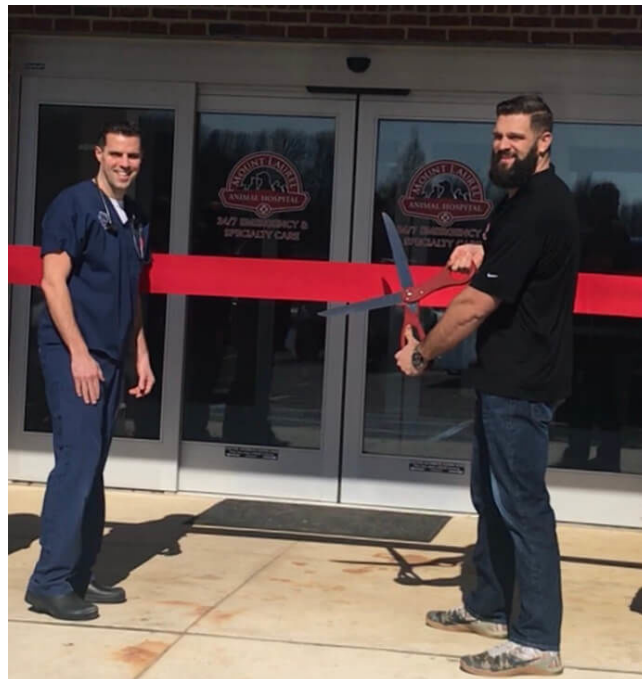


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## Mount Laurel Animal Hospital completes expansion

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Co-owners Robert Mankowski, VMD (left), and Christopher Torre, VMD, cut the ribbon on the Mount Laurel Animal Hospital expansion.

Mount Laurel Animal Hospital

MOUNT LAUREL >> Mount Laurel Animal Hospital, located at 220 Mount Laurel Road, has served the community for more than 40 years, and recently completed an 18,000 square-foot expansion project.

The now-25,000 square-foot facility enhances its existing 24/7 emergency service and adds multiple specialty departments making it a premier resource for referral veterinary care in South Jersey.

Included in the expansion are 14 new examination rooms (for a total of 23); four state-of-the-art surgical suites (for a total of 6); a dedicated intensive care unit for pets requiring critical patient care; CT and MRI technology available on site; an expanded lobby featuring a "green wall" of 323 plants situated above a 385-gallon freshwater aquarium as well as a renovated turtle pond and the hospital's iconic indoor rain forest tree; additional parking and an elevator, allowing clients and staff easy access to the hospital's second floor.

"As a longtime resident, I find Mount Laurel to be a wonderful place to live and work. I'm honored to play the important role of caring for pets within my community. At Mount Laurel Animal Hospital, we treat our customers and their pets as we would our own families. This expansion allows us to help even more animals and play an even bigger role in South Jersey," says Robert Mankowski, VMD, veterinarian and co-owner of Mount Laurel Animal Hospital.

"We are fortunate to have a fantastic team of specialists and primary care veterinarians on our team who all work together collaboratively to provide comprehensive care," adds Christopher Torre, VMD, co-owner of the animal hospital. "The addition of new services and technologies allows us to provide our clients with cutting edge treatment for their pets, both cats and dogs as well as exotics, fish and birds."

New services and other improvements include:

- Neurology, led by board-certified neurologist Philip Cohen, VMD, DACVIM, allowing for removal of spine and brain tumors, corrective surgery for malformations and spine fracture repair, as well as treatment for other neurological conditions;

- Dermatology, led by board-certified dermatologist Fiona Lee, VMD, MBA, which caters to cats and dogs as well as exotic pets, and can treat all diseases and conditions of the skin, coat, ears and nails, including those caused by allergies, infections or congenital disorders;

- Rehabilitation and Pain Management featuring up-to-the-minute rehab technologies, manual therapy and exercise programs for dogs covering a range of issues, from chronic joint pain to tendon, ligament and muscle injuries to medically supervised weight loss. The addition of an underwater treadmill allows for minimal impact on animals' joints and bones. Other treatments include electrical stimulation and low-level laser therapy (cold laser) to decrease inflammation and alleviate pain;

- our Ophthalmology department is now able to offer cataract and other eye surgeries;

- an event auditorium for community events including kitten yoga, adoption days, public seminars and continuing education events for staff members and referring veterinarians. The auditorium also will be available for use by the community. It opens onto an expansive new outdoor deck that overlooks the serene Memorial Pond as well as the grounds of the hospital's 16-acre working farm, home to nearly 60 animals including Texas Longhorn and Watusi cattle, pot-belly pigs, pygmy goats, emus, alpacas, miniature cows, sheep, ducks and chickens. The public is invited to visit the farm daily.

Mount Laurel Animal Hospital, with a staff of 35-plus doctors and more than 140 support personnel, offers 24-hour general, emergency and specialty care of dogs, cats, birds, fish and exotics, including behavioral medicine, orthopedic surgery, internal medicine, cardiology,

oncology and ophthalmology.

The hospital sponsors and participates in numerous community and educational events each year, and also oversees a charitable arm, THE EMPATH PROJECT, which helps offset the financial burden of emergency care on pet owners. THE EMPATH PROJECT is based on the belief that the place of loving, cherished animals in families should never be threatened by concerns over the cost of unforeseen veterinary care. Through the project, eligible pet owners can gain access to a charitable gift that will help them cope with the unexpected financial burden associated with their pets' care at the hospital.