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MICHIGAN VETERINARY SPECIALISTS ACQUIRES ANN ARBOR HOSPITAL

National leader in veterinary medicine gains fourth location in the state

December 2, 2011 (Southfield, Mich.) – In its 20th year serving pets and their owners, Michigan Veterinary Specialists – a BluePearl Veterinary Partners hospital – acquired a fourth location in Ann Arbor on November 17, 2011. Michigan Veterinary Specialists (MVS) now has four emergency and specialty medicine hospitals with locations also in Auburn Hills, Grand Rapids and Southfield.

The newest hospital, formerly the Animal Emergency Clinic of Washtenaw County, located at 4126 Packard St., has been providing 24-hour emergency and critical care for pets for more than a quarter century. Under new management, the hospital will undergo several changes including a name change to BluePearl Veterinary Partners and the addition of several specialty services.

“In addition to 24/7 emergency and critical care, we’ll start expanding the site’s specialties by adding ophthalmology, internal medicine and surgery within the next few weeks,” says Michigan Veterinary Specialists’ Chief Medical Officer Dr. Dan Lorimer. “For years we’ve been providing visiting ophthalmology services in Ann Arbor and are excited to now become a larger part of Ann Arbor’s vibrant community.”

Similar to human medicine, BluePearl hospitals provide state-of-the-art specialty services by referral from family veterinarians. Since its inception, more than 400,000 patients have been seen and treated by the MVS team of specialists, residents, emergency doctors and staff. The practice currently averages 2,200 patients per month with clients coming from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Canada.

MVS merged with BluePearl Veterinary Partners in 2010 to become part of an organization of 21 specialty and emergency veterinary hospitals in 10 states. Leadership of BluePearl Veterinary Partners hospitals remains local with the original partners of MVS running the day-to-day business operations and overseeing the services provided to pets and their owners in Michigan.

About MVS

Founded in 1990, Michigan Veterinary Specialists is the specialty and emergency medical center of choice for tens of thousands of pet owners and their primary care veterinarians. Similar to human medicine, they work in partnership with a pet’s primary care veterinarian—through a referral system—to manage the pet’s health. A primary care veterinarian may recommend a specialist if the pet is presenting symptoms or conditions that require specialized diagnostic evaluation or treatment in areas such as ophthalmology, cardiology, neurology, dermatology, radiology, internal medicine, surgery, oncology and emergency/critical care. Michigan Veterinary Specialists has four hospitals in Michigan—Ann Arbor, Southfield, Auburn Hills and Grand Rapids.

About BluePearl

Formed in 2008, BluePearl Veterinary Partners employs more than 1,000, including approximately 250 veterinarians. BluePearl hospitals are referral-only and don’t provide primary care. Most of its 21 hospitals offer 24-hour emergency care services, 365 days a year, either directly or in conjunction with local, non-affiliated emergency groups. As a part of its mission, BluePearl is one of the world’s principal providers of approved veterinary residency and internship educational programs. BluePearl also participates in and conducts clinical trials to study the effectiveness of new drugs and treatments, which give clients access to cutting-edge medicine not yet commercially available and improves the quality of care delivered to our patients. For more information, please visit www.BluePearlVet.com.