The University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, founded in 1946, is dedicated to training future veterinarians, to conducting research related to animal and human diseases, and to providing veterinary services for animals and their owners. Research efforts are aimed at enhancing the quality of life for animals and people, improving the productivity of poultry and livestock, and preserving a healthy interface between wildlife and people in the environment they share. The college enrolls 102 students each fall out of more than 560 who apply. For more information please visit www.vet.uga.edu

We are a full service veterinary clinic!

Our services include:

- Annual checkups
- Preventative health care
- Treatment for routine injuries and illnesses
- Behavior disorder diagnosis and treatment
- Spays and neuters
- Dermatology
- Vaccinations
- Dentistry

Our veterinarians work in cooperation with all clinicians associated with the UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital for consults and on-site expertise. If we can not treat your pet, we can refer your pet to our teaching hospital for further evaluation, diagnosis and care.

To make an appointment with the Community Practice Clinic, please call 706/542-1984. We are open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The entrance is located off of East Campus Road; parking is available in front of the clinic.

24-hour emergency and critical care is available through the UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital: 706/542-3221.

For directions and more information, please visit our website at www.vet.uga.edu/cpc

We look forward to seeing you and your pet!

The University of Georgia is committed to principles of equal opportunity and affirmative action.

Certified by the American Animal Hospital Association

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The UGA Community Practice Clinic serves patients whose owners who live in the greater Athens area. The primary care clinic, separate from our referral hospital, is operated by two faculty veterinarians who are assisted by six to ten UGA veterinary students and an intern.

The clinic provides our fourth-year DVM students with a unique opportunity to experience the operation of a private veterinary practice under the guidance of two full-time faculty veterinarians, while also providing the surrounding community with quality care for companion animals.

In addition to offering routine care, the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine’s Behavior and Dermatology services are also located in the Community Practice Clinic. Neither service requires a referral from your primary veterinarian.

We offer a wide variety of Wellness Services

As with people, today’s pets live much longer than their ancestors did. You can help maintain your pet’s health and quality of life by providing routine wellness care for your pet, including screenings for potential diseases. Early diagnosis and treatment allows for better, and more refined treatment for the many conditions that are often age related.

A companion animal’s status as “geriatric” is determined by the type of animal and its size. Cats 10 or older are considered geriatric; it is not uncommon for cats to live into their late teens. In dogs, the geriatric age is often size-related, as larger dogs age faster than smaller dogs. A geriatric dog is defined as one that is in the last 25-percent of its projected life span. Ask one of our veterinarians about the geriatric age of your pet.

Wellness screenings for geriatric pets:

Our wellness packages are designed to assess your geriatric pet’s overall health and organ function by offering a combination of easy to obtain tests that can often uncover pre-existing conditions to allow early treatment of various problems. The results also provide a baseline of information to compare to future test results, including tests for follow-up care or future wellness screenings. The screening is done as an outpatient procedure at our clinic.

Individual wellness tests include:

- **CBC**: looks for numbers and types of red/white blood cells and any irregularities
- **BLOOD CHEMISTRY**: helps determine body system function
- **URINALYSIS**: determines kidney function and urine abnormalities
- **T4**: looks for hyperthyroid disease in cats
- **URINE PROTEIN/CREATININE RATIO**: determines ‘hidden’ or early kidney disease
- **FECAL EXAMINATION**: looks for intestinal parasites
- **HEARTWORM TEST (K9)**: determines a dog’s heartworm status
- **FeLV/FIV TEST (FELINE)**: screens for two viruses that can lead to severe disease or death in cats
- **URINE CULTURE**: screens for infection or bacteria in urine
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