

This brochure will help familiarize you with the policies of our office and provide answers to frequently asked questions.

SERVICES:

The ANIMAL EYE CLINIC is a specialty referral practice limited to veterinary ophthalmology. Patients are examined at I-20 Animal Medical Center, Arlington, Texas. The clinic is equipped to provide a full range of veterinary ophthalmic diagnostics, therapeutics, and surgical services including plastic and reconstruction surgery, parotid duct transposition, corneal repair, glaucoma procedures, intraocular prosthesis, electroretinography, and phacoemulsification for cataract extraction.

BREED CERTIFICATION:

Examination of purebred dogs and cats for inherited ocular disease includes slit lamp biomicroscopy, direct and indirect ophthalmoscopy, and special techniques as required.

LARGE ANIMAL EXAMINATION:

The ANIMAL EYE CLINIC extends diagnostic and surgical services to include equine and food animals. It is preferable to examine the large animal with your regular veterinarian present for consultation.

SPECIALTY PRACTICE POLICY:

The ANIMAL EYE CLINIC does not offer any ancillary health care services and will examine, diagnose and treat only diseases of the eye and visual apparatus. A specialty practice is designed to be an extension of the services offered by your veterinarian.

APPOINTMENTS:

The hospital is open 24 hours. Patients are seen by appointment only; however, emergency patients will be examined as soon as possible. Office hours are 9:00 - 5:00, Monday through Friday. Appointments are also available some evenings.

Bring all your pet's medications, especially eye medications to the initial examination. If you find it necessary to cancel your appointment, please let us know as soon as possible

FEES:

Fees are payable when service is rendered. Payment may be made with cash, check, VISA, Mastercard, Discover or American Express. A written estimate of fees will be provided for all patients requiring hospitalization, extensive treatment, or surgery.

REFERRING VETERINARIAN:

A complete written report is mailed to your veterinarian after your pet's examination. Please be sure that his or her name and address are given so that the report is received by your doctor. Remember, your doctor will administer your pet's primary health care for many years to come. Referring a difficult ophthalmic case demonstrates your veterinarian's concern for you and your pet. Please keep him/her informed of your pet's progress.

(Maps of clinic location on back)

THE DOCTORS' BACKGROUND:

Dr. Paulsen received his DVM degree from Texas A & M University in 1977. That same year Dr. Paulsen was awarded the Thomas S. Gathwright Award for Academic Excellence. After graduation Dr. Paulsen was commissioned in the U.S. Army and served seven years on active duty in the Army Veterinary Corps. From 1984 to 1987, he attended graduate school and completed an ophthalmology residency at the Colorado State University - Veterinary Teaching Hospital. In 1987 Dr. Paulsen received a Master of Science degree in Clinical Sciences and became a Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. Dr. Paulsen established the Animal Eye Clinic in Fort Worth in 1987 and in 1989 accepted a position in the Eye Clinic for Animals in Garden Grove, California. After one year in California, he reopened his practice in the DFW Metroplex.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) was established in 1970 and is the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) - sanctioned specialty board which sets the standards for advanced training and board certification in veterinary ophthalmology. Approximately 1/3 of the 175 Diplomates (or members) of ACVO are engaged in private practice and accept cases on a referral basis from general veterinary practitioners. The remaining 2/3's are employed by academic institutions, such as the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University, where they teach veterinary students, perform research, and conduct clinical specialty practices in sophisticated veterinary teaching hospitals.

GOALS OF ACVO

The goal of ACVO is to promote the highest level of professional competency in veterinary ophthalmology. To meet this goal, the ACVO establishes certification standards and procedures as well as administers examinations to qualified veterinarians aspiring to become Diplomates (or members) of the ACVO.

HOW DOES A VETERINARIAN BECOME A BOARD CERTIFIED VETERINARY OPHTHALMOLOGIST?

A veterinarian must possess a DVM or VMD degree from a veterinary school accredited by the AVMA. Following this, a candidate must complete a one-year internship (or practice equivalent) followed by an approved residency training program (2-3 years duration) under the close supervision of a Board Certified veterinary ophthalmologist. Once the residency program has been completed, a candidate must submit credentials documenting training, clinical competency, and scientific contributions to veterinary ophthalmology. After these credentials are approved and accepted by the ACVO, the candidate must pass oral, written, and practical examinations.

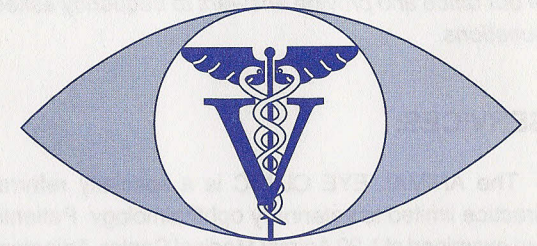
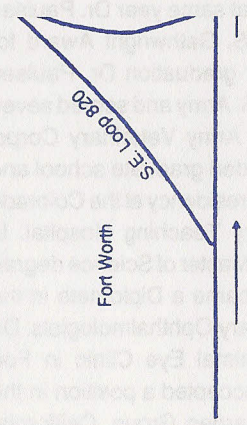
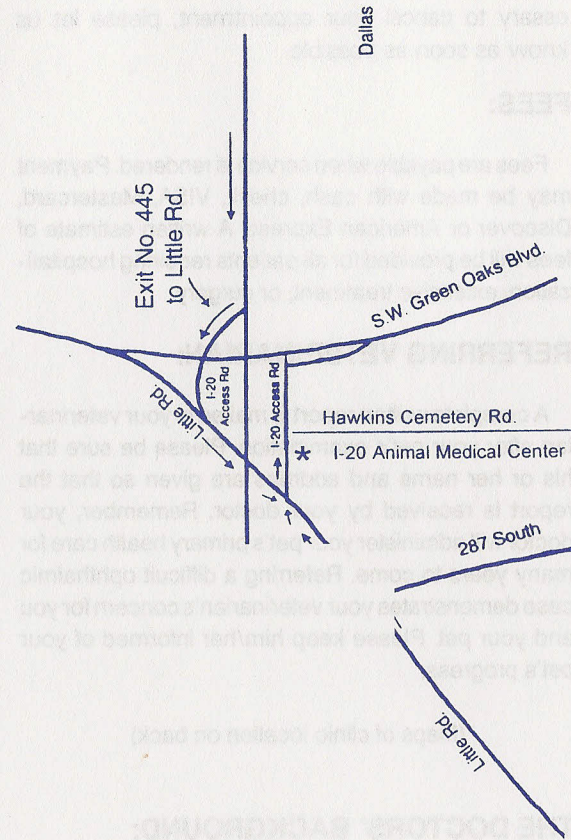
A veterinarian who has successfully completed the training, credentials, and examination requirements of the ACVO is a Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists and has earned the right to be called a Board Certified specialist in veterinary ophthalmology.

WHY SHOULD MY ANIMAL SEE AN ACVO CERTIFIED SPECIALIST?

New knowledge as well as high-technology diagnostic and surgical techniques have developed so rapidly in veterinary medicine that is now impossible for any one individual to remain current, equipped, and competent in all disciplines of veterinary medicine. Possessing the equipment, training, and experience to manage complex eye problems, the ACVO specialist can provide your animal with the best possible eye care.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

1. Please bring previous medication: tional referral information or lab available.
2. No food in the A.M. if surgery is an
3. Referring Veterinarian _____
4. Appointment time _____
5. History _____



ANIMAL EYE CLINIC

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"...that light shall prevail over darkness..."