

HOPE



VETERINARY CLINIC

INFORMATION AND SERVICES

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OUR MISSION

The Mission of Hope Veterinary Services P.C. is to provide comprehensive, client centered treatment, to enhance the health and well-being of animals and to promote the human-animal bond.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Our holistic approach to veterinary medicine addresses the entirety of the pet's emotional, physical and environmental wellbeing. We practice complementary medicine which utilizes conventional and alternative treatments according to the patient's specific needs.

CLIENT ENGAGEMENT

Hope Vet regards as essential the engagement and support of clients in the treatment of their pets. This includes education and supportive contact to ensure that clients are able to continue treatments and recommendations at home.



ROUTINE SERVICES

Hope Veterinary Clinic is open 7 days a week by appointment. Routine services include

- Comprehensive physical and wellness exams
- Titers and vaccines, as appropriate
- Laboratory analyses
- Nutritional assessments and recommendations
- Behavioral assessments and interventions
- Routine surgeries including spays, neuters and mass removals
- Digital radiology and ultrasound
- Pharmacy

SPECIAL SERVICES

ACUPUNCTURE

Acupuncture is an extremely effective, natural process of healing using minute needles to treat imbalances in the body's energy channels. Hope Vet's acupuncturists have received extensive training in this ancient tradition and most commonly use it to treat a variety of disorders including pain management and behavioral issues.

HYDROTHERAPY

Hydrotherapy with electric stimulation has been shown to greatly enhance the quality of life for arthritic and allergic dogs. Hope Vet is one of the few clinics in New York City to offer hydrotherapy treatments. The warm water jets and electric pulses soothe cramped muscles. Cooler water with therapeutic rinses aid in calming itchy dogs. For post-surgical animals and those unable to be submerged in water, deep heat ultra-sound combined with electric stimulation greatly aids in the healing process.

MASSAGE THERAPY

Massage therapy is rapidly growing as a modality in the field of holistic care and rehabilitation for animals. It is a noninvasive therapy involving manipulation of muscle and other soft tissue. The techniques used are similar to those used on humans, but are modified for animals. Though any gentle touch can be beneficial for animals, it is different from random petting in that massage is much more focused, intentional and organized to achieve a specific wellness goal. Hope Vet's certified animal massage therapist can schedule home visits if preferred.

DEDICATED DENTAL SUITE

Dental disease is a serious problem in dogs and cats that if left untreated can contribute to the development of other physical diseases. Hope Vet's technically advanced dental equipment and x-rays assure that pats receive the care and diagnosis equivalent to that provided by human family dentists.

HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE

Hope Vet is one of the very few animal clinics in the United States to offer dedicated services for the care of terminally ill animals. Hope Vet believes that as long as there is good quality of life, a pet's life does not need to end but can be enhanced with palliative care interventions.

GROUPS, SEMINARS AND INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

It is Hope Vet's experience that individuals and families experience a wide range of feelings and concerns in relation to their pets. Hope Vet's counseling department offers a weekly palliative care and grief support group. Individual counseling is also available for issues including behavior problems, family-pet dynamics, and chronic illness.



OUR HISTORY

Hope Vet began operating on a mobile basis in the fall of 2001 using the combined skills of a veterinarian and a social worker to serve older, homebound people with pets.

Hope Veterinary Services P.C. was incorporated in January 2002. The name was chosen to represent our belief that relationships between people and people and people and animals are fundamental sources of Hope in the world.

In 2003 we converted an old antique store into a state-of-the-art veterinary clinic in the Boerum Hill neighborhood of Brooklyn. The clinic has become a place of community, healing and refuge for the many pets and people who call this home.

AAHA Accredited Member

In April 2006 we attained American Hospital Association Accreditation. This means that we are in accordance with the highest standards available for small animal veterinary practice.

There are only 3,000 AAHA accredited practices in the USA (about 17% of all practices) that voluntarily meet or exceed



the Association's standards for patient care, equipment, and quality procedures.

As part of our accreditation, we are regularly evaluated by an AAHA consultant to assure continuing compliance. AAHA standards are recognized around the world as the benchmark for quality care in veterinary medicine.