

Palm City Animal Medical Center receives international recognition, accreditation

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Palm City Animal Medical Center has recently received accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). This accreditation places Palm City Animal Medical Center among the 15 percent of AAHA accredited hospitals in U.S. and Canada. The team of doctors include (from left) Dr. Paul Wolff, D.V.M.; Dr. Mike Wiegand, D.V.M.; Dr. Rex Sentell, D.V.M. (owner); and Dr. Matthew Schmidt, D.V.M.

PALM CITY — Palm City Animal Medical Center has recently received accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). The evaluation includes a quality assessment review of the hospital's facility, medical equipment, practice methods and pet health care management.

"It has certainly been a landmark year for our clinic," Sentell said. "The American Animal Hospital Association accreditation is meaningful to every member of our staff, and serves as validation that their commitment to providing quality animal care is recognized and rewarded."

Only 15 percent of small animal veterinary practices in the U.S. have achieved AAHA accreditation. "Palm City Animal Medical Center belongs to a select group of practices that are committed to meeting the standard of veterinary excellence," says Gregg Takashima, DVM, AAHA president.

In order to maintain accredited status, Palm City Animal Medical Center must continue to be evaluated regularly by the association's consultants. "AAHA hospitals pass a stringent evaluation of over 900 standards covering patient care, client service and medical protocols. By attaining accreditation, Palm City Animal Medical Center is demonstrating its dedication to offering the best care to its patients and clients," Takashima added.

"I have a long history with the Palm City Animal Clinic. I work with rescued animals for the Humane Society, and whether it's those animals or my own two dogs that I bring to them, the care they receive is always above and beyond," said Audrey Crandall who has been a client of Palm City Animal Clinic for 11 years. "There have been times when the clinic was closed and after I called Dr. Sentell directly, he told me to bring my pets straight to his house - he's just a wonderful man and caring veterinarian. His staff is the same way, and it's easy to see the passion and the professionalism they have for what they do. I'm thrilled for them, but not at all surprised to hear they were recognized with the accreditation."

About Palm City Animal Medical Center

Established in 1981, Palm City Animal Medical Center is dedicated to providing the best possible care for your pets. With focuses on compassionate care in surgery, physical therapy and rehabilitation, preventative medicine, extensive diagnostics, and emergency service, Palm City Animal Medical Center combines exceptional medical care with a caring philosophy for pets and their owners. For more information, call 772-283-0920, visit <http://www.palmcityanimalclinic.com> or find us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/PalmCityAnima...>

About the American Animal Hospital Association

Established in 1933, the American Animal Hospital Association is the only organization that accredits veterinary practices throughout the U.S. and Canada for dedication to high standards of veterinary care. Approximately 3,200 AAHA-accredited practices pass regular reviews of AAHA's stringent accreditation standards that cover patient care, client service and medical protocols. For pet care information or referral to an AAHA-accredited practice, visit <http://www.healthypet.com>.