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Resources and Events

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The Small Animal Hospital

The Emergency Clinic of the Small Animal Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania is open 24 hours a day. The telephone number is (215) 243-4685. Regular business hours at the Small Animal Hospital are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling (215) 243-4680. The business office, which handles billing, can be reached at (215) 243-8884. Practitioners who wish to refer a client should call (215) 243-4218 to make an appointment. This number is only to be used by veterinarians and their staff. Clients must call 243-4680.

Clinic days are:
- **Behavior**: Scheduled by department only.
- **Cardiology**: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
- **Dermatology and Clinical Immunology**: Tuesday-Friday
- **Exotics**: Tuesday and Wednesday evenings
- **Medicine**: Monday-Friday
- **Neurology**: Wednesday, and other days by special arrangement with referring veterinarian.
- **Oncology**: Monday
- **Ophthalmology**: Monday
- **Orthopedics**: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

This section only accepts appointments after the referring veterinarian contacts the Small Animal Hospital to explain the specifics of the case.

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**Medical Genetics/Pediatrics and Reproduction**

- **Monday and Tuesday**

**Soft Tissue Surgery**: Tuesday-Thursday

Most of the above sections see cases between 9 and 11:30 a.m.

The Section of Veterinary Medical Genetics offers the following clinical services to referring veterinarians, breeders, and owners:

**Genetics Clinic**

A genetics/pediatrics clinic is open each Monday and Tuesday for the examination of animals for which genetic counseling or special studies relating to genetic diagnosis are required. Clinical objectives are related primarily to diagnosing the underlying genetic defect in a particular animal or family, and providing genetic counseling to veterinarians and breeders in dealing with hereditary disease problems on a practical level.

**Cytogenetics and Inborn Error Screening Laboratories**

These laboratories provide tests important in the diagnosis of genetic diseases, including selected biochemical tests for inborn errors of metabolism.

**Genetic Data Bank**

A data bank, containing pedigree information on animals with hereditary disease, is being developed for use in investigating the distribution and mode of inheritance of genetic defects and as a guide for genetic counseling.

**Reproduction Clinic**

Services include diagnosis and treatment of sterility and other reproductive problems. Laboratory services include hormonal assays, semen analysis, vaginal cytology.

**Pediatrics**

Services include evaluating the growth and development of puppies and kittens, nutrition counseling, parasitism treatment, managing routine immunization against common infectious agents, and diagnosing and treating diseases of young animals in general.

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The laboratories at the Small Animal Hospital offer many services generally not available through commercial laboratories.

The Laboratory of Microbiology provides fungus culture; ear culture (bacterial, fungal, sensitivity); fecal culture (screen for Salmonella and Campylobacter); bacterial culture and sensitivity; bacterin preparation; and serology: Brucella canis, Leptospira, and Toxoplasma. The laboratory will provide the appropriate transport media for submission of bacteriological samples. Prepaid mailers will be provided for submitting separated serum for serological procedures. For information please contact Ms. Harriet Izenberg, 243-7858.

The Laboratory of Pathology also offers a service in diagnostic pathology. The biopsy fee is $10 and additional tissues are $2.50 each. The maximum charge for multiple tissues is $50. Practitioners will be provided with prepaid mailers for submission of specimens. For information please contact Dr. Michael Goldschmidt, 243-8857 or 7871.

The Clinical Immunology Laboratory offers the following services:
- Immune Function Tests
  - Serum Protein Electrophoresis
  - Immunoelectrophoresis
  - Quantitation of Immunoglobulins
  - Lymphocyte Transformation
  - Bactericidal Assay
  - Coomb's Test
  - Antinuclear Antibody Test
  - Rheumatoid Factor Test
  - Immunofluorescence of Biopsies
  - Thyroid Hormones (T₃ and T₄)
  - Adrenal Hormones
  - Parvovirus Antibody Titers
  - Fungal Immunodiffusion
  - Feline Leukemia Virus (ELISA)

For additional information and a complete list of services and charges, please contact the Clinical Immunology Laboratory, 243-6882.

The Parasitology Laboratory offers services for unusual parasitological problems, especially those involving exotic animals.

Appointments for Radiology and Radiation Therapy are made by calling 243-8687.

In addition to the resources listed, the basic science laboratories are always available for consultation. For directions to the hospital, call 243-4680.