

Andrew R. and Mindy H. Heyer Lobby Opens at Penn Vet's Ryan Hospital

By Ashley Berke

On April 28, 2015, we proudly unveiled the newly renovated lobby at Penn Vet's Ryan Hospital. Andrew and Mindy Heyer generously funded the \$1.5 million, six-month renovation project.

Clients and pets alike are enjoying many new features, including:

- Recycled rubber floors
- New chairs and bench seating
- Automatic doors
- Recessed LED lighting
- TV monitors
- A coffee bar
- Improved flow of traffic
- A serene, earth-tone color scheme
- A concierge to answer client questions
- Architectural features and an animated art installation
- An illuminated sign at the entrance that can be seen from the street

The Heyers have a long history of engagement with Penn Vet and the University of Pennsylvania—beginning as undergraduates, continuing through graduate school, and translating into involved alumni, holding many volunteer leadership roles. Mindy is a dedicated and articulate leader, serving as Chair of Penn Vet's Board of Overseers; Andy serves on Penn's Board of Trustees and on the Penn Medicine Board.

"Mindy and Andy Heyer are exemplary Penn citizens," said Penn President Amy Gutmann. "They are passionate about the University, and their generous philanthropy has made a profound impact on so many areas at Penn. The Heyer Lobby creates an entry to Ryan Hospital that is commensurate with the level of care provided to animals and the commitment to innovative treatment that is exemplified every day. The space is warm and inviting in a way that is truly representative of the Heyer Family and the talented doctors, faculty, and students that make up the Penn Family."

"Andy and I are incredibly passionate about Penn and Penn Vet, and we knew this could be a transformative project for the hospital," said Mindy Heyer. "As Ryan



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Hospital clients, we have experienced firsthand the high level of compassionate care that Penn Vet provides. We were excited to have the opportunity to make the lobby reflective of that level of excellence."

"We are so grateful for Andy and Mindy's most generous support of this important project," said Dean Joan Hendricks. "First-class care calls for a first-class facility. When our clients come to Ryan Hospital, it's often a stressful time for them and their pets. The new lobby offers a calming, comfortable environment and features significant improvements to benefit both our clients and patients."

