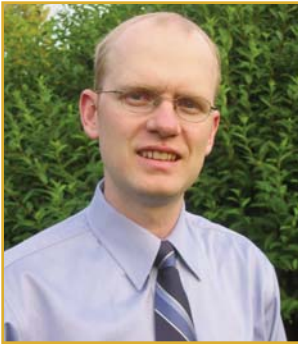


Dear Client,

MidWest Veterinary Specialty Hospital opened in 2006, and we are grateful to all the veterinarians in the area who supported our vision. Since our grand opening, hundreds of veterinarians have referred patients to us.



The concept behind MidWestVET was twofold: the unwavering commitment to provide your pet with advanced medical care by board-certified specialists; and to provide this level of care full-time in Omaha.

I first learned of MidWestVET while completing my surgery residency. The idea of returning to my home state of Nebraska was tremendously appealing as my wife, Keli Anne, and I evaluated our options. In the end, the opportunity to come home coupled with the chance to support area veterinarians and provide advanced surgical therapies was truly amazing. This was the place for us.

Your veterinarian has suggested that you see us. Please know that every aspect of your pet's medical needs will be managed with the collective power of our experience, technology and compassion – including consultation with other specialists at K-State. We thank you for the opportunity to be a health care provider for an important member of your family.

Sincerely,



Dr. Mike Thoesen

Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons
Surgeon, MidWestVET
Residency, Cornell University
Internship, Purdue University
DVM, Kansas State University

Q. What is MidWestVET?

A. MidWestVET is a referral-only veterinary hospital where all medical care is provided by a board-certified specialist. MidWestVET is an affiliate program of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at K-State.

Q. Why has my pet been referred to a veterinary specialist?

A. The referral process mirrors that of human medicine. Your veterinarian referred you to a specialist because your animal may need advanced medical care.

Q. What is a veterinary specialist?

A. Specialty veterinarians chose to extend and focus their education and experience on one discipline of medicine such as surgery or internal medicine. They are board-certified, which means they have passed extensive certification testing within their specialty.

Board-certified specialists use the most innovative techniques, high-tech equipment and the latest pharmaceuticals available to diagnose and treat your pet's specific condition.



From left: Molly Tamayo, LVT, Mandy Gryskiewicz, LVT, Dianne Deninger, Nikki Grell, LVT, and Dr. Mike Thoesen.

Q. What is the relationship between MidWestVET and my veterinarian?

A. The doctors and staff at MidWestVET develop a close working relationship with the doctor who referred you. We will be in contact with your doctor to keep him/her apprised of your pet's condition and to discuss follow-up treatment.

Q. What should you expect when you visit MidWestVET?

A. MidWestVET staff will work with your veterinarian to gather all the pertinent medical information before your visit.

A physical examination will be conducted during your appointment, and additional diagnostic tests may be necessary to make a diagnosis. The MidWestVET specialist will then discuss with you the diagnosis, treatment options, recommended course of treatment, the associated risks and estimated costs. Please do not hesitate to ask questions about any aspect of your pet's care.

Q. Please explain the role of veterinary students at MidWestVET.

A. Because MidWestVET is an affiliate of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at K-State, veterinary students have the unprecedented opportunity to complete an elective rotation at the hospital. The students also complete a rotation in shelter medicine while in Omaha.

Q. What are the payment options?

A. MidWestVET requests that the initial exam fee and 60% of the estimated treatment cost be paid at your first appointment. The remaining balance is due at the time of discharge. We accept personal checks, MasterCard and Visa. If you have questions regarding our payment policy prior to your visit, please do not hesitate to call us at 402.614.9000.

You have been referred to an ACVS veterinary surgeon

The American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) is a professional organization that consists of certified and dedicated veterinary surgeons. Committed to developing and using surgical solutions for animals' needs, the ACVS certifies surgeons as specialists in small animal or large animal surgery. ACVS veterinary surgeons complement general veterinary practitioners nation wide with surgical solutions that demand specialized equipment and expertise.

After receiving veterinary degrees, potential ACVS veterinary surgeons must first complete a one-year rotating internship followed by a three-year residency program. The residency program includes specific training and caseload requirements under the supervision of ACVS veterinary surgeons, as well as publishing in scientific journals. Following this training, candidates must submit a credentials application and pass the ACVS certifying examination, which rigorously tests all phases of surgery in the candidates' species-specific training.

The ACVS veterinary surgeon supports your veterinarian with surgical solutions that require specialized equipment and expertise. The ACVS veterinary surgeon with your general practitioner ensure a continuum of care when animals need surgical attention.



MidWestVET is equipped to diagnose and provide advanced care for a full range of orthopedic, neurological and soft tissue problems, including:

- Cruciate Disease (TPLO)
- Herniated Disc
- Patellar Luxation
- Triple Pelvic Osteotomy (TPO)
- Tumor Removal
- Hernia Repair
- Airway Surgery
- Thoracic Surgery
- Fracture Repair
- Major Abdominal Surgery



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What to expect at MidWestVET

