

Hudson Highlands Veterinary Medical Group: A Legacy of Excellence

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From the moment Dr. John Whitefield established Hudson Highlands Veterinary Medical Group in Beacon in 1971, his vision had been to build a modern, spacious hospital and specialty practice, providing the community with the highest quality veterinary care possible. Through the decades, his reputation grew, and he added a second location in Hopewell Junction.

Finally, in 2004, his professional dream came true when Hudson Highlands opened its newly renovated, 11,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility at 222 Lime Kiln Road in Hopewell Junction. But Dr. Whitefield passed away the month it opened.

“In the end, he was thrilled to see his building come to fruition,” says Hospital Administrator Amy Babcock, Dr. Whitefield’s niece. “He always said, ‘I want my Hudson Highlands family to be proud of where they work. No more cramped quarters or carrying big dogs up and down stairs for surgery and x-ray.’”

50+ YEARS OF COMPASSIONATE CARE

Today, the valued staff carry on his legacy and more than 50-year tradition of excellence. Clients find comfort in a calm, home-like atmosphere equipped with a pharmacy, lab and the most up-to-date surgery, anesthesia and monitoring technology available.

Hudson Highlands places great importance on hiring the most highly trained and compassionate people. The entire medical team is current when it comes to dentistry, anesthesia, surgery and medicine given their continuing education and training.

SURGICAL AND OTHER SPECIALTIES

Hospital services include a range of orthopedic and soft-tissue procedures as well as other surgical procedures and dental care. Dr. Paul S. McNamara, one of this region’s only full-time, board-certified surgery specialists, leads the surgery department.

Hudson Highlands has on-premises specialists in internal medicine and visiting cardiology. Medical boarding is available at Lime Kiln, general boarding at the Beacon location and certified dog grooming at both locations.

Whether you’re looking for primary care, advanced treatment or a second opinion, call (845-221-2244) or stop in to see why pet owners rely on Hudson Highlands as a compassionate, skilled and cost-conscious partner in the care of their beloved companions. ♦

BUSINESS PROFILE



Hudson Highlands Veterinary Medical Group, established in 1971 by Dr. John Whitefield, has operated from this 11,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility at 222 Lime Kiln Road in Hopewell Junction since 2004.



The East Fishkill community has been entrusting the care of their pets to the dedicated and compassionate medical team at Hudson Highlands for more than 50 years, including emergency visits to its 24-hour hospital.