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The Norwalk Veterinary Medical Center Achieves Highest Level of Veterinary Excellence

LAKESWOOD, CO—The Norwalk Veterinary Medical Center (NVMC) has achieved the highest level of veterinary excellence following a thorough evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) on Monday, July 18th. NVMC earned AAHA accreditation after a rigorous review of the hospital's practice protocols, medical equipment, facility and client service. **NVMC remains the ONLY accredited and routinely inspected veterinary practice in Huron and Erie Counties.**

AAHA is the only organization in the United States and Canada that accredits companion animal hospitals based on standards that go above and beyond state regulations. The American Animal Hospital Association is known for its leadership in the profession, high standards for veterinary practices and pet health care, and most importantly, its accreditation of companion-animal practices.

The *AAHA Standards of Accreditation*, viewed as the standard of veterinary excellence, contain more than 900 individual standards which include patient care and pain management, surgery, pharmacy, laboratory, exam facilities, medical records, cleanliness, emergency services, dental care, diagnostic imaging, anesthesiology and continuing education.

Dr. Ron Hendrikson, Hospital Director, said "We are proud to be able to provide Norwalk, Huron and Erie Counties with this distinction." The practice was re-accredited and inspected by Ms. Wanda Ross, Accreditation Consultant with AAHA who commented, "This practice is a gem for Norwalk, one of the very best practices I have evaluated."

Only the top companion animal hospitals in the United States and Canada have achieved accreditation by the Association. Approximately 12% of Veterinary Hospitals are able to achieve and maintain accredited status.

The Norwalk Veterinary Medical Center is located at 705 US Highway 20 East. Dr. Hendrikson can be reached at 419-668-6524. Also, visit www.norwalkvet.com. For more information about accreditation, visit www.healthypet.com, or connect on Facebook and "like" the American Animal Hospital Association.

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