Choosing a Veterinarian

The Importance of Having A Family Veterinarian

As soon as you acquire a pet, you should develop a relationship with a veterinarian. Even though pets adopted from HSSV are fully vaccinated and examined by our staff veterinarians, you should have your family veterinarian examine your pet within 1-2 weeks of bringing your pet home. This allows your veterinarian to establish a baseline by which to compare should your pet develop any problems.

Your veterinarian can also serve as a resource to provide advice about feeding, grooming, training, etc.

Your pets should have an annual exam with your family veterinarian, while geriatric pets may require more visits. By seeing your pet at least annually, your family veterinarian may be able to detect subtle abnormal changes, problems in the very early stages. Your veterinarian can advise you on how best to meet changes if they can see how your pet is aging on a regular basis.

How to Choose A Veterinarian

- Yellow pages, web search, family/friends/neighbors’ recommendations
- What’s important to you? Consider location and hours, practice size, clinic staff attitude, vet’s experience, pet’s preference, etc.
- Someone you trust and you and your pet are comfortable with

Why Should You Have A Family Veterinarian?

- Familiarity with what’s normal/healthy for your pet
- Resource for pet nutrition, behavior and training, grooming, and of course medical and preventive care
- A veterinarian that you trust should a problem arise with your pet

When to Visit the Family Vet

- As soon as you acquire a pet
- Before problems arise
- At least annually for exams and early disease detection

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Veterinary Practices That Provide Services For Pets Adopted From HSSV

**Parktown Veterinarian Clinic**  
HSSV Recommended Animal Hospital  
1393 S. Park Victoria Dr.,  
Milpitas, CA, 95035  
408-263-3990  
[www.parktownvet.com](http://www.parktownvet.com)

**Central Animal Hospital**  
971 E. Hamilton Ave.,  
Campbell 95008  
408-377-4043  
[www.petcentralvets.com](http://www.petcentralvets.com)

**Animal Medical Clinic**  
1405 N. Milpitas Blvd.  
Milpitas, CA, 95035  
408-262-7190  
[www.animalmedicalclinicmilpitas.com](http://www.animalmedicalclinicmilpitas.com)

**The Whole Pet Vet**  
325 Los Gatos Saratoga Rd.,  
Los Gatos, CA, 95030  
408-402-3071  
[www.thewholepetvet.com](http://www.thewholepetvet.com)

**Murphy Avenue Pet Clinic**  
101 W. Hendy Ave.  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086  
408-733-7387  
[http://mapcvet.com](http://mapcvet.com)

**Willow Glen Pet Hospital**  
860 Willow Street, Suite 500  
San Jose, CA 95125  
669-342-7472  
[www.willowglenpethospital.com](http://www.willowglenpethospital.com)

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Pathways to Healing, Dr. Lina McCain
650-450-3052
www.VetPathways.com

Pet's Friend Animal Clinic
158 San Lazaro Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086
408-739-2688
www.petsfriendsunnyvale.com

Alpine Animal Hospital
2460 W El Camino Real,
Mountain View, CA, 94040
650-969-8555

Animal Hospital of Palo Alto
4111 El Camino Real,
Palo Alto, CA, 94306
650-493-2738

Advanced Veterinary Medical Center
800 E. Capital Ave,
Milpitas, CA, 95035
408-956-8061
https://www.advancedvmc.com/

Calaveras Veterinary Clinic
140 W. Calaveras Blvd.
Milpitas, Ca 95035
(408) 262-7200
www.calaverasvetclinic.com

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