You've made a good choice!

Did you know that accreditation is required for human hospitals, but voluntary for animal hospitals?

We've voluntarily chosen to go through the process of becoming accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) because we understand that your pet holds a valued place in your heart, and his/her health is important to us.

What does it mean to be AAHA accredited?

AAHA was founded in 1933 and is the only association in North America that provides accreditation to companion animal hospitals. To be accredited by AAHA, our hospital must demonstrate an exceptional level of medical care and client service, and be measured against the most rigorous standards in the veterinary industry. Only 15% of animal hospitals in the United States and Canada are AAHA accredited, and we're one of them.

During the accreditation process, we are evaluated based on AAHA's Standards of Accreditation—an extensive list of approximately 900 standards that directly correlate to the care we are providing your pet. Some examples of these standards include:

• **Diagnostic services** — We are required to provide x-ray and laboratory services in order to quickly and accurately diagnose your pet's condition.

• **Pain management** — We look for signs of pain each time we examine your pet, and provide appropriate pain management for the anticipated level and duration of pain.

• **Onsite pharmacy** — After diagnosis, our onsite pharmacy gives us the ability to immediately begin treatment.

• **Medical records** — AAHA requires that medical records be thorough and complete, ensuring that we better understand your pet's medical history and how past medical issues might be impacting their current medical status.

"Being an RN has made me very aware of how important it is for our hospitals and medical offices to maintain strict health care guidelines that protect us from illness and infection. That's why it's imperative for me to find an AAHA-accredited animal hospital for my pets— I feel a sense of relief knowing that our veterinarian has been through a rigorous evaluation to ensure compliance with guidelines for safe and high-quality services. I know that the veterinarians at an AAHA-accredited hospital have made a choice to become accredited and that is significant to me in providing for the health and welfare of my pets."

—LJ Jones, Loganville, GA.