



University of Missouri

MU Veterinary Health Center Providing After-hours Emergency Care in Kansas City

The University of Missouri has purchased the Animal Emergency Center, located at 8141 North Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, Missouri, and is now offering after-hours emergency care from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. Monday through Friday, and from noon Saturday to 8 a.m. Monday. The clinic's new name is the University of Missouri Veterinary Health Center at Kansas City.

MU College of Veterinary Medicine Alumnus Karl Mischke, DVM, '89, established the Animal Emergency Center in 1997 for Kansas City-area pets, offering overnight, weekend and holiday care. Pet owners appreciated this service, and Mischke's professional colleagues had a trusted clinic where they could refer cases for after-hours and emergency care.

Mischke passed away unexpectedly on April 20, 2017. Missouri regulations require veterinary businesses be owned by a licensed doctor of veterinary medicine, leaving Mischke's widow, Nyla, with the difficult choice to either sell or close the practice.

"We became aware of Mrs. Mischke's situation last summer," said CVM Dean Carolyn J. Henry, DVM, MS. "We began working on a solution that would serve the needs of the clients and veterinarians with whom Dr. Mischke and his wife had worked for so many years, and also resolve the licensing issues of the clinic. We also saw the opportunity to expand our real-life practice management training for veterinary students, heal animal patients, advance new medical therapies and serve the community in a way that is a living legacy of a beloved veterinarian and alumnus."

Potential future plans for the facility include providing business and communications training for veterinary students and offering screenings for regional veterinary clinical trials. This will allow area residents to have animals evaluated for state-of-the-art drug and therapy trials that are being offered in Columbia and elsewhere in the region without needing to make a lengthy drive.