

Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital A Team of Experts

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Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital combines a unique group of general practice veterinarians and veterinary specialists, including emergency / critical care specialists, under one roof to provide uncompromising pet health care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The general practice has been in existence and part of the local community for over 50 years, since 1955. The practice has grown and expanded over the years to meet the needs of the ever-increasing pet population and active Denver and Rocky Mountain-region pet owners.



Dr. Don Ostwald

We are proud of the relationships that have been established between our experienced team of doctors and pet owners both locally and statewide.

Our center is vibrant and alive with the energy of people who are renowned in their specialty fields and enthusiastic about what they do. From routine general practice care for your pet to more-specialized management of difficult animal health problems, our work has been nationally recognized at

the “standard of care” for veterinary practices. Our doctors are leaders in their veterinary specialties. Through lectures and articles published in scientific journals, they share their groundbreaking work with veterinarians around the country and around the world.

All of our specialists are board certified. This means that beyond veterinary school, they have undergone at least four years of additional advanced training in their specialty. They have all completed a rigorous credentialing process and board examinations, have many years of practical experience and are looked upon as leaders in their respective areas of specialization.



Dr. Lenny Jonas



Dr. Lori Wise

We endorse the “Team-of-Experts” approach with respect to treatment of all our animal patients. Our various specialists’ skills are utilized daily to jointly determine the best way to address a particular pet health issue. This allows us to have a unique team approach to diagnose and treat animal health problems. The result is the most-effective treatment

possible for the animal you love. Although our specialists primarily see referrals from other veterinary practices, they also work side-by-side with our in-house general practice doctors to provide the same level of advanced care with all cases. Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital provides specialty veterinary care in



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internal medicine, gastroenterology, respiratory medicine, dermatology, chemotherapy, cardiology, general surgery, oncological surgery, orthopedic surgery, canine/feline sports medicine and trauma surgery, spinal neuro surgery, as well as radiology and advanced radiological imaging.

The Wheat Ridge facility is carefully designed to allow our team to work efficiently while our animal patients enjoy the highest level of comfort and care. We are proud to feature an impressive array of the latest medical technology and equipment, including computerized records, on-site Helical CT scanner, imaging abilities for otoscopy (ears), endoscopy (mouth, stomach, intestines), bronchoscopy (airway and lungs), arthroscopy (joints), and laparoscopy (abdomen and chest).

Animals don't live by the clock or calendar; neither do we. Our high level of pet care is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, including holidays. Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital is one of the primary emergency practices in the Rocky Mountain region and the only private practice emergency center with a board-certified specialist in emergency medicine and critical care on staff to provide advanced emergency and trauma pet health care. Our surgeons and internal medicine specialists are also in the hospital, or on call, around the clock. Whether it is a routine wellness check-up or a complicated surgical or medical problem, our team of doctors is always available to help you and your pet.