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Fast Facts...on Acacia Animal Health Center

Brief History... Dr. Louis Hartjen first established the Center in 1959 in Escondido. He ran the practice until his retirement in 1984 when Dr. Gary Gallerstein acquired it.

4th Location: Citracado is Acacia Animal Health Center's fourth location in Escondido. The Center started business in 1959 on Grant Avenue (renamed Mission Avenue, when construction of Interstate 15 took place. Next came its location at 1040 North Broadway and now 655 West Citracado Parkway.

Four Major Areas: The new Center contains four separate and distinct areas: Dog and Cat Hospital, Bird and Exotic Pet Hospital, Pet Lodging, and Administrative Area.

From Concept to Reality: Almost 6 Years. Dr. Gary Gallerstein first began looking for land to build a new Acacia Animal Health Center early in the year 2000. Construction began in April of 2005 and the new facility was open for business on January 23, 2006. Total construction time for the 12,800 sq ft facility: 9.5 months.

Who's Who:

Gary A. Gallerstein, D.V.M, Hospital Director, AAHC

*Graduate University of California at Davis Veterinary School-1978

*Acquired Acacia Animal Hospital-1984

*Author- "The Bird Owner's Home Health and Care Handbook"

"The Complete Bird Owner's Handbook"

"First Aid For Birds" (co-author)

Community Activities-

Former Chairman of the Board, Escondido Humane Society

Former Board of Directors-First Night Escondido

Member-Escondido Chamber of Commerce (since 1989)

Carmine G. Bausone, DVM, Partner, AAHC

* Graduate-University of California at Davis Veterinary School-1996

*Staff Veterinarian at Acacia Animal Health Center since 2000

*Partner at Acacia Animal Health Center since 2004

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Noise Control-The new building contains floor-to-floor soundproofing. Several walls have double drywall with air spaces in between. Also, there are No outside kennels, and a staff member is always outside with the animals.

Odor Control-Numerous air zones throughout the hospital and exhaust fans in most rooms eliminate odors associated with such facilities.

Hair/Feathers Control- Handled by central vacuum and exhaust fans

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