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VCA Lewis Animal Hospital Receives Prestigious Accreditation

Columbia, MD: Only 12 percent of all small-animal veterinary practices in the U.S. have achieved accreditation by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA), but the VCA Lewis Animal Hospital in Columbia has once again received that prestigious recognition. This marks the 26th year the clinic has received accreditation.

Accreditation is granted following a comprehensive evaluation by AAHA, which includes a quality assessment review of the hospital's facility, medical equipment, practice methods, and pet health care management. In order to maintain their accredited status, VCA Lewis undergoes continual evaluation by AAHA's trained consultants, ensuring the quality of care never falters.

"VCA Lewis Animal Hospital belongs to a select group of practices that are committed to meeting the highest standards of veterinary medicine", says Thomas A. Carpenter, DVM, AAHA President. "AAHA hospitals pass a stringent evaluation of more than 900 standards covering patient care, client service, and medical protocols. By attaining accreditation, VCA Lewis is demonstrating its dedication to offering the best care to its patients and clients.

VCA Lewis Animal Hospital, 10665 Route 108, Columbia, MD, was founded in 1954 by Dr. Fred Lewis and acquired in 1996 by Veterinary Centers of America (www.vcapets.com), one of the country's leading providers of veterinary care. The hospital was named Best Veterinary Practice in Howard County in 2003, 2004, and 2005.

The American Animal Hospital Association (www.healthypet.com) is an international organization of more than 36,000 veterinary care providers who treat companion animals. Established in 1933, the association is known among veterinarians for its high standards for hospitals and pet health care.

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