



Dr. Elisa Mazzaferro,
board-certified criticalist,
with a pet



Dr. Oliver Morgan,
board-certified
surgeon, evaluating a
CT scan on a dog

SPECIALTIES/SERVICES

Emergency & Critical Care
Orthopedic & Soft Tissue Surgery
Internal Medicine
Oncology
Ophthalmology
Cardiology
Dermatology
Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation
Dentistry & Oral Surgery

Cornell University Veterinary Specialists (CUVS) is a veterinary specialty and emergency center in Stamford, CT, and part of Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine, a world leader in veterinary medical care, discovery and innovation. They are transforming care one life at a time. We spoke to Chief Medical Officer Dr. Susan Hackner about what makes CUVS unique.

What is a veterinary specialist?

Similar to human medicine, veterinarians can specialize in a particular medical discipline. In order to become board-certified in their specialty, a veterinarian must undergo extensive post-doctorate training and a series of certifying examinations. While your primary care veterinarian is trained to diagnose and treat many health problems, some cases may be complex and require specialized diagnostic testing or treatment. Just as your family physician may refer you to a specialist, your primary care veterinarian may feel that your pet would benefit from the expertise of a specialist.

Is CUVS different from other veterinary specialty hospitals?

CUVS is a fundamentally different model—a specialty-emergency practice affiliated with a world-leader veterinary college. We are mission-driven to redefine the delivery of specialty veterinary care through three major ways: Medical Care—We combine world-class, advanced medicine with unparalleled compassionate care for both the pet and their family. Education—We provide continuing education for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, students and pet owners. Discovery—We partner

with Cornell, investigating clinical diseases and translating innovative discoveries to real life care.

What are your emergency services?

Our certified Level 1 Trauma, Emergency and Critical Care Center operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, staffed by board-certified critical care specialists and experienced emergency doctors.

For first-time patients, what should pet owners expect?

Anyone coming to CUVS should expect outstanding medicine, care and service. They should expect to be in the best hands possible. We pride ourselves on communication and education, ensuring that the pet's family is involved and informed and an active part of the medical team. We know that what is right for one pet and one family is not necessarily right for the next, and we are here to find answers and discuss all options.

What are some examples of innovative care you provide?

We are among few institutions in the country offering advanced interventional radiology-endoscopy, which enables minimally invasive procedures in cases that traditionally would have needed surgery, or even would not have been possible.

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