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VCA Spanish River Animal Hospital celebrates 25 years of accreditation

BOCA RATON, Fla. — VCA Spanish River Animal Hospital is earning recognition for practicing the gold standard of veterinary medicine for 25 consecutive years.

Since 1993, VCA Spanish River Animal Hospital has voluntarily submitted itself to the American Animal Hospital Association's (AAHA) *Standards of Accreditation*. Achieving accreditation by AAHA is an important milestone to delivering quality pet care.

"Congratulations to VCA Spanish River Animal Hospital on their 25th anniversary of being accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association!" said Michael Cavanaugh, DVM, DABVP (Emeritus), AAHA chief executive officer. "Not every companion animal practice is accredited by AAHA; choosing to be AAHA accredited and maintaining that for a quarter century demonstrates true commitment to veterinary excellence by the entire practice team. Pet owners can rest assured knowing they take their beloved companions to an accredited hospital."

AAHA is the only organization in the United States and Canada that accredits companion animal hospitals based on standards that go above and beyond state and provincial regulations. Accredited hospitals are the only veterinary practices that choose to be evaluated on approximately 900 quality standards ranging from patient care and pain management to staff training and advanced diagnostic services. AAHA-accredited hospitals are recognized among the finest in the industry, and are consistently at the forefront of advanced veterinary medicine. AAHA standards are continuously reviewed and updated to keep accredited practices on the cutting edge of veterinary excellence.

Pet owners look for AAHA-accredited hospitals because they value their pet's health and trust the consistent, expert care provided by the entire health care team. At AAHA-accredited practices, pet owners can expect to receive the highest quality care from well-trained, professional veterinary teams.

Only the top small animal hospitals in the United States and Canada have achieved accreditation by the Association. To maintain accredited status, VCA Spanish River Animal Hospital must continue to be evaluated regularly by AAHA.

VCA Spanish River Animal Hospital was recognized for its achievement during the AAHA conference, Connexity, on September 13.

For more information about accreditation, visit <u>aaha.org</u> or connect on <u>Facebook</u> and "like" the American Animal Hospital Association.