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**VETERINARY NEURO SERVICES COMPLETES \$500,000 CLINIC  
EXPANSION INCLUDING ADDITION OF MRI EQUIPMENT**  
*Veterinary neurologist cites advances in veterinary medical care  
and increasing human-animal bond for double-digit growth.*

**SARASOTA, Fla., Sept. 30, 2008** – Veterinary Neuro Services has completed a \$500,000 expansion of its 3900 Clark Road clinic, including the addition of a magnetic resonance imagery machine, the first in-house veterinary MRI on Florida’s Gulf Coast.

The expansion also includes the addition of a surgical table, an expanded laboratory, two additional examination rooms, renovation of a special room to house the MRI, and added surgical instrumentation, according to Dr. Anne Chauvet, the veterinary neurologist and neurosurgeon who founded the practice.

In addition, a Bluetooth-enabled Vmed PC Vet Gard wireless patient monitoring system has been installed that allows veterinary staff to monitor patients’ vital signs from computers throughout the clinic, Chauvet said. The system monitors heart and respiratory rate, EKG, oxygenation and respiratory gases.

The MRI was the largest portion of the investment and, since it now is available 24/7, offers a big advantage in emergency cases where quick surgical treatment can make the difference between a dog that gets back on his feet and one that doesn’t, she said.

Chauvet cites rapid advancements in veterinary medical care and the increasingly deep bond between humans and their animal companions for fueling double-digit annual growth of her business. “Since we moved to this clinic in 2003, our revenues have grown an average of 20 percent per year, making it feasible to invest well over \$500,000 in the practice,” she said. “Many owners consider their pets to be members of their families and want the latest technology and advanced medical treatments for all kinds of disorders like cancers, spinal surgeries and brain tumors that would have led to euthanasia not too many years ago.”

According to a study released by the American Veterinary Medical Association in January, 49.7 percent of 50,000 survey respondents consider their pets to be family, 48.2

percent consider them to be companions while only 2.1 percent consider them to be property.

“We are making the investment in technology and facilities that will give us the best chance of ensuring our patients recover with a good quality of life and their owners can enjoy their companionship as long as possible,” said Chauvet who is one of only about 150 veterinary neurologists and neurosurgeons in the United States. Veterinary neurologists treat brain, spinal cord and neuromuscular conditions in animals, mostly dogs and cats.

In addition to neurology examinations, surgery, consultation and now MRI scans, Veterinary Neuro Services also conducts spinal tap and fluid analysis, hearing tests, EMG (muscle testing), bulla osteotomy (middle ear surgery), nerve and muscle biopsies, treatment of head and spinal trauma and neuroradiology consultations. It primarily serves clients along the Gulf Coast from Naples to Tarpon Springs and also accepts referrals nationally.

**About Veterinary Neuro Services:**

Dr. Anne Chauvet is the founder of Veterinary Neuro Services in Sarasota, Fla. Veterinary Neuro Services treats brain, spinal cord and neuromuscular conditions in animals and is the only strictly neurology and neurosurgery practice on the Gulf Coast. In 2007, The Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce selected Veterinary Neuro Services as its Young Business of the Year, and the Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce named it the 2007 Small Business of the Year. The Sarasota Chamber also named Dr. Chauvet a 2006 Young Professional of the Year, and in 2005, it honored her with the Franklin G. Berlin, Sr., Woman Entrepreneurial Excellence Award. Veterinary Neuro Services is located at 3900 Clark Rd., Building M, Unit 4, Sarasota, Fla. More information is available by calling 941-929-1818 or online at [www.PetNeuro.com](http://www.PetNeuro.com).

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