Tips for Selecting a Veterinarian

Consider location, hours, range of services, payment options and staffing. Inquire about wait times, requesting a specific vet, whether they accept pet insurance, and how they handle after-hours emergencies. Verify they have a list of specialists for referrals and that the vet is a member of a professional veterinary association. Other tips:

- Research vets before you acquire a new pet.
- Visit several vets before you decide. Schedule visits, discuss your pet(s) and get a feel for each.
- Once you’ve decided, establish a relationship with your vet before your pet needs medical care.

Source: American Veterinary Medical Association, “What you should know about choosing a veterinarian for your pet.” June 2004.
About Animal Services

Orange County Animal Services is one of Central Florida’s largest pet rescue and adoption centers. Last year, we received nearly 23,000 animals at our shelter.

Our mission is to protect the health, safety and general welfare of Orange County citizens and animals through effective and courteous enforcement and education of Orange County laws and codes.

Our vision is to give abandoned and neglected pets a second chance to live long, healthy lives in safe, loving homes.

Below are some ways in which we serve the citizens of Orange County:

- Provide an opportunity to save the lives of unwanted pets through the adoption program
- Reunite owners with their lost pets
- Help control pet overpopulation by providing affordable spay and neuter services
- Respond to animal nuisance, bite, cruelty and other complaint calls
- Provide outreach and community education
- Offer volunteer opportunities for citizens

About the Guide

The Veterinary Establishment Guide is provided by Orange County Animal Services to aid citizens in finding a veterinarian in their area. This brochure is a listing of veterinarian establishments with current licenses (as of Jan. 10, 2008) as reported by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. This information is updated annually and is not guaranteed to encompass all veterinarians in Orange County. Orange County does not endorse any particular private veterinarian.

Thank you for being a responsible pet owner!