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Sedalia (Pettis), Missouri

G & G Veterinary Hospital

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711 West Main Street, Sedalia, Missouri

When this small one-story 2260 sq ft Art Moderne style masonry building was constructed in 1937 specifically for use as a veterinary clinic, it was considered to be state of the art for a small animal hospital. Dr. Mord Gouge and his son Dr. Robert Gouge conducted the G & G Veterinary Hospital from

this 711 West Main Street location in Sedalia in Central Missouri until taken over by Dr. Robert N. Gouge.

It was built of cement blocks covered by stucco with a flat roof and a raised basement. The main floor consists of: a waiting room, five offices, reception and retail room, treatment room, bathroom, and the animal ward with a total of 28 indoor cages (8 large, 16 medium, and 4 small) poured concrete cages w/ individual clean out drains connected to the sewer for ease of cleaning. Off of the animal ward and outside are 10 covered 4'x12' concrete runs.

The entrance is accessed by a narrow set of stairs and small stoop. Above the entrance, the name of the hospital is spelled out in large wrought iron letters. The recessed wings have corner windows indicative of the Art Moderne style. Behind the building is an original kennel and dog run which is considered a contributing structure on the property.

The G and G Veterinary Hospital reflects the importance of agriculture and animal husbandry to the Sedalia area, as well as the growing importance of veterinary medicine to an area whose economy was largely dependent on agriculture. The first owner, Dr. Mord E. Gouge, manufactured serums that controlled hog cholera. The practice is also significant in that three generations of the family have practiced the same building since its construction in 1937. It is one of a few remaining Art Moderne styled buildings in Sedalia.

The practice was continued by third generation Dr. Robert N. Gouge until his retirement.

With the opening of our new
Veterinary Hospital
at 711 West Main

We are now equipped to handle large and small animal cases. Some of the conveniences which our new building allows are listed below:

Large Operating Room
We have especially constructed this large room to handle large cases. Here, dogs and horses which need medical and surgical attention, can be brought to the hospital in cages and trailers and attended directly over the operating room. This allows us to give better service at a lower cost.

Small Operating Room
This room is designed to handle operations on small animals—dogs and cats. No expense has been spared to produce the finest in general surgical equipment.

Isolation and Observation Ward
The isolation and observation wards were constructed to house cases before and during the diagnosis of disease on smaller animals. This ward is on the lower floor of the hospital away from our kennels.

Hospitalization and Care
The hospital is equipped with forty dog cages which will house dogs and cats left to our care for boarding or hospitalization. These cages are made of smooth concrete with separate drainage, and are so constructed that all are open to sunlight and yet no animal can see the other. Uniform heat is maintained in the ward night and day.

Bathing and Clipping—Dog Runs
Bathing, clipping, drying, and exercising of animal animals all come within our work. The large dog runs in the rear of the hospital are being enclosed, giving the dogs a large swimming space properly fenced to keep it from straying.

Dog Hospital Patients Now Receive Care and Treatment During Their Lives Instead

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Dr. Robert N. Gouge, Dr. Mord E. Gouge, Dr. Robert N. Gouge

VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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MORE INFORMATION:

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