

Visit a Museum

Since the first veterinary school was established in France over 250 years ago, many changes have taken place in the practice of veterinary medicine in improving animal and human health around the world.

When the field of veterinary medicine began to emerge in 19th century America, early practitioners were primarily “horse doctors” who treated urban horses as well as cattle and other livestock. Greater attention was directed toward the health and care of small animals in the 1920s as the automobile replaced horses for transportation.

A number of museums and exhibits have been assembled across the United States and Canada. They trace aspects of the history of veterinary medicine along with displays of early instruments and medicines utilized by these early practitioners. Many are associated with agricultural and farm museums, universities, state veterinary medical associations, government agencies, or are affiliated with other organizations. They vary in content and accessibility, but all are unique treasures.



Dr. Phillipson Veterinary Infirmary at Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, Grand Island, Nebraska

DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS

of each museum can be found in an online guide at

<http://avmhs.org/museums.html>

Donations and Inquiries:

Many of these museums continue to accept in-kind donations and can help in identifying antique instruments and memorabilia.

Contact a museum directly to donate items, provide financial support, or seek help to identify an instrument.

Corrections, Updates, Comments:

We welcome corrections, additions, and changes to this museum directory at any time. For more information, please contact the AVMHS Secretary-Treasurer at avmhs.info@gmail.com

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History has a lot to tell us about our profession and ourselves



1890 Veterinary Surgeon's Office at Carroll County Farm Museum, Westminster, Maryland

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UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

Sacramento
California Veterinary Medical Museum
California Veterinary Medical Association Offices

GEORGIA

Lithonia
Veterinary Collectibles Roundtable [by appointment only]

ILLINOIS

Urbana-Champaign
Dr. Walter E. Zuschlag--ISVMA Veterinary Heritage Collection & Information Commons
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

IOWA

Ames
R. Allen Packer Veterinary Heritage Room
Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine

Maquoketa

Jackson County Museum

Urbandale

Dr. W.A. Heck Veterinary Infirmary
Living History Farms

KENTUCKY

Lexington
International Museum of the Horse
Kentucky Horse Park

MAINE

Orono
The Page Farm and Home Museum
University of Maine

MARYLAND

Baltimore
Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry
University of Maryland

Frederick

National Museum of Civil War Medicine

Silver Springs

National Museum of Health and Medicine

Westminster

1890 Veterinary Surgeon's Office
Carroll County Farm Museum

MASSACHUSETTS

Cambridge
Harvard Museum of Natural History (HMNH)
Museum of Comparative Zoology (MCZ)
Harvard University

MICHIGAN

East Lansing
[Vet2011 Exhibit & Antique Veterinary Instruments]
Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine

MINNESOTA

Saint Paul
Minnesota Veterinary Historical Museum (MVHM)
University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine

MISSISSIPPI

Jackson
Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum

MISSOURI

Jefferson City
Veterinary Museum of Missouri
Missouri Veterinary Medical Association Offices

MONTANA

Helena
Montana's Museum
Montana Historical Society

NEBRASKA

Grand Island
Dr. Phillipson Veterinary Infirmary
Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer



International Museum of the Horse, Lexington, Kentucky

NEW YORK

Cooperstown
The Farmers' Museum

Kirkwood

ca. 1900 Drug Store Museum
McMurray Antiques & Aucitons

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City
[Veterinary Medicine in Oklahoma Exhibit]
Oklahoma History Center

Sulphur

National Museum of Horse Shoeing Tools
Carrousel Farms

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Furnace
The Pasto Agricultural Museum
Pennsylvania State University

TEXAS

Austin
Mark Francis Museum of Veterinary Medicine
Texas Veterinary Medical Association Offices

VERMONT

Shelburne
Shelburne Museum

WASHINGTON

Pullman
Robert P. Worthman Anatomy Museum
Washington State University College of Vet. Med.

WISCONSIN

Fond du Lac
Dr. Fred J. Born Veterinary Office
Galloway House and Village

CANADA

ONTARIO

Guelph
The C.A.V. Barker Museum of Canadian Veterinary History
Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph