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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.

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.

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

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

**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

**NEW YORK**  
Cooperstown  
  - The Farmers’ Museum

Kirkwood  
  - ca. 1900 Drug Store Museum  
    - McMurray Antiques & Auctions

**OKLAHOMA**  
Oklahoma City  
  - Veterinary Medicine in Oklahoma Exhibit  
    - Oklahoma History Center

Sulphur  
  - National Museum of Horse Shoeing Tools  
    - Carousel 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  

**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

International Museum of the Horse, Lexington, Kentucky