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DR. G. W. CORNWELL, I.S.C. '41, and Dr. H. P. Sandberg, I.S.C. '52, of Boone, Iowa, have a distinguished business establishment which is rather unique and practical. They have taken a step to provide their community with good veterinary service plus facilities for clinical diagnosis and treatment.

Previous to September, 1952, Dr. Cornwell was practicing from a basement office in his home. He did not have kennels enough, and this limited the small animal practice. Dr. Cornwell decided to take in a partner, Dr. Sandberg, and to expand hospitalization facilities for both large and small animal patients. This partnership was formed in September, 1952, thus giving their clients the advantage of large animal facilities and modern small animal care and hospitalization.

They purchased an implement display building on U. S. Highway 30 at the east edge of Boone, and with a moderate amount of remodeling they have a veterinary hospital that is proving to be very satisfactory for their type of practice. They have enlarged their small animal practice and have facilities to handle large animal patients in their hospital. Storage space is not at a premium, and they are also able to buy their drugs in larger quantities. The clients are not hesitant to enter an attractive large modern waiting room to be met by a trained receptionist who handles calls efficiently and without undue delay.

The structure is of cement block construction and fully insulated. It measures forty by eighty feet. As this issue goes to press, a part of the room designated as storage on the floor plan will be equipped to do bacteriological work. It will be equipped with an incubator, gas stove for dry sterilization, microscope, media and stains, centrifuge, Bunsen burner and miscellaneous glassware. Also by the time of publication two-way radios will have been installed in their cars and will be in continual contact with the hospital.

The small animal operating room has plastic tile on the wall and asphalt tile on the floor—an aid to quick disinfection. There is a small animal examination room equipped to handle efficient diagnoses adjoining the operating room.

The kennel room has four, five compartment steel kennels, but the room is space-
ions enough to handle a total of fifty patients. Lighting, ventilation and heat are adequate and the room is in close proximity to the clipping, trimming and bathing room.

The rear portion of the hospital is equipped for large animals. It has three box stalls and ample storage space for feed, drugs, etc. If in the future they feel the need of a large animal operating table or additional box stalls, ample room would still be available. On the southeast corner is an outdoor run for six animals. On the south of the large animal area is a large overhead door which, along with the portable unloading chute, satisfies the most hurried client.

The remaining rooms indicated in the floor plan are satisfactory for their purpose. The reception room provides a place to do the necessary bookkeeping and presents an attractive but not elaborate appearance to the client who has come in to pay his bill or pick up dispensing items.

Dr. Cornwell and Dr. Sandberg have a practice which is predominately large animal. An average day consists of country calls in both morning and afternoon with small animal work “sandwiched” in during the day. Most of the small animal work is done during the evening office hours.

These central Iowa practitioners have reason to be proud of their veterinary hospital. If they desire a change in the present floor plan of the hospital it may easily be accomplished. Dr. Cornwell and Dr. Sandberg have a capital investment of approximately twenty-five thousand dollars which they believes improves their partnership as well as their relations with their clients.

The Norwegian Elkhound is believed to be the oldest domesticated breed of dog in Europe, dating back to 5000 B.C.

By means of intra-nasal intubation of the feline, up to 50 cc. of nutrient media can be introduced into the stomach. Amounts exceeding this are apt to induce vomition.

One-quarter dose of Nembutal mixed with pentothal increases the duration of anesthesia and reduces the quantity of pentothal needed for short periods of anesthesia. It is a safe anesthetic.