



■ About This Guide

This directory covers standalone veterinary specialty and referral clinics in the NYC metro area and nearby. Unlike ER hospitals that accept walk-ins, most specialty clinics require a referral from your primary vet. They provide advanced diagnostics and treatment by board-certified specialists in surgery, internal medicine, oncology, cardiology, ophthalmology, neurology, dermatology, and more. **When your primary vet says "I'd like to refer you," this is where you go.**

■ **How referrals work:** Your primary vet sends records and imaging to the specialist clinic. The clinic contacts you to schedule. In urgent (non-emergency) cases, same-week appointments are often available. For true emergencies, go directly to a 24-hour ER — specialty clinics are not equipped for crash cases. For exotic species, always confirm the clinic sees your species before scheduling.

■ Green = full multi-specialty center (surgery, internal medicine, and more under one roof) · All green hospitals also provide surgical services.

■ Multi-Specialty Referral Centers

■ **Animal Medical Center (AMC)** 510 East 62nd Street, Upper East Side, Manhattan · (212) 838-8100 **Specialties:** Oncology, cardiology, neurology, ophthalmology, surgery, internal medicine, dermatology, rehabilitation, exotic animal medicine NYC's flagship veterinary hospital. Level 1 trauma center + the most comprehensive specialty service in New York. Teaching hospital affiliated with Cornell. AMC accepts self-referrals for many specialty services. First call for complex cases.

■ **VERG Brooklyn** 196 4th Avenue, Park Slope, Brooklyn · (718) 522-9400 **Specialties:** Internal medicine, surgery, oncology, neurology, cardiology, dermatology, ophthalmology ER + full specialty referral. The most comprehensive referral center in Brooklyn. Board-certified specialists in multiple disciplines on site.

■ **BluePearl – Midtown Manhattan** 410 West 55th Street, Midtown, Manhattan · (212) 767-0099 **Specialties:** Surgery, internal medicine, oncology, cardiology, neurology, dermatology Part of the BluePearl network. Full specialty services alongside 24-hour ER. Referrals accepted from any primary vet.

■ **BluePearl – Queens** 107-28 71st Road, Forest Hills, Queens · (718) 263-0099 **Specialties:** Full specialty services including surgery, internal medicine, oncology BluePearl Forest Hills location. Multi-specialty with ER.

■ **Animal Specialty Center (ASC)** 9 Odell Plaza, Yonkers, NY · (914) 457-4000 **Specialties:** Surgery, internal medicine, oncology, cardiology, dermatology, neurology Major multi-specialty and emergency center just north of NYC in Yonkers. Excellent alternative to Manhattan for Upper Manhattan, the Bronx, and Westchester clients.



■ **Long Island Veterinary Specialists (LIVS)** 163 S Service Road, Plainview, NY (Long Island) · (516) 501-1700 **Specialties:**

Surgery, internal medicine, oncology, neurology, cardiology, dermatology, ophthalmology One of the largest independent specialty centers in the NY metro area. Board-certified specialists across all major disciplines. Worth the drive for complex cases.

■ **Cornell University Veterinary Specialists (CUVS)** 880 Canal Street, Stamford, CT · (203) 595-2777 **Specialties:** Surgery,

internal medicine, oncology, cardiology, neurology, dermatology, ophthalmology Cornell-affiliated specialty referral center (approx. 1 hour from NYC). Exceptional clinical standards and research-backed protocols. A top destination for complex or unusual cases.

■ **Red Bank Veterinary Hospital** 197 Hance Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ · (732) 747-3636 **Specialties:** Full ER + cardiology, neurology,

oncology, surgery, ophthalmology, internal medicine One of the most comprehensive specialty and emergency centers in the Northeast. About 50–60 min from NYC via the Garden State Parkway. Highly regarded for oncology, neurology, and complex surgical cases.

■ **Surgical & Dental Specialists**

✓ All green multi-specialty centers listed above also have board-certified surgeons. The practices below are surgery-focused or dental-specialty boutique clinics.

Hospital for Veterinary Surgery (HVS) 150 Amsterdam Avenue (at 67th St), Upper West Side, Manhattan · (646) 974-1506

Specialties: Orthopedic surgery, soft tissue surgery, minimally invasive surgery, advanced imaging (CT) Manhattan's first and only surgery-exclusive veterinary hospital. 10,000 sq ft facility with dedicated orthopedic and soft tissue ORs and on-site CT scanner. Mon–Fri 8am–6pm. Referral required. Board-certified veterinary surgeons.

Animal Surgical Center of New York (Queens) 44-16 23rd Street, Long Island City, Queens · (917) 525-2579 **Specialties:** Surgery,

emergency diagnostics, soft tissue and orthopedic procedures Boutique-focused surgical practice in Queens. Board-certified surgeons. Accessible from Manhattan and Brooklyn. Fair pricing ethos; referral-based but contact directly for intake process.

Animal Surgical Center of New York (Manhattan) Manhattan — confirm current address via referral or website · Confirm with

your vet **Specialties:** Soft tissue surgery, orthopedic surgery, minimally invasive surgery Boutique specialty surgical practice. Board-certified surgeons. Referral required. Contact through your primary vet for current scheduling.

Prism Veterinary Dentistry Flatiron: 19 W 21st Street, Manhattan · Park Slope: 451 5th Avenue, Brooklyn · (646) 661-5562 **Specialties:**

Advanced veterinary dentistry, oral surgery, dental imaging (CBCT), tooth resorption, periodontal disease, oral oncology, fractured teeth NYC's first referral-only veterinary dentistry & oral surgery clinic. Board-certified veterinary dentist (Dip. AVDC). Two convenient locations. Accepts referrals from all primary vets. Website: prismvetdentistry.com

♥■ **Veterinary Cardiology**



■ **Acute cardiac emergency (collapse, severe breathing difficulty, blue gums)?** Go directly to a 24-hour ER — do not call a specialty cardiology clinic. AMC, VERG, or BluePearl can stabilize your pet and have cardiologists on call.

■ All multi-specialty centers above (AMC, VERG, BluePearl, ASC, LIVS, CUVS) have board-certified cardiologists on staff for scheduled consultations, echocardiograms, Holter monitoring, and complex cardiac management. For ongoing cardiac care, contact any of those centers via your primary vet referral.

Board-certified veterinary cardiologists (Dip. ACVIM – Cardiology) provide echocardiography, Holter monitoring, cardiac catheterization, and management of complex heart disease. Notable cardiology programs:

Cardiology at AMC 510 East 62nd Street, Upper East Side, Manhattan · (212) 838-8100 **Services:** Full cardiology service: echocardiography, Holter, interventional cardiology, pacemaker implantation AMC has a full cardiology department with dedicated cardiologists. One of the most comprehensive cardiac programs in the Northeast. Self-referrals accepted.

Cardiology at VERG Brooklyn 196 4th Avenue, Park Slope, Brooklyn · (718) 522-9400 **Services:** Echocardiography, cardiac Holter monitoring, cardiac management, cardiac staging Board-certified cardiologist on staff at VERG. Referral-based consultations available. Excellent Brooklyn-based option for ongoing cardiac monitoring.

Cardiology at LIVS (Long Island) 163 S Service Road, Plainview, NY · (516) 501-1700 **Services:** Full cardiac workup: echo, Holter, pacemaker implantation, specialized interventions LIVS cardiology is highly regarded for complex cardiac cases requiring specialized intervention such as pacemaker placement.

■ Veterinary Ophthalmology (Eye Specialists)

Veterinary Eye Center (VEC) — Hell's Kitchen, Manhattan 357 W 52nd Street, Hell's Kitchen, Manhattan · (646) 838-3915 **Services:** Cataract surgery, corneal disease, glaucoma management, retinal disease, eyelid surgery, ocular oncology, ulcer management NYC's first dedicated veterinary ophthalmology center. Board-certified veterinary ophthalmologists (Dip. ACVO). Mon–Fri 7:30am–5:30pm. Website: vecnyc.com

Veterinary Eye Center (VEC) — Long Island City, Queens 5 Court Square, Long Island City, Queens · (646) 368-8454 **Services:** Full ophthalmology services: cataract surgery, corneal, glaucoma, retinal, eyelid VEC Queens location — convenient for outer-borough and Long Island clients. Mon–Fri 7:30am–5:30pm. Same board-certified team as Manhattan location.

Veterinary Eye Center (VEC) — Park Slope, Brooklyn 451 Fifth Avenue, Park Slope, Brooklyn · (646) 926-3937 **Services:** Full ophthalmology services — same services as other VEC locations VEC Brooklyn location in Park Slope. Accessible via R, F, and G subway. Mon–Fri 7:30am–5:30pm. vecnyc.com

Ophthalmology at AMC 510 East 62nd Street, Upper East Side, Manhattan · (212) 838-8100 **Services:** Full ophthalmology: cataract surgery, glaucoma, corneal disease, retinal disease, urgent cases AMC's ophthalmology department. Referrals accepted; some cases seen urgently. Backed by AMC's full specialty services for complex combined cases.



Ophthalmology at LIVS 163 S Service Road, Plainview, NY · (516) 501-1700 **Services:** Cataract surgery, ocular surgery, glaucoma, corneal conditions Board-certified ophthalmologist on staff. Excellent option for Long Island and outer-borough clients. Part of LIVS full multi-specialty team.

■ Avian & Exotic Animal Specialists

Not all vets are trained to treat birds, reptiles, rabbits, and small mammals. Avian and exotic medicine requires specialized knowledge, equipment, and anesthesia protocols. These clinics have dedicated exotic animal practitioners:

Center for Avian and Exotic Medicine 562 Columbus Avenue (at 87th Street), Upper West Side, Manhattan · (212) 873-9182

Species/Services: Birds (all species), reptiles, rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs, hedgehogs, chinchillas, sugar gliders, and most small mammals One of the most respected avian and exotic practices in the United States. Dedicated exotic-only practice — no dogs or cats. Extensive experience with birds including critical care, surgery, and oncology. Highly recommended for all exotic species in NYC.

Animal Medical Center (AMC) — Exotic Animal Service 510 East 62nd Street, Upper East Side, Manhattan · (212) 838-8100

Species/Services: Avian, reptile, small mammal medicine and surgery with full specialist backup AMC has exotic animal medicine with access to all specialty services including advanced imaging, surgery, oncology, and critical care. Best for exotic patients needing specialist-level care beyond primary exotics medicine.

Avian & Exotic Animal Care at LIVS 163 S Service Road, Plainview, NY · (516) 501-1700 **Species/Services:** Birds, reptiles, small mammals — integrated with full specialty services LIVS provides avian and exotic medicine alongside their specialty services. A good option for Long Island exotic pet owners needing specialty support.

■ Oncology & Internal Medicine

Veterinary oncologists (Dip. ACVIM – Oncology) and internists (Dip. ACVIM – Internal Medicine) manage the most complex medical cases. Cancer, endocrine disease, immune-mediated conditions, and GI disease are common referral reasons. Most multi-specialty centers above have oncology and internal medicine on staff:

Veterinary Specialty Referral Center of Manhattan (VSRC) 217 7th Avenue, Chelsea, Manhattan · (646) 632-2538 **Services:**

Medical oncology, internal medicine, chemotherapy protocols, palliative care, referral consultations Founded by Dr. Brooke Britton, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology). Concierge-level oncology and internal medicine care for NYC companion animals. Boutique practice — exceptional client communication and personalized care. Website: vsrmanhattan.com

Oncology & Internal Medicine at AMC 510 East 62nd Street, Manhattan · (212) 838-8100 **Services:** Medical oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology, full chemotherapy protocols AMC has one of the most advanced veterinary oncology programs in the US, including radiation therapy. For complex cancer cases requiring radiation, AMC is the primary referral.

Oncology at VERG Brooklyn 196 4th Avenue, Park Slope, Brooklyn · (718) 522-9400 **Services:** Medical oncology, chemotherapy, palliative care, ongoing monitoring Board-certified oncologist on staff at VERG. Excellent Brooklyn-based option for ongoing chemotherapy protocols and oncology monitoring.



Oncology & Internal Medicine at CUVS 880 Canal Street, Stamford, CT · (203) 595-2777 **Services:** Medical oncology, internal medicine — radiation oncology via Cornell Ithaca for select cases CUVS offers excellent oncology and internal medicine services. For radiation therapy, cases may be referred to Cornell's main campus in Ithaca. About 1 hour from NYC.

■ How to Use This Guide

- Your primary vet will recommend a specific specialist based on your pet's condition
- Request that your vet send records and imaging to the specialty clinic before your appointment
- Bring a summary of your pet's history, current medications, and recent lab work
- Ask about estimated costs upfront — specialty care varies widely in price
- Many specialty clinics offer payment plans or accept CareCredit
- For a second opinion, most specialists welcome referrals directly from pet owners
- Note: practice details, addresses, and phone numbers should be verified before visiting — specialty practices occasionally relocate or change hours

■ Final Summary

Veterinary specialty medicine has never been more advanced. Conditions that were once untreatable — certain cancers, complex orthopedic injuries, advanced cardiac disease — are now manageable with specialist care. When your primary vet recommends a referral, it is a sign of good medicine: knowing when to call in the expert. Use this guide to find the right specialist for your pet's needs.

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