



Aliante Animal Hospital

North Las Vegas, Nevada

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Architect's Commentary: The Aliante Animal Hospital is a 6,400 square-foot facility with a heavy emphasis on boarding. The hospital portion contains seven exam rooms, a four-station treatment area with two additional dental stations, and separate rooms for endoscopy, surgery, x-ray, isolation, recovery and cat hospitalization. The pharmacy and a private doctor work area are located between the exam and treatment rooms to allow easy accessibility for doctors and assistants. The boarding areas feature a range of small to large dog boarding areas and a luxury dog area. Additionally, there is a glass enclosed cat boarding suite adjacent to the waiting room for cat owners. The boarding area also includes a separate grooming room and a covered/shaded outdoor enclosed dog run area that provides a covered walking environment for boarded guests.

Why Masonry? The design of the hospital includes all concrete masonry unit (CMU) walls (interior and exterior) and sealed/stained concrete floors in public areas. CMU was specifically selected for its durability in this high-abuse environment. Through a collaborative effort of Oldcastle Architectural West, SH Architecture and Mendenhall Smith Structural Engineers, an Integra Wall System was utilized to maximize energy efficiency, while maintaining the durability requested by the ownership team. Likewise, further interior finishes were designed to balance aesthetics and durability. The check-in counter is designed for abuse with solid surfacing materials and porcelain tile cladding all exposed surfaces.

The open contemporary design of the entry and waiting areas allows for natural daylighting into the public spaces. The building is situated on the site as close as possible to Elkhorn Road with client parking in the existing parking area around the building. The main corner of the building is elevated to balance the height of the surrounding buildings and provide a highly visible sign element for motorists on Elkhorn Road and Aliante Parkway.

