



Come experience the **AAHA** difference!

### Meet Our Doctors

#### Dr. Joseph P. Kamer

Dr. Kamer is a 1989 KSU of Veterinary Medicine graduate. He started practice with a one year internship in Las Vegas, Nevada before returning to his native town of Topeka. He was an associate of Burlingame Road Animal Hospital for three years before opening VMSH of Topeka in spring of 1994. His special interests include complex and routine surgical cases. Some of his current focus is on orthopedic fracture repair, total hip replacements, TPLO surgery, critical care and emergency procedures for the critical patient. His latest endeavors are in minimally invasive surgical techniques using laparoscopy, thoracoscopy, and arthroscopy. In 2010 Dr. Kamer lead the Topeka Zoo team to fix Hope the giraffe's hyperextended fetlocks. He created extended shoes unique to Hope's hyper extended fetlock to readjust her hooves over time which allowed Hope to go on to live a full life at the Topeka Zoo where she still resides. Recently he has obtained his private pilots license. When Dr. Kamer is not busy saving animals of all species he enjoys flying his Cessna 182, going hiking , and fly fishing in Colorado with his kids Josh, Luke, and Maddie .



#### Dr. Joshua A. Hahn

Dr. Joshua Hahn is a Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine graduate who joined VMSH in August 2012. Dr. Hahn has been in Veterinary Medicine since 2002. After becoming a Registered Vet Technician, he moved with his wife and son to Manhattan to pursue a Bachelor in Animal Science. Prior to starting Veterinary Medicine School, he worked as a Registered Technician in private practice and then at Kansas State University Veterinary Medicine Oncology Department. Dr. Hahn's special interest includes dentistry, educating clients on the importance of routine quality care and nutrition, preventative medicine and minimally invasive laparoscopic procedures. During Dr. Hahn's time off he enjoys spending time with his wife and 4 children. He currently has 6 cats, 3 dogs, 25 chickens, 25 ducks, 1 horse and 5 Nigerian dwarf goats which takes most of his spare time.



AAHA Certified Since  
1999

Veterinary Medical and Surgical Hospital of Topeka is proud to be a certified hospital member of the American Animal Hospital Association. We voluntarily allow our hospital to be periodically inspected to assure that the AAHA rigid standards are being met. We are required to keep up with the latest technology and to provide the highest standards of care, and we believe this allows our hospital to better serve our patients.

### Our Mission:

*The doctors and staff at Veterinary Medical & Surgical Hospital of Topeka believe in the human animal bond. Our experienced team strives to provide the highest level of veterinary medicine and surgery available for the health of our patients. As pet owners ourselves, we understand the importance of compassionate animal care, and promise to treat your pet as if it were one of our own."*

# MEET OUR STAFF

## Heather — Office Manager

Heather previously worked at VMSh for 4 years but returned after working in human medicine when she realized her love for veterinary technology. She graduated from Washburn University with certification in surgical technologies and went on to work at Stormont Vail for 2 years as a Certified Surgical Technologist. Working in veterinary and human medicine has given her a great understanding of the ins and outs of surgical procedures and is very thankful for the time she spent in human medicine. Heather is currently pursuing her Veterinary Technician degree. Heather enjoys spending time with her beautiful babies Austyn and Kyler. She loves to



## Katelyn— Office Manager

Katelyn was born and raised in Oklahoma, where she grew up living with her dad and three sisters. Growing up on a farm, she has taken care of animals since she was little and has always had a love for them. She moved to Kansas in 2019 and worked her way up from receptionist to Office Manager. Her love of animals pushed her to work in an environment where she can be around fur babies 24/7. In Katelyn's free time she loves spending time with her family, party planning and traveling to new places.



## Sydney — Registered Veterinary Nurse

Sydney was born and raised in Topeka and has only ever worked in animal care positions. Most recently, she's graduated with her Veterinary Nursing Degree from Colby Community College and is our newest and only currently Registered Nurse. In her free time, Sydney enjoys lounging with her cat Applesauce, who was a surrender to our hospital in 2020.



## Ellie— Veterinary Assistant

After Ellie's time in the U.S. Army she decided to expand her love for animals and join the veterinary community. Ellie had been at VMSh for four years and is currently attending school to become a registered veterinary nurse. If Ellie is not at our hospital, you'll most likely find her on a hike with her German Shepherd, Amaya.



## Emily— Veterinary Assistant

Emily has recently worked her way up from kennel technician to vet assistant. She previously volunteered at The Topeka Zoo educating guests about some of the animals that call The Topeka Zoo home. Emily loves to spend time with each individual animal under her care giving them special attention. When Emily isn't caring for our clients animals she can be found walking nature trails or at home watching movies with her pet Kuro-mi.



## Alyssa— Veterinary Assistant

Alyssa is a Topeka Native who joined the VMSh team in August of 2022. Alyssa has always had a soft spot for animals and always wanted to work with them. She has a unique love for French bulldogs because to her they are the best breed ever! When she is not at work you can find her painting, playing with her daughter, and cuddling with her fur baby Willow.



## Kylie— Veterinary Assistant

Kylie moved to Topeka in 2006 from a tiny town near Emporia. She has deep farming roots where she had lots of hands on experiences with animals large and small. You can always expect her to give your fur baby lots of love when they are here. She loves spending time with her two children, and their dog Morty.



## Kylee— Veterinary Assistant

Kylee was born and raised in Topeka. She has been in Veterinary Medicine for 2 years, and has used her experience to work her way up from receptionist to veterinary assistant. In her free time Kylee enjoys being outside & lounging around with her 2 cats Faye and Ember.



## Amber— Receptionist

Amber has been a dedicated part of the VMSh team for 4 years. Amber has seen it all and despite her queasy stomach is always ready to jump in head first to aid any animal in need. Amber spends most of her time in our pristine surgical suite often aiding Dr. Kamer in his most complex surgeries. During her off time Amber enjoys taking walks around Gage Park with her two daughters or watching movies with her cats.



## Ariona— Receptionist

Ariona was born and raised in Topeka and has only strived to work in the animal care field. From Doggie daycares to other veterinary clinics she is very knowledgeable when it comes to furry friends of any size. When she has free time she loves to spend the day in with her bull mastiff/pitbull mix Chief.



## Olivia— Animal Care Tech

Olivia was born in Kansas City, MO and has been raised in Topeka her whole life. She loves to make people laugh and is always willing to help others. She has completed a veterinary assistant program and in her free time loves to read and hang out with her dog Frankie. Olivia is thinking about going back to school to become a crime scene technician.



## Morgan— Animal Care Tech

Morgan was born and raised in Topeka and has been wanting to jump into the veterinary field for as long as she can remember. She started out as a receptionist and moved to animal care tech. She is always ready to jump right in and help other staff members. Her biggest goal for the future is to become an RVT. When she is not working she loves spending time with her boyfriend and two cats Zelda and Loki as well as playing video games.



## Jet— Clinic Mascot

Jet was rescued by our office manager Heather and quickly stole the hearts of our entire staff. He loves to snuggle, bird watch out the window, and take long naps. He is the perfect therapy for any hard day and VMSh wouldn't be the same without him.



# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

**Here at Veterinary Medical and Surgical Hospital of Topeka we are committed to providing the best patient care possible for your pet. We offer comprehensive health care for all stages of life.**

## Internal Medicine and Diagnostics:

We cover all areas of internal medicine including: Cardiology, Ophthalmology, Neurology, Dermatology, Gastroenterology, Oncology; Endocrinology among others. We are able to provide blood results as quickly as 15 minutes after pulling a blood sample from you pet. This is very important for pre-surgical screening, for quick diagnosis and especially for the critically ill patient. Diagnosis for endocrine diseases such as Diabetes and Cushing's Disease can also be performed in our hospital allowing us to begin the treatment immediately. We also offer the latest in digital radiographs.



## Immunization and Wellness Care:

The time and effort invested wellness programs has rewards for both pets and owners. Our wellness programs are designed specifically for your pet and include: Comprehensive physical exam, internal parasite testing, heartworm and flea control, vaccination program, spay and neuter package, and specialized blood tests for all ages.

## Dental Care:

Regular professional cleaning is important to maintaining your pet's teeth. We use modern and safe ultrasound to clean each tooth thoroughly. Dental technicians polish teeth to create a smooth, lustrous tooth surface more resistant to plaque build up. Fluoride treatments help strengthen enamel and reduce tooth sensitivity. Advanced dental care is available including dental x-rays, oral surgery, and root canals.

## Nutritional Counseling:

Some pets require special food, and all pets benefit from a balanced diet. Our trained and certified staff is available to help you choose the right diet for your pet to keep him or her happy, healthy and active.



**AAHA Accredited for 25 Years**

## Emergency and Critical Care Services:

In any emergency, seconds count. Our experienced staff is backed up by our mobile resuscitation unit, fully stocked with the latest drugs, and equipped to administer the ABC's of basic life support — Airway, Breathing, and Circulation via CPR techniques, oxygen, drugs, and heart defibrillation. Emergency care is offered during regular business hours. In addition we use the services of our affiliated emergency facility, Emergency Animal Clinic of Topeka at 5501 SW 29th St. Suite 3 Topeka, Ks.

Phone: 785-272-2926



**We have two full time groomers on our team. Both Nicole & Katie have over 10+ years of experience & enjoy using their skills to make your pet feel and look their best.**



## Boarding Facilities:

**We provide tender loving care such as feeding, watering, brushing, cuddling and supervised outdoor walks and play-time to keep them happy and active during your pets stay with us.**



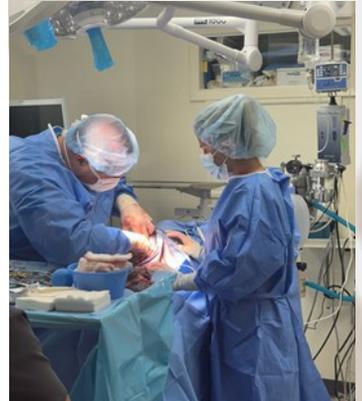
# Nothing But The Best For Your Pet

We at Veterinary Medical and Surgical Hospital Of Topeka pride ourselves on offering the most advanced surgical techniques and medical care.

**Tumor Removal**



**Splenectomy**



## Surgical Procedures

All of our surgical procedures are performed in our sterile surgical suite. Our doctors and nurses are scrubbed, gowned, and gloved for all operations to reduce the risk of infection and other complications. Our nursing staff attentively monitor your pet's vitals the entire operation, and stay with your pet from the time they're put under anesthesia to the time they wake up. Our hospital strives to give animals human grade services their entire stay with us. Our General Surgeries include traditional spays, neuters, and dental cleanings. We also perform more advanced procedures such as Laparoscopic spays, C-sections, Endoscopy, Total Hip replacement, TPLO ACL Repair, Fracture Repairs, Trauma repair, GDV surgery (bloat), Cardio-Thoracic surgery, Abdominal surgery.



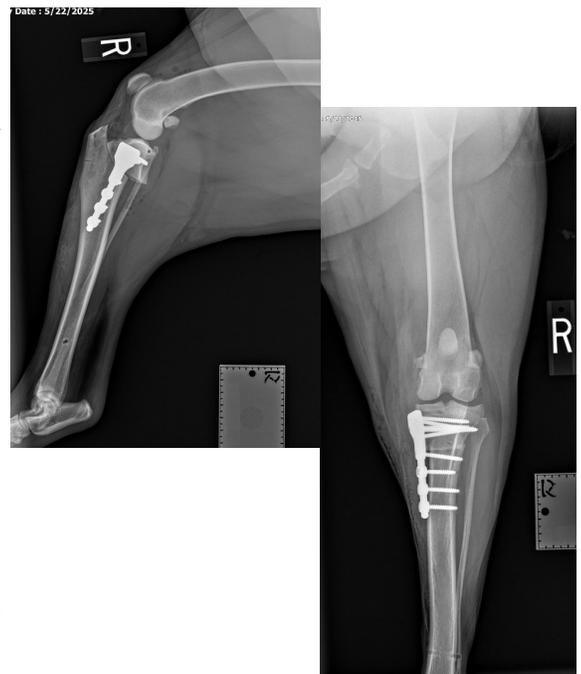
**TPLO ACL Repair**



**Laparoscopic Procedures**

## TPLO

One of our most common procedures performed in our surgical suite is the Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy. This orthopedic surgery has been performed by Dr. Kamer for over 20 years. This procedure is used to repair a ruptured cranial ligament commonly called a dog's ACL. When a dog tears its ACL, every time the dogs goes to stand or put weight on the leg, the femur slides/rubs on the back of the tibia. This rubbing causes pain and inflammation, which is very uncomfortable. This is why most dogs with a torn ACL will not even put any weight on the leg, or if they do, they will just toe touch the leg to the ground. Dr. Kamer requires a consultation for all potential orthopedic surgeries, to take his own x-rays ,assess the situation and go over the operation with the owners. He takes the time to go over every aspect of the surgery , what to expect afterward and what steps need to be taken for recovery. He also includes post operative recheck appointments just to ensure that the surgery was successful and things are healing as they should.



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