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Zoot Pet Hospital Wins 2010 Hospital Design Competition Merit Award

December 31, 2009—Zoot Pet Hospital in Georgetown, Texas, received a 2010 Hospital Design Competition Merit Award for excellence in veterinary hospital design in the 45th annual *Veterinary Economics* Hospital Design Competition. Dr. Wayne Zeh and Jim Root own the 11,655-square-foot animal hospital at 3981 West Highway 29.

The independent panel of judges also chose Bay Beach Veterinary Hospital in Virginia Beach, Va., as the Hospital of the Year—Small Animal Division, and chose Red Bank Veterinary Hospital in Tinton Falls, N.J., as the Hospital of the Year—Specialty Division. The judges also awarded nine other merit awards to Greek & Associates Veterinary Hospital in Yorba Linda, Calif., Park Centre Animal Hospital in Alameda, Calif., Veterinary Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Group in Annapolis Junction, Md., Oakhurst Veterinary Hospital in Oakhurst, N.J., Bit & Spur Animal Hospital in Mobile, Ala., S.C. Veterinary Specialists in Columbia, S.C., Bollinger Canyon Animal Hospital in San Ramon, Calif., Companion Animal Care Center in Winona, Minn., and Creekside Animal Clinic in Norton, Ohio.

Judges evaluate competition entries in the following categories: Site plan, mechanical features, outpatient areas, plumbing features, inpatient areas, electrical features, quality of finish materials, overall features.

“The *Veterinary Economics* Hospital Design Competition recognizes exceptional veterinary facilities that enhance pet owners’ experiences at the hospital, support top-notch veterinary care, maximize practice efficiency, and foster comfortable working conditions for veterinarians and veterinary team members,” says Kristi Reimer, editor of *Veterinary Economics*. “These award-winning facilities set the standard for cutting-edge veterinary hospital design.”

Each of the winning hospitals will be profiled in *Veterinary Economics*, which reaches 58,000 practicing veterinarians in the United States and Canada. Zoot Pet Hospital will be featured in the November 2010 issue.