

Surgery at GAVC...

We provide a full array of surgical services at GAVC, from elective sterilization, to soft tissue surgery, to simple orthopedics and dental procedures. Our patients are monitored under anesthesia by a state-of-the-art VetSpecs monitor that tracks the patient's ECG, pulse, oxygen levels, and respiratory rate. We utilize high-quality anesthetics to keep animals as comfortable as possible, and provide two support staff to the surgeon to ensure every patient is monitored both during anesthesia and recovery.

We have an agreement with Dr. Cal Kobluk, a board-certified veterinary surgeon, to provide high-end surgical services on-site. We also work with Marcia Swanson, CVT, to provide extended rehabilitation care.

Pharmacy Services at GAVC...

We have a fully stocked pharmacy allowing our clients to obtain most medications on-site. We also can have Prescription Specialties in East Duluth prepare most medications that we do not carry.

Medical Care for GAVC Patients...

Most days we have two doctors receiving appointments during business hours, providing a total of 14 consultation hours every day we are open. In addition to this, we do our best to accommodate urgent cases, and provide drop-off services for clients with busy schedules. Our computerized record system allows us to quickly access records, as well as imaging ability to demonstrate and discuss conditions in the exam room.

We are capable of managing ill patients in-hospital with a wide array of equipment, including two intravenous infusion pumps, up-to-date pain management protocols, pharmaceuticals, and a highly trained and caring staff devoted to doing everything they can to keep your pet comfortable.

Our doctors also have pursued special interests to provide further care options. Dr. Lisa Nordquist offers acupuncture therapy for cases in which it is an option.

When our clinic is closed, our clients have access to after-hours urgent care through Affiliated Emergency Veterinary Services, a centralized emergency clinic that serves the entire Twin Ports and Arrowhead region. AEVS features high-end equipment and 24-hour weekend service with an on-site veterinarian and support staff to provide the absolute best care to patients.

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Veterinary Clinic*



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Serving the healthcare needs of pets and their families in West Duluth and the Arrowhead region since 1985.

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Our Mission...

The mission of GAVC is to provide high-quality veterinary care for all of our clients, using an honest and fair approach to provide the best care possible within the limits of the clients' goals for both outcome and financial capability.

About Us...

GAVC is a full-service veterinary clinic that has been in operation in its West Duluth location since 1985. Originally owned by Dr. Gerald Abelsen, the clinic was purchased in 2002 by Dr. Doug Marshak, and has since expanded from a 1 ½-doctor clinic to a 4-doctor clinic (working the equivalent of three full-time positions).

The clinic also features four certified veterinary technicians and four non-certified technicians, and routinely employs college students who are interested in pursuing a career in the veterinary field.

While a majority of our clients come from the West Duluth area, we have a wide and diverse clientele that comes from all over Duluth, Superior, Hermantown, Proctor, Cloquet, Esko, Two Harbors, and other communities in the Twin Ports region.

Our Doctors...



**Doug Marshak, DVM
Minnesota '98**

Dr. Marshak joined GAVC in 1999 and has been the primary owner since 2002. He works exclusively on companion animals. His primary interest is in internal medicine.



**Lisa Nordquist, DVM
Wisconsin '02**

Dr. Nordquist started working for GAVC in 2008 after five years in southern Wisconsin. She provides services for companion animals. She is certified in acupuncture therapy for small animals.



**Robyn Ball, DVM
Minnesota '05**

Dr. Ball started working for GAVC in 2008 after spending two years in Minneapolis. She provides services for companion animals. Her primary interest is in internal medicine.



**Elaine Nelson, DVM
Minnesota '05**

Dr. Nelson started working at GAVC in May 2010 after working for a year in Cloquet and three years in the Twin Cities. She enjoys doing soft tissue surgeries as well as tackling difficult internal medicine cases.



**Jackie Pribyl, DVM
Oregon State '15**

Dr. Pribyl joined GAVC in July 2015 after graduating from veterinary school in Oregon. She is very interested in surgery and dental procedures, and enjoys working with clients on medicine cases.

Diagnostics at GAVC...

Our clinic features numerous advanced diagnostic capabilities, allowing us to make a diagnosis on-site and without delay.

We feature the Idexx VetLab Suite, allowing us access to laboratory results within 30 minutes of animal's presentation in the clinic. Our lab also allows us to perform fecal analysis, cytology, and numerous other condition-specific tests. We have on-site digital radiology, giving us quick access to phenomenal-quality imaging and the option for remote consults with radiologists.

We work with Dr. Ralph Weischelbaum, a board-certified radiologist from the Twin Cities, to provide high-end ultrasound diagnostics. Dr. Weischelbaum performs both abdominal ultrasound and echocardiography, as well as provides transport for radiation therapy for hyperthyroid cats.

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Office Hours 8 AM to 5 PM
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After-Hours Service Provided by
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