



2024 Legislative Testimony



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Governor Walz's 2024 Infrastructure Plan



Subd. 2. Asset Preservation \$4.089M

For capital asset preservation improvements and betterments to infrastructure and exhibits at the Minnesota Zoo, to be spent in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.307. Notwithstanding the specified uses of money under Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.307, this appropriation may be used to replace buildings that are in poor condition, outdated, and no longer support the work of the Minnesota Zoological Garden; to construct and renovate trails and roads on the Minnesota Zoological Garden site; and to renovate animal exhibits to meet modern animal welfare standards, address animal and staff safety issues, and improve the viewing experience for guests.



Mechanical Systems



Remaining Skylights



Life Support Systems



Animal Holding Areas

SF 3576 — a new animal hospital for Minnesota



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MISSION CRITICAL EMERGENCY PROJECT

A Top Notch Team



Zoological medicine is a discipline that integrates clinic sciences, preventative health medicine, and ecology to advance the health, wellbeing, and conservation of free-living and managed wildlife and non-traditional companion species.
~ as defined by the American College of Zoological Medicine



Dr. Garity: a Diplomat of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioner as a Canine and Feline Specialist [only 450 vets of 90,000 in the world]



Dr. Rivas, Director of Animal Health. Double Boarded veterinarian. Former Animal Planet star!



Dr. Zec: Previous intern at the Wildlife Conservation Center. Currently studying for the board exam.



Dr. Berlin: Previous veterinarian at the Henry Doorly Zoo. Currently studying for the board exam.

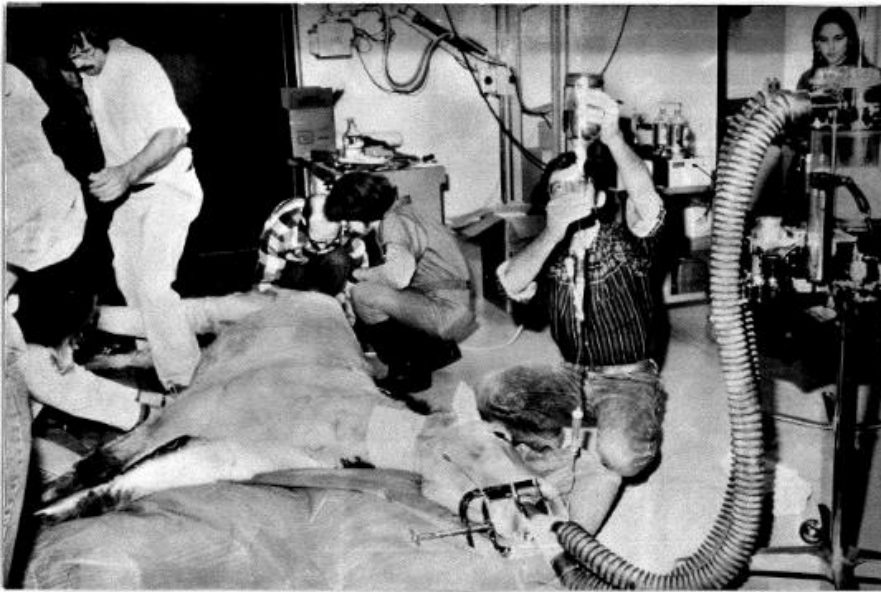


Dr. Iyer: Specialty Internship at the Minnesota Zoo

Animal Hospital Project



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MZG Perrone

Fig. 2. Horse under general gas anesthesia in hospital.

Treatment Room - 1978



Treatment Room - 2023

Animal Hospital Project



Dilapidated
Animal Holding



Unloading Dock
serves as
“ambulatory garage”



Critical
System Failures



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Conceptual Rendering





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Minnesota Zoo Animal Hospital...statewide impact



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Joining in our request for full funding:



Ely, MN



Ely, MN



Minneapolis, MN



Ely, MN



Duluth, MN



Attract, Educate, and Retain



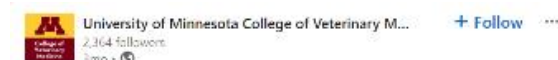
Vet crisis is statewide, national — and urgent

This affects many sectors, and the health of our animals, and ourselves, depends on resolving the shortage.

By Larso Molgaard JULY 11, 2023 5:50PM



Postcard with veterinarian doctor at vet clinic.



"The veterinarian workforce shortage threatens the health of not only animals but also people" says CVM Dean Laura Molgaard, pointing out that the shortage impacts the nation's meat production and food-providing animals. Read the entire story by KARE 11 here: <https://lnkd.in/gzVajAca>



Veterinarian shortage persists across Minnesota and U.S., leading to calls for action
kare11.com • 6 min read

Rural vet shortage requires solutions

A Blue Earth, Minn., veterinarian tried to give away his practice. That didn't work, illustrating the need for state and federal remedies.

By Editorial Board Star Tribune JULY 1, 2023 — 6:00PM



A winter scene in downtown Blue Earth, in the bottom tier of counties along the Iowa border in south-central Minnesota.



Veterinarian shortage has local impact

BY THE LEADER STAFF FOR THE LEADER IN BLUE EARTH, MINN. SEP 22, 2023 10:00AM



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Livestock producers across Minnesota are dealing with a serious shortage of large and small animal veterinarians. According to the USDA, in 2023, the shortage of rural veterinarians has reached an all-time high, with 500 counties in 46 states deemed as having a critical shortage of large animal vets.



SF 3576 — a new animal hospital for Minnesota

- Animal Hospital Project - \$35 million
[continues to be a critical emergency project for the Minnesota Zoo]
 - THANK YOU for planning dollars last session!
 - Private campaign launched
- Asset Preservation
 - Nearly 50 years old!
 - \$10 million

Total Request: \$45 million



Conceptual Rendering

CLOSING REMARKS & QUESTIONS

