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Island Hammock Pet Hospital achieves high level of veterinary excellence

LAKESWOOD, CO/Key Largo, FL— Island Hammock Pet Hospital has again achieved the highest level of veterinary excellence following a thorough re-evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). Island Hammock Pet Hospital earned AAHA accreditation after a rigorous review of the hospital's patient care, practice protocols, medical equipment, facility and client service. Island Hammock Pet Hospital was the first veterinary hospital or clinic to achieve AAHA accreditation in the Upper Keys and is the only accredited veterinary clinic or hospital in Key Largo.

Unlike human hospitals, not all animal hospitals are required to be accredited.

Accredited hospitals are the only hospitals that choose to be evaluated on approximately 900 quality standards that go above and beyond basic state regulations, ranging from patient care and pain management to staff training and advanced diagnostic services. AAHA-accredited hospitals are recognized among the finest in the industry, and are consistently at the forefront of advanced veterinary medicine. AAHA standards are continuously reviewed and updated to keep accredited practices on the cutting edge of veterinary excellence.

"I would like to congratulate Island Hammock Pet Hospital on vigilantly keeping up with advancements in veterinary medicine and adhering to the Association's high standards," said Michael Cavanaugh, DVM, DABVP, AAHA chief executive officer. "They are clearly committed to doing their very best as evidenced by the hard work and effort they put into this voluntary process."

Pet owners look for AAHA-accredited hospitals because they value their pet's health and trust the consistent, expert care provided by the entire health care team. At AAHA-accredited practices, pet owners can expect to receive the highest quality care from well-trained, professional veterinary teams.

Only the top small animal hospitals in the United States and Canada have achieved accreditation by the Association. To maintain accredited status, Island Hammock Pet Hospital must continue to be evaluated regularly by AAHA.

Servicing the entire Upper Keys, the Island Hammock Pet Hospital is located at 98175 Overseas Hwy in Key Largo (MM98 ocean side) and can be reached at (305) 852-5252 or online at www.IHPH.net.

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AAHA is the only organization in the United States and Canada that accredits companion animal hospitals based on standards that go above and beyond state regulations. The Association is an international organization comprised of more than 45,000 veterinary professionals who are committed to excellence in companion animal care. Established in 1933, the Association is well-known among veterinarians for its leadership in the profession, high standards for veterinary practices and pet health care, and most importantly, its accreditation of companion-animal practices.