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Building On A Dream

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If you normally travel Valley Home Road you no doubt watched the lengthy construction of a large building at the Cleveland Avenue corner. If that part of the Oakdale area is foreign territory to you take a little drive someday to view the impressive facilities of **Pioneer Equine Hospital, Inc.**

This new equine surgery and treatment hospital, owned and operated by **Brad Jackman, DVM**, opened in January 2009 and is the second facility for the Pioneer group. The original Pioneer Equine Hospital was operated for many years by veterinarians Dr. John Britton and his partner Dr. Jerry Black. Both vets were highly regarded and built a reputation for Pioneer Equine that is even more magnified today.

Though the practice has many local clients, animals come to the facility from all over Central and Northern California, Oregon and Nevada.

The reputation that brings clients to Pioneer Equine is also what brought Dr. Brad Jackman to the Oakdale/Valley Home area. A mid-western



Brad Jackman, DVM, pictured in one of the horse barns with a Shire horse (*Prince*). In for surgery on one of his hocks.

boy who grew up with a great love for horses. Dr. Jackman decided at a young age that he wanted to work with them as a professional. He showed horses and tried his hand at rodeo roping on the way to earning his degrees in Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State College and the University of Georgia. He followed his dream to California and parlayed his early career decisions into an opportunity for a partnership and eventual ownership of the veterinary practice.

Dr. Jackman is one of three Board Certified Surgeons on the Pioneer team. The other two are David G. MacDonald, DVM and Stephanie C. Mathis, DVM. Veterinary Associates are: Jerry Black, DVM, Luke Bass, DVM and John Knowles, DVM. Four interns also serve the practice – Dr. Erin Price, Dr. Mike Maher, Dr. Caitlin Lawson and Dr. Casey DeCino. The practice totals 32 people including technicians, nurses, administrative, office, and facility personnel.

Veterinary students on externships from colleges such as Cal Poly, Davis, out of state and even out of country schools come to observe and learn.

Designed by Dr. Jackman, the hospital is 22,000 square feet of modern veterinary medical and surgical science – just visualize LARGE and very padded. Oversized surgical beds with articulated surfaces, soft covered walls of exam and surgery rooms, rubberized floors show that comfort and care of the animals is of the highest concern. Huge lifts and swings can transfer and immobilize the animals for treatment. Radiology, MRI, ultrasound, laboratory, pharmacy, anesthesia, central supply– you'll find it here.

Most of the horses or mules that come to Pioneer are of the performing classes – rodeo, cutting horses, dressage. Many come as outpatients and some as referrals for second opinions. If the animals are hospitalized for surgery or lameness issues they

are boarded in the two, twenty stall barns with an average stay of 3-5 days. Covered arenas provide diagnostic and recovery workout areas. A farriers barn is also on site.

The original Pioneer Equine Hospital facility on Pioneer Avenue is where reproductive services are offered. Vets handle frozen semen, embryo transfers, breeding problems of mares and high risk pregnancies. Like obstetricians, these vets are often in the field night and day, especially at foaling time.

If young Brad Jackman's dream of working in a professional manner with horses included this modern, efficient, beautiful facility he has achieved it. It is good to value your dreams and act upon them. When we asked Brad Jackman, DVM to sum up his practice he replied, "our clients want the best quality treatment for their animals. Our team cares about them, we do as good a job as any and we deliver value."

Pioneer Equine Hospital, Inc. is located at 11536 Cleveland Ave, Oakdale, (209)847-5951.



Brad Jackman, DVM at reception area with staff. l-r: Cherie Frost, Kristy Nicholson, Denise Snow, Michelle Alves

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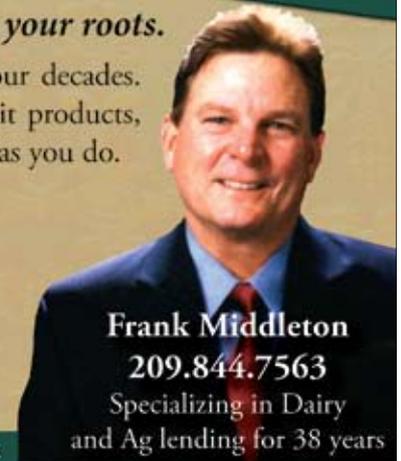
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