Dr. Paul W. Dean is a native of Northeast Oklahoma, having grown up in Claremore, Oklahoma. Dr. Dean received his undergraduate degree and his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Oklahoma State University in 1984. Following graduation from veterinary school, Dr. Dean pursued advanced training with a one-year internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital in Akron, Ohio, and a three-year small animal surgical residency at the University of Missouri. From 1988 to 1990, Dr. Dean was an Assistant Professor of Small Animal Surgery at Louisiana State University, where he performed surgery, taught veterinary medical students, and performed research on a variety of surgical conditions. Dr. Dean became a board certified surgeon in 1989, being certified as a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons by passing their examination and demonstrating competency in small animal veterinary surgery. Dr. Dean has published numerous articles in veterinary journals and has developed new techniques in veterinary surgery. He has also contributed several chapters in veterinary surgical textbooks. Dr. Dean receives surgical referrals from veterinarians in Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri.
ABOUT THE PRACTICE

Veterinary Surgical Referral Center is a surgical specialty practice established to provide advanced state-of-the-art surgical care for pets. The practice is equipped to handle difficult or uncommon surgical diseases, including orthopedic injuries, neurological and soft tissue surgeries. Veterinary Surgical Referral Center is a referral-only practice, acting as an extension of your regular veterinarian’s practice through which specialized surgical care can be provided. By referring your pet to Dr. Dean, your veterinarian has demonstrated the utmost concern that you be provided with the most up-to-date, advanced veterinary surgical care available.

APPOINTMENTS

An appointment may be scheduled by you or your veterinarian by calling between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any questions you might have, prior to making an appointment, can be answered by the receptionist or Dr. Dean. When you arrive for your appointment, the owner or authorized agent must accompany the patient. Please bring with you any pertinent medical history, radiographs (x-rays), and laboratory work that your veterinarian has performed in order to avoid duplication. These will be returned to your veterinarian when your pet is discharged. It is important that you hold your pet off of food and water after 8:00 p.m. the evening before your appointment. If for any reason you are unable to keep a scheduled appointment, please contact our office at your earliest convenience.

HOSPITALIZATION

In many instances, your pet will be able to go home the day of surgery. Should your pet require overnight hospitalization, that will be discussed with you at the time of examination. Animals requiring hospitalization are housed in the Animal Emergency Center and are under 24 hour care by the veterinarian on duty.

FOLLOW-UP CARE

At the time of discharge from the hospital, you will be provided with written instructions for the care of your pet. Specific instructions will be discussed with you by Dr. Dean for the proper care of your pet after surgery. In most cases, further treatments can be done by your regular veterinarian, who is most familiar with the special needs of your animal. Dr. Dean will contact your veterinarian after surgery and provide a written summary of the care provided and suggestions for aftercare.

FEES

Charges for surgeries vary. Because of the specialized equipment and technical training required to properly perform many of the surgical procedures, fees charged for these procedures may be somewhat higher than what you have experienced with your regular veterinarian. A written estimate and explanation of the fees and services which will be performed will be provided to you during your initial visit. At the time of hospitalization, a deposit of 50% of the estimated charges is required, with the balance due at the time of discharge. You may pay by cash, check, Visa, Discover or Mastercard. We also accept Care Credit.