



# Otonabee Animal Hospital

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### AAHA Accreditation and what it means for you and your pets



The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) is the only organization in Canada and the United States that accredits companion animal hospitals based on standards that meet or exceed state and provincial regulations. It was founded in 1933 by seven leaders in the veterinary profession, during sessions lasting 36 hours, in response to the growing need for quality veterinary care for small animals.

Below is a brief excerpt from their website describing the benefits of accreditation for you and your pets.

#### “About our accreditation

We accredit veterinary hospitals! Unlike human hospitals, animal hospitals are not required to be accredited. Veterinary hospitals are evaluated on approximately 900 standards of veterinary excellence in order to become accredited. AAHA-accredited hospitals are recognized among the finest in the industry, and are consistently at the forefront of advanced veterinary medicine. Our *Standards of Accreditation* are continuously reviewed and updated to keep our accredited practices on the cutting edge of veterinary excellence. Our standards address patient care and pain management, surgery, pharmacy, laboratory, exam facilities, medical records, cleanliness, emergency services, dental care, diagnostic imaging, anesthesiology, and continuing education. To maintain accredited status, hospitals undergo comprehensive on-site evaluations every three years. Learn more about our standards and accreditation, and how they impact the health of your pet at [http://www.aaaha.org/pet\\_owner/](http://www.aaaha.org/pet_owner/)”

