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WesternU CVM to assume campus clinic operations

POMONA, Calif. – The Banfield Veterinary Clinical Center on the WesternU campus will become the WesternU Pet Wellness Center over the next several months, as the university transitions from a partnership arrangement with Banfield into operating its community practice teaching hospital with full autonomy.

The transition comes as the 10-year affiliation agreement between Banfield and WesternU’s College of Veterinary Medicine expires. Since 2004, WesternU and Banfield have partnered to provide veterinary services on the Pomona campus. That agreement ends in December of this year.

“The relationship between WesternU and Banfield has been mutually beneficial, and we want to thank all of those who have supported us (Banfield and WesternU) over the past 10 years,” said Philip Nelson, DVM, PhD, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. “We look forward to the exciting opportunities that present themselves in establishing our own practice philosophy, and we will do everything we can to make sure that this transition does not negatively affect customer service or the health of our patients.”
The WesternU Pet Wellness Center will continue to be open to the public to provide health care services for pets. The facility will be fully functional throughout the transition period over the next several months.

Those who wish to continue as clients at the campus clinic may continue to do so without interruption or special arrangement. Those who wish to stay affiliated with Banfield Pet Hospital can transfer their pet’s care by visiting the Banfield location of their choice and requesting that location as their new home hospital. Options near Pomona include:

- Fontana: 15042 Summit Ave., (909) 646-9351
- Fullerton: 1411 S. Harbor Blvd., (714) 738-4879
- Upland: 1935 N. Campus Ave., (909) 949-6210
- Yorba Linda: 5521 Mirage St., (714) 637-5957

Banfield’s website, [www.banfield.com](http://www.banfield.com), has other hospital locations and contact information.

Questions about the transition or about pet health care should be directed to the veterinary team at WesternU, (909) 865-2433, or Banfield, 888-649-2716.

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