

## Visit a Museum

Since the first veterinary school was established in France over 250 years ago, many changes have taken place in the practice of veterinary medicine in improving animal and human health around the world.

When the field of veterinary medicine began to emerge in 19<sup>th</sup> century America, early practitioners were primarily “horse doctors” who treated urban horses as well as cattle and other livestock. Greater attention was directed toward the health and care of small animals in the 1920s as the automobile replaced horses for transportation.

A number of museums and exhibits have been assembled across the United States and Canada. They trace aspects of the history of veterinary medicine along with displays of early instruments and medicines utilized by these early practitioners. Many are associated with agricultural and farm museums, universities, state veterinary medical associations, government agencies, or are affiliated with other organizations. They vary in content and accessibility, but all are unique treasures.



Dr. Phillipson Veterinary Infirmary at Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, Grand Island, Nebraska

### DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS

of each museum can be found in an online guide at <http://avmhs.org/museums.html>

### Donations and Inquiries:

Many of these museums continue to accept in-kind donations and can help in identifying antique instruments and memorabilia.

Contact a museum directly to donate items, provide financial support, or seek help to identify an instrument.

### Corrections, Updates, Comments:

We welcome corrections, additions, and changes to this museum directory at any time. For more information, please contact the AVMHS Secretary-Treasurer at [avmhs.info@gmail.com](mailto:avmhs.info@gmail.com)

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## Veterinary and Related MUSEUMS & HISTORICAL EXHIBITS in the United States and Canada

History has a lot to tell us about our profession and ourselves



1890 Veterinary Surgeon's Office at Carroll County Farm Museum, Westminister, Maryland

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## UNITED STATES

### CALIFORNIA

Sacramento  
**California Veterinary Medical Museum**  
California Veterinary Medical Association Offices

### GEORGIA

Lithonia  
**Veterinary Collectibles Roundtable** [by appointment only]

### ILLINOIS

Urbana-Champaign  
**Dr. Walter E. Zuschlag--ISVMA Veterinary Heritage Collection & Information Commons**  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

### IOWA

Ames  
**R. Allen Packer Veterinary Heritage Room**  
Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine

Maquoketa

**Jackson County Museum**

Urbandale

**Dr. W.A. Heck Veterinary Infirmary**  
Living History Farms

### KENTUCKY

Lexington  
**International Museum of the Horse**  
Kentucky Horse Park

### MAINE

Orono  
**The Page Farm and Home Museum**  
University of Maine

### MARYLAND

Baltimore  
**Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry**  
University of Maryland

Frederick

**National Museum of Civil War Medicine**

Silver Springs

**National Museum of Health and Medicine**

Westminster

**1890 Veterinary Surgeon's Office**  
Carroll County Farm Museum

### MASSACHUSETTS

Cambridge  
**Harvard Museum of Natural History (HMNH)**  
**Museum of Comparative Zoology (MCZ)**  
Harvard University

### MICHIGAN

East Lansing  
**[Vet2011 Exhibit & Antique Veterinary Instruments]**  
Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine

### MINNESOTA

Saint Paul  
**Minnesota Veterinary Historical Museum (MVHM)**  
University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine

### MISSISSIPPI

Jackson  
**Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum**

### MISSOURI

Jefferson City  
**Veterinary Museum of Missouri**  
Missouri Veterinary Medical Association Offices

### MONTANA

Helena  
**Montana Homeland Museum**

### NEBRASKA

Grand Island  
**Dr. Phillipson Veterinary Infirmary**  
Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer



International Museum of the Horse, Lexington, Kentucky

### NEW YORK

Cooperstown  
**The Farmer's Museum**

Ithaca

**[Antique Veterinary Instruments]**  
Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine

### OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City  
**[Veterinary Medicine in Oklahoma Exhibit]**  
Oklahoma History Center

Sulphur

**National Museum of Horse Shoeing Tools**  
Carrousel Farms

### PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Furnace  
**The Pasto Agricultural Museum**  
Pennsylvania State University

### TEXAS

Austin  
**Mark Francis Museum of Veterinary Medicine**  
Texas Veterinary Medical Association Offices

### VERMONT

Shelburne  
**Shelburne Museum**

### WASHINGTON

Pullman  
**Robert P. Worthman Anatomy Museum**  
Washington State University College of Vet. Med.

### WISCONSIN

Fond du Lac  
**Dr. Fred J. Born Veterinary Office**  
Galloway House and Village

## CANADA

### ONTARIO

Guelph  
**The C.A.V. Barker Museum of Canadian Veterinary History**  
Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph