

General anesthesia and its attendant risks are a concern of pet owners that Dr. Yavitz understands. To achieve the goal of a rapid and uncomplicated recovery, Dr. Yavitz uses a balanced anesthesia protocol. By combining complementary drugs, less general anesthetic is needed, thereby improving cardiovascular stability. To further insure a safe anesthetic experience, a computerized system continuously monitors your pet's vital signs during every procedure.

Pain management is not only humane but it also promotes healing after an injury or surgical procedure. As an added benefit, pain control medications make it easier for pets with acute and chronic, debilitating conditions to more effectively perform their normal daily activities.



Senior pets are of special interest to Dr. Yavitz. Because they age at a much faster rate than their human companions, it is vital to recognize that a pet's health status can change dramatically in a short period of time. For this reason, the recommended interval for routine physical examinations for healthy dogs and cats is every six months. Timely checkups give Dr. Yavitz the opportunity to discover hidden problems in their early stages, significantly increasing the likelihood of correction or delay in the progression of disease.



## PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

Payment is expected at the conclusion of your pet's visit. Acceptable methods of payment include cash, personal check, and your Mastercard, Visa, Discover, and American Express credit card. Upon request, written estimates can be furnished before services are provided.

## LOCATION



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# Welcome

Thank you for selecting Spoede Animal Hospital to be your veterinary care provider. As pet health care advocates, we want all of our patients to enjoy the best quality of life possible. To achieve this goal, Dr. Yavitz will provide the information that you need to make appropriate choices regarding your pet's medical treatment.



## Your Pet's Best Friend

Gary Yavitz, D.V.M. is a 1977 graduate of the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine. Following three years of post-graduate experience in White Plains, New York, Dr. Yavitz, returned to his home town of St. Louis in 1980 to open Spoede Animal Hospital. Dr. Yavitz is a member of the American Veterinary Association, Missouri Veterinary Medical Association, and the Cornell Feline Health Center.

## Location

Spoede Animal Hospital is located at 10842 Olive Blvd., one half mile west of Lindbergh Blvd., just west of Spoede Road in Creve Coeur. Parking is located at the rear of the clinic. Cats in carriers and other heavy items may be dropped off at the front door before parking. We will be glad to assist you back to your car with your pets and their food.



## Hours

Spoede Animal Hospital is open Monday through Saturday.

Monday & Wednesday	8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We request that you make an appointment in order for us to schedule sufficient time for the individual needs of your pet.

## Emergency Service

When you call the regular hospital number, (314) 569-3111, you will be instructed how to receive emergency care. Should Dr. Yavitz be unavailable, you will be directed to contact the Animal Emergency Clinic. Detailed first aid information is also available on the hospital web site at [www.spoede-vet.com](http://www.spoede-vet.com).

## Services

Physical examinations are essential for early detection of disease. As pet guardians, we should strive to maximize our pet's quality of life by minimizing risk factors that can adversely impact their health. To that end, puppies and kittens should be examined every three to four weeks until four months of age, and thereafter at six-month intervals for the life of the pet. Testing for internal parasites is a key part of pediatric and adult pet checkups. Diagnostic screening for kidney, liver, and heart disease is recommended as part of the annual wellness visit and required prior to general anesthesia.

Vaccinations are one of the more effective forms of preventive medicine available. However, there are some vaccines that are not medically appropriate or sufficiently effective, and, as such, cannot be recommended. Core vaccines, on the other hand, are generally administered to all healthy patients regardless of lifestyle. Dr. Yavitz can develop a disease prevention program uniquely tailored for your pet. Our computers will help us to keep your pet on schedule for needed checkups, tests, and vaccinations. We will call and mail reminders when your pet is due for preventive care.

Dental care has always been a prime concern of Dr. Yavitz. For the same medical reasons long established for humans, regular professional scaling and polishing of your pet's teeth to remove harmful tartar can prevent many problems, including difficulties of the heart, liver and kidneys. A moderate amount of cleaning can be performed during routine examinations on cooperative patients. However, more thorough work is performed in conjunction with sedation or general anesthesia.

