

The Randall B. Terry, Jr. Companion Animal Veterinary Medical Center

In May 2011, the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine unveiled its new \$72 million companion animal medical center. The Randall B. Terry, Jr. Companion Animal Veterinary Medical Center (Terry Center) more than doubles the current size of NC State's Small Animal Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH) with this new 110,000-square-foot complex that boasts 30 examination rooms, 10 surgical suites, three dedicated emergency examination rooms, an expanded intensive care unit with a patient visitation area and a specialized pharmacy. The VTH and Terry Center are now one of the largest, most technologically advanced veterinary facilities in the US.

Small Kane Webster Conley Architects of Raleigh, NC, assembled a team of nationally recognized planning and design consultants for the project including Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners of Jackson, MS, and Jova Daniels Busby of Atlanta, GA, (FWAJDB) who are known for their expertise in designing many of the leading schools of veterinary medicine throughout North America.

Challenge:

The team's goal was to build a veterinary medical center that focused both on patient care and staff efficiency. This included taking advantage of natural light to help facilitate animal recovery, providing a pleasant work environment for staff with adjustable vision and daylighting control capabilities, and making provision for privacy requirements. All the elements for vision and daylight control needed to be attractive, hygienic, maintenance-free and in keeping with the state-of-the-art design approach.

Solution:

Unicel Architectural's Vision Control® and Vision Control® Mini were selected for primary locations around the operating suites, conference rooms, intensive care units and corridors. Vision Control® units were integrated into wooden swing doors, bypass doors, slab doors and interior hollow metal frames to allow for adjustable privacy levels.

Results:

The Vision Control® cordless, hermetically sealed louvers provide flexible vision control in key areas throughout the facility. Staff can easily operate the louvers and their cord-free structure makes them easy to clean and maintain. The integrated louvers enhance the facility's interior design for a sleek and attractive privacy solution.



Team	Owner:	North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine
	Architect:	Small Kane Webster Conley with FWAJDB Architects
	Glazing Contractor:	Ernest Glass Co.
	Door Supplier:	Record and Piedmont Door
	Louvers-within-glass:	Unicel Architectural



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