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The team at *Animal Medical Centre of Medina* has grown to include five veterinarians and 27 staff members. Founder Dr. Mike Lee (center) offers onsite surgery as well as technologically advanced diagnostic and testing options.

Wild About Pets

Dr. Mike Lee and the team at *Animal Medical Centre of Medina* are wild about providing the highest level of care to pets and their people.

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For many of us, our pets are like our children. We want the best for them—in sickness and in health. When the former happens, it can be a little traumatic to try and find a veterinarian who can offer the treatment as well as the diagnosis.

That's why so many area pet owners turn to Dr. Mike Lee, owner of and veterinarian at *Animal Medical Centre of Medina*.

"I started out as an equine veterinarian, but multiple injuries from working with horses prompted me to limit my practice to small animals," Dr. Lee says with his trademark warmth. "We mostly treat dogs and cats, but occasionally we'll see a turtle, bird or pocket pet."

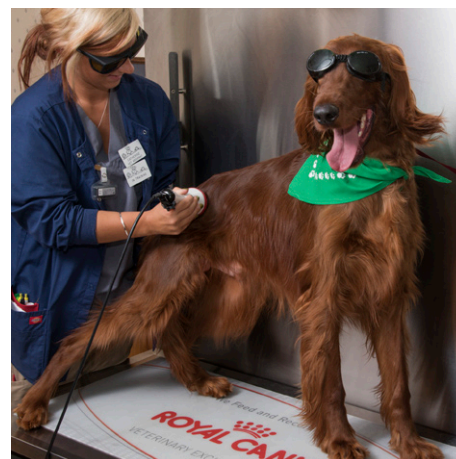
Dr. Lee has operated his veterinarian practice out of the same location since 1987. The original house on the property, which sits out front, was his base for care until he expanded into the barn out back several years ago. Since that time, his *Animal Medical Centre* has grown to include 27 employees and four additional veterinarians: Dr. Kim Davey, Dr. Bill Feeman, Dr. Becky Prada and Dr. Jen Wendt.

But being one of the largest veterinarian practices in Northeast Ohio, with staff members who are downright solicitous when it comes to interacting with guests (both people and pet), is just one of the reasons so many people consider *Animal Medical Centre* to be among the very best.

It's the variety of higher-level procedures



and in-office technology that really seal the deal. Not only can the Fab Five see your pet for routine well care, but they also perform surgery—both laser and traditional—right onsite. "It's a huge advantage to our pet parents because they don't have to search for a care provider," Dr. Lee emphasizes. "It can be difficult to know what to do or where to go if your pet is diagnosed with an illness or sustains an injury that requires more invasive treatment. Many times cost can figure into a person's decision about



Therapeutic laser treatments can help ease the discomfort of arthritis.

treatment. We provide our clients with all of the available options so they can make the best decisions for themselves, their families and their pets."

In addition to laser and traditional surgery for pets, *Animal Medical Centre of Medina* also offers these technological advancements:

- 3D diagnostic ultra sound;
- Digital radiography;
- An in-house lab with results in about an hour;
- Therapeutic laser treatment for arthritic animals;
- Stem cell therapy for arthritic animals or animals with compromised joints.

"We provide animals with a better quality of life," Dr. Lee says. "We never allow animals to be in pain. It's really important to us to treat our patients with the same care and compassion humans are treated with."

Surgery and advanced medical care are available right onsite.

If your pet undergoes medical treatment that requires extended care, *Animal Medical Centre* offers onsite boarding. "It's a huge advantage to people with animals that need medical oversight," Dr. Lee notes. "We board animals with medical needs all of the time, and can administer medication if necessary."

Boarding is available to everyone, whether you're pet is a patient at *Animal Medical*



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Centre or not. Onsite grooming is located in the original house that sits out front.

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"This is my dream job," Dr. Lee smiles. "This is what I've always wanted to do. I've always felt I had a purpose to care for God's creations. Noah was the first and we've taken over from where he started."

Animal Medical Centre of Medina is located at 1060 S. Court Street next to *Handel's Ice Cream*. Look for the brick bungalow at the road and take the driveway to the back where you'll find the restored barn that houses Dr. Lee's practice. The phone number is 330-722-5076 and the hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The web address is MedinaVets.com.