

July Business of the Month

Cudahy Veterinary Clinic
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We spoke with Dr. Robert Shampo, Veterinarian, and Donna Shampo, Business Manager/HR



How long have you been in business at this location in Cudahy?

The clinic has been here for over 30 years. We came to and bought the business three years ago. We have staff who have been here anywhere from 17 to 32 years. Before Cudahy Dr. Shampo was a veterinarian in Montana.

What sort of services do you offer?

In addition to medical exams for your usual house pets we offer digital x-rays, dental x-rays, laser surgery and laser therapy, dental equipment, computerized medical records, in-house blood testing and ultrasound.



As a part of a continuing effort to promote local business here in the City of Cudahy, the Office of the Mayor has begun a new feature called the **Cudahy Business of the Month**.

From month-to-month, we will interview a local business owner to showcase his or her business. In-turn, this will help residents of our community and elsewhere become familiar with the many quality, local companies located within our borders. - Mayor John Hohenfeldt



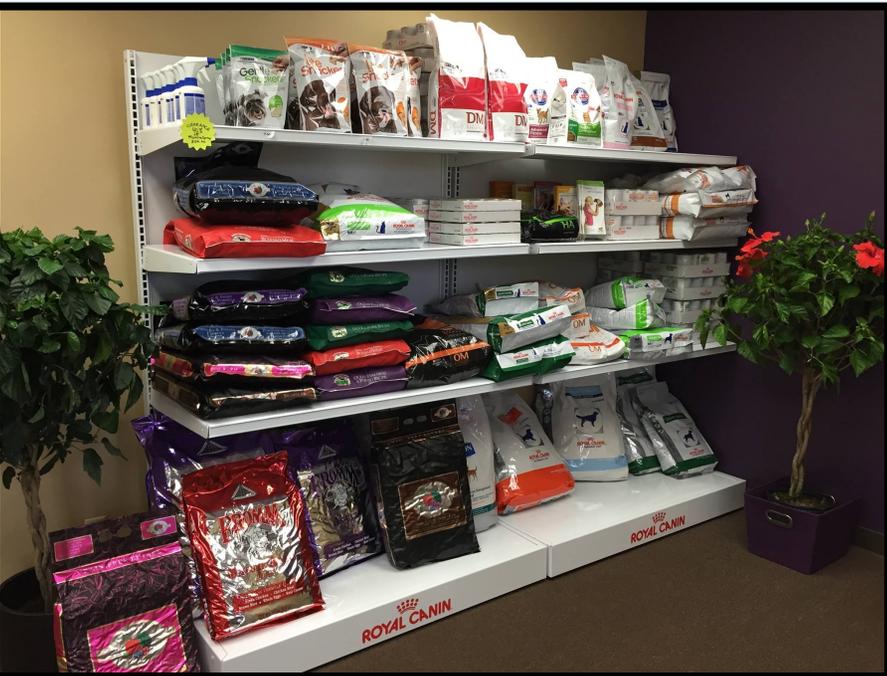
Are you involved with the community in ways outside of the clinic?

We are members of the Cudahy Board of Health. This allows us to be involved in public health initiatives with the city to prevent the spread of infectious diseases and promote physical health. Dr. Shampo was the Director of Public Health for an Air Force base during a previous role.

We also sponsor a little league team and have sponsored golf outings. Military and public servants are offered discounts and there is a donation bucket for homeless veterans at the front counter.

As business owners how have you invested in the property since moving in three years ago?

We have improved the visual appeal of the building and grounds with landscaping, fresh paint, and other maintenance. We felt it was important to improve the aesthetic qualities not only for our business but also to help the surrounding commercial area.



How much staff do you have on hand?

There is one full-time vet, three vet technicians, two receptionists, and the business manager. There is enough workload and client base to support additional full-time veterinarians. In fact, we are on call 24/7 and will likely expand our hours and services.

Do you have any advice for aspiring veterinarians?

Start early with volunteer work such as at animal shelters. The more hands-on experience you have the better chance you'll have at getting into vet school. The schools are competitive because there are not too many in the nation, but at the same time the supply of veterinarians is actually low.

What makes a good vet?

Having compassion for the owners. Pets are treated as family members in most cases.

Do you have any memorable patients?

There's been many, many memorable ones. To give an answer, one in particular was a hedgehog named Humphrey.

As always, we encourage you to support each and every local business. I hope that this monthly feature of *Cudahy Veterinary Clinic* has helped you become more familiar with this local business. For information on previously featured businesses visit the City of Cudahy's website at www.cudahy-wi.gov and click on Departments > Economic Development.



Dr. Robert and Donna Shampo were wed on June 6th, 2015 with a local ceremony and reception held at Sheridan Inn (5133 S. Lake Drive).