

## *About the Veterinary Museum*

***"To educate the public about the history, practice, and utility of veterinary medicine in Missouri"***

No visit to Jefferson City is complete without a visit to the only museum in the United States devoted solely to veterinary medicine.

What strange objects does a veterinarian find in a cow's stomach? What did a veterinarian use in 1929 to give Fido his medicine? Discover the answers to these questions at the Veterinary Museum.

The museum was opened in 1978, originally in the old "Gentry Place" in Jefferson City, which also housed a blacksmith shop. In 1998 it opened its doors at the present location.

Our museum has over 35,000 artifacts dating from the 16th century to the present, including:

- \*manuscripts instructing Missouri's first settlers how to care for horses
- \*a steamer trunk filled with instruments used by a late 19th century horse doctor
- \*a 1870s wooden operating table for small animals
- \*19th century instruments, such as a wooden balling gun, a hog catcher, a Swiss trocar and farrier tools
- \*a 1920s Shikles vaccinating kit for hog cholera
- \*curious objects, such as huge horse pills and giant syringes

Visitors touch and explore materials, such as bones, animals skins and hairballs. Other discovery materials are specimens showing stages of a calf embryo and various animal diseases.

The Veterinary Museum is a place for children and adults of all ages to have fun together.

*Directions: Take 50 West to Route 179. Exit and turn right. Take first right onto Country Club Drive. The museum will be on your left toward the end of the street.*

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 to 4:00 p. m. and Saturday by appointment. We are closed on Sunday and Holidays.

Call: 573-636-8737