

Banfield Pet Hospital opens in Burlingame

THE COUNTRY STORE

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The 816th Banfield Pet Hospital in the nation recently opened at the old Hollywood Video location near Burlingame Fred Meyer.

Located at 7461 SW Barbur Blvd, the hospital is the fifth stand alone pet hospital in the region offering physical examinations, affordable wellness plans, vaccines and surgery.

The chain, which has its origins and corporate offices in Portland, is named after the Banfield Freeway (Interstate 84). Banfield was founded in 1955 by veterinarian Warren Wegert, who wanted to provide human-quality care to pet owners living in Portland.

A partnership with PetSmart came in 2007 which allowed the opening of hospitals in their stores. Over one million pets are enrolled nationwide in the Optimum Wellness Plans.

"Banfield Pet Hospital is excited to open its doors in the Burlingame community," said Dr. Sara Gravens, lead veterinarian at the hospital. "[We have] a strong focus on preventive medicine, which helps keep pets healthy and happy."

Banfield Hospital will be coordinating soon with the Southwest Hills Kiwanis to secure pet food for seniors

who receive Meals-on-Wheels. Apparently, many seniors are giving half of their meals to their pets.

"Pets need pet food, not human food," said Teri Mills, Lieutenant Governor of the Kiwanis Club. "We'll be working with Loaves and Fishes to work out the details so everyone eats healthy!"

A free office visit and consultation are available for new pets through March 8. Some additional services are extra.

The hospital is open everyday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, pay them a visit or go to www.banfield.com.

New Walgreens opens at Barbur Crossroads

The new Walgreens at the corner of Capitol Highway (south) and Barbur Boulevard has finally opened after months of speculation and delays with construction issues.

Originally slated to be almost 18,000 square feet, the new store was scaled back to one of its smallest footprints at 7500 square feet. It has 17 employees.

According to the store manager, Erick Alsvig, this specific Walgreens is designed as a "Well Experience" store built around a full-service pharmacy.

"There are only 300 of these stores in the nation," stated Alsvig, as he pointed out the immunization room. "We're striving to bear a resemblance to a clinic where almost all health insurance plans



The new Walgreens at Barbur Crossroads opened in January. A grand opening is scheduled for March 8-9. (Post photo Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

can be billed."

Other features include a large colorful mural with *Eat Well* and orange slices painted on the wall, solar lighting used for several aisles and large windows producing natural lighting.

Despite having 30 parking spaces, the store is located along several major TriMet bus lines (12, 44 and 64) and is right near the Barbur Transit Center.

In addition, there are two drive-through pharmacy windows and a green digital photo processing machine.

"This machine does not use any chemicals so it doesn't pollute the watershed," explained, Alsvig. "There is

only one other store that has this new technology."

Hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 pm daily with pharmacy drive-thru hours on weekends until 6:00 p.m.

Walgreens, founded in 1901, has over 70 drugstores throughout Oregon and over 8,000 stores nationwide. The grand opening is slated for March 8-9 with giveaways and public dignitaries.

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