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## **VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital Art Show— a Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls Exhibit**

**Show Dates: August 31, 2015 – January 31, 2016**

**Location: VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA**

**Alexandria, Virginia (released: September 8, 2015)** – Del Ray Artisans (DRA) and VCA (Veterinary Clinics of America) Alexandria Animal Hospital are pleased to announce their first collaborative art exhibit entitled: *VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital Art Show*. The exhibit, on display throughout the animal hospital, runs from August 30, 2015 to January 31, 2016.

Every December VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital holds a memorial service at the Vola Lawson Animal shelter for people who have lost pets during the past year. During the 2014 service, participants expressed positive reactions to Del Ray Artisans' *Rescue Me* art show at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria's Vola Lawson Animal Shelter. As a result, VCA Alexandria staff reached out to Del Ray Artisans to partner on a similar creative effort.

VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital started in 1942 as a small community veterinary clinic. Over the years it has grown and currently offers traditional veterinary services as well as emergency care while still maintaining an active level of community involvement. By partnering with DRA, they hope to expand their community involvement in a direction not previously considered.

The *VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital Art Show* is a part of Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls program and features animal-themed artwork by DRA members. Artwork may be viewed by the public at the discretion of the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital staff. Artists have agreed to donate 20% of all sales to be equally divided between VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital and Del Ray Artisans. VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital will in turn donate its 10% to Veteran's Moving Forward ([www.vetsfwd.org](http://www.vetsfwd.org)), a charity organization that helps veterans lead more productive lives through partnerships with assistance animals. Del Ray Artisans is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization.

VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital is located at 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. For more information on Del Ray Artisans and the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital Art Show, please contact Linda Mierke or Eileen O'Brien at [GWW@TheDelRayArtisans.org](mailto:GWW@TheDelRayArtisans.org) or visit: [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW)

*Del Ray Artisans, founded in 1992, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community.*

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### **35-Word (or fewer) Synopsis**

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### **75-Word (or fewer) Synopsis**

VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital Art Show features animal-themed artwork by Del Ray Artisans members at the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA). The artwork is on display in waiting areas and examination rooms as a part of Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls program. The exhibit runs August 30, 2015-January 31, 2016. Artists are donating a percentage of sales to the nonprofit organizations: Del Ray Artisans and Veteran's Moving Forward. Details: [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW)

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