

## Ballston Spa Veterinary Clinic

The long established Ballston Spa Veterinary Clinic, at 26 Hyde Boulevard, was recently sold by Dr. J. Peter Hansen to husband and wife veterinarians, Dr. Eric Andersen, 40 of Omaha, Nebraska and Dr. Danica M. Salamun, 33, of Buck's County, Pennsylvania. Dr. Hansen's father, Dr. Harry E. Hansen, founded Ballston Spa Veterinary Clinic in 1932.

Dr. Andersen and Dr. Salamun attended universities on the west coast and initially practiced veterinary medicine in small animal hospitals in Eugene, Oregon. Dr. Andersen is a graduate of Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Dr. Salamun is a graduate of Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

In the summer of 2001, while visiting family in Buck's County, they decided to move from their home in Eugene, Oregon back east to be closer to family. On a car tour of upstate New York, they discovered Saratoga County. "It seemed like the perfect place to work and raise a family," said Dr. Salamun. They immediately started visiting several practices in the region and met with veterinarians who were potentially interested in selling their practices, including Dr. Pete Hansen.

One year later, in May 2002, the doctors made the move east and arrived in Saratoga Springs in August. From August 2002 to August 2003, the couple worked in 11 different clinics in the county as relief veterinarians while staying in touch with Dr. Hansen.

In September of 2003, Dr. Andersen settled into a full-time position working at Ballston Spa Veterinary Clinic as a transition to acquiring the practice.

In January of 2004, Dr. Andersen and Dr. Salamun purchased the Ballston Spa Veterinary Clinic and went to work modernizing and expanding the practice. They invested in new office systems and x-ray equipment. Concurrently, they increased the lay staff from three to six employees to handle their growing practice.

The doctors and their young children regularly frequent downtown Ballston Spa businesses and family events. As involved community members they belong to the Ballston Spa Business & Professional Association and sponsored this past seasons Wiswall Park Concert Series. "We're so happy we found our ideal village veterinary practice," said Dr. Andersen. "In such a short time here we really feel settled in."