

TEN SIGNS YOU ARE READY TO OPEN (BUY OR BUILD) YOUR OWN HOSPITAL

THE PROBLEM IS THEY ARE REALLY ALL THE SAME AND THEY COME DOWN TO YOU ARE NOT HAPPY WITH "WHERE" YOU ARE NOW. I WILL LIST MANY OF THE THINGS, BUT THEY ALL SEEM TO BE RELATED .

1) **FACILITY ANGST**

YOU SEEM TO BE COMPAINING CONSTANTLY ABOUT THINGS RELATED TO THE FACILITY YOU ARE WORKING IN:

TOO SMALL, TOO TIGHT, TOO MANY DOORS, ONE ROOM IS TOO FAR FROM ANOTHER , POOR LIGHTING.AND ON AND ON.

2) **EQUIPMENT ANGST**

YOU SEEM TO ALWAYS BE UPSET AND FRUSTED BY THE QUALITY OF THE EQUIPMENT OWNED AND USED WITHIN THE FACILITY (OLD CBC MACHINE, WORLD WAR ONE XRAY MACHINE, OLD COMPUTER MONITORS). EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWNS REALLY DRIVE YOU NUTS AND SEEM TO BE OCCURRING MORE AND MORE FREQUENTLY.

3) **OWNSHIP ANGST**

THE OWNER OF THE FACILITY SEEMS TO BE ANNOYING YOU IN MANY WAYS. THINGS THAT HAD NEVER BOTHERED YOU PREVIOUSLY- (HIM GIVING DISCOUNTS TO HIS OLDER CLIENTS, SKIPPING DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES AS HE FEELS HE KNOWS THE ANSWER ALREADY FROM HIS VAST EXPERIENCE AND TAKING SLOW DAYS OFF WHILE YOU STILL HAVE TO WORK) BESIDES YOU DISAGREE WITH HIM ON SOME OF THE FUNDAMENTALS OF HOW THE PRACTICE RUNS(HIGH VOLUME, LOW QUALITY MEDICINE)

4) **STAFF ANGST**

STAFF MEMBERS THAT YOU HAVE ALWAYS GOTTEN ALONG WITH DON'T SEEM TO RESPECT YOU THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE RESPECTED, THEY SOMETIMES DO WHAT YOU SAY AND OTHER TIMES DO THINGS TO ACHIEVE A SIMILAR RESULT, BUT DON'T DO

IT THE WAY YOU REALLY WANTED IT DONE. THEIR LATENESS OR LACKADASICAL ATTITUDE MAKES YOU WANT TO THROTTLE THEM. THEIR CONSTANT BICKERING BETWEEN THEM MAKES YOU CRAZY ALSO.

5) CLIENTS ANGST

AFTER ALWAYS BEING THRILLED TO SEE CLIENTS AND THEIR PETS, WITHOUT WARNING, THE LITTLE THINGS THAT YOU HAD BEEN ABLE TO IGNORE PREVIOUSLY, ARE BEGINING TO UPSET YOU . FOR EXAMPLE:

THE FEEDING OF TABLE SCRAPS PREDISPOSING TO OBESITY, FEEDING HOT DOGS AND MCDONALDS WHICH CAUSES FREQUENT GI PROBLEMS AND MORE SERIOUS PANCREATITIS. THE CLIENT WHO IS 20 MINUTES LATE FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND THEN GIVES YOU A HARD TIME FOR RUSHINGTHE EXAM WITH THEIR BELOVED PET. THE CLIENT WHO CALLS AT TEN MINUTES TO CLOSING BECAUSE OF A THREE DAY OLD PROBLEM AND DEMANDS TO BE SEEN THEN.

6)SALARY ANGST

THE LACK OF EXTRA OR FREE CASH AT THE END OF A WEEK AFTER HAVING WORKED VERY LONG HOURS AND DEALT WITH DIFFICULT CLIENTS. THE FACT THAT AFTER A YEAR OF REALLY GIVING TO THE PRACTICE, YOU HAVE VERY LITTLE TO NOTHING IN TERMS OF MONEY TO SHOW FOR THE YEAR. THE REALIZATION THA THE HARDER YOU WORK, THE MORE MONEY YOU MAKE FOR THE OWNER AND NOT FOR YOU.

7)ASSOCIATE ANGST

YOU ARE BEGINNING TO LOSE PATIENCE WITH YOUR ASSOCIATES. THEY EITHER DON'T UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEXITY OF THE MEDICAL CASES THE WAY YOU DO, OR THEY AREN'T AS CARING OR CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THE PATIENT AS YOU ARE. YOU SEEM TO BE THE ONE THAT ALWAYS STAYS LATE WITH THESE TYPES OF CASES. SUDDENLY, MANY OF THEIR TRAITS ARE BEGINNING TO GET ON YOUR NERVES AND YOU BEGIN AVOIDING THEM FOR LUNCH.

8)FAMILY AND FRIENDS ANGST

EVERYONE YOU EITHER VISIT WITH OR HANG OUT WITH SEEMS TO ALWAYS BE ASKING YOU THE SAME QUESTION.

WHEN WILL YOU HAVE YOUR OWN PLACE? ARE YOU GOING TO BUY THE OLD DOC OUT SOON? WOULDN'T YOU JUST LOVE TO OWN A BEAUTIFUL NEW FACILITY?

9) PRACTICE MANAGER ANGST

THE MANAGER ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE SIDING WITH THE OWNER AND SOMETIMES EVEN WITH THE STAFF, ESPECIALLY ON YOUR TOUGH CASES. THEY ALWAYS SEEM TO WANT YOU TO REFER THE TOUGH CASES (WHICH ARE ALWAYS THE MOST FUN TO WORK UP) TO EITHER THE OWNER (HAVING THE VAST EXPERIENCE) OR TO THE LOCAL SPECIALIST (THE "EXPERT") WHEN YOU KNOW DEEP DOWN THAT WITH SOME TIME , YOU COULD EASILY HAVE COME UP WITH THE CORRECT DIAGNOSIS.

10) THE ALL OF THE TIME MONDAY MORNING BLUES

IT JUST SEEMS THAT GETTING UP OUT OF BED EACH MORNING ISN'T FUN THE WAY IT HAD BEEN, YOU ARE TIRED MUCH MORE OFTEN AND MORE FREQUENTLY, NOT ONLY AT NIGHT, BUT DURING THE DAY ALSO. YOU START TO DAYDREAM ABOUT BEING ELSEWHERE AND OF HAVING THE PERFECT HOSPITAL, DESIGNED BY YOU, WITH INCREDIBLY TALENTED, CARING WONDERFUL STAFF, AND TAKING CARE OF HAPPY GO LUCKY PET OWNERS WHERE THE PETS ARE THRILLED TO SEE YOU . IN YOUR DREAM, ALL OF THE EQUIPMENT WORKS, YOU AREN'T TIRED, THE STAFF AND CLIENTS RESPECT AND LOOK TO YOU FOR GUIDANCE AND YOU CAN AFFORD PURCHASING NICE THINGS DUE TO ALL THE MONEY YOU ARE MAKING.

UNFORTUNATELY, IT DOESN'T LAST LONG – BACK TO WORK, YOUR BOSS IS GONE FOR THE DAY AND YOU ARE WAY BEHIND ON APPOINTMENTS

SIDEBAR

THE AMOUNT OF TIME FOR EACH VETERINARIAN TO COME TO THIS DECISION CAN VARY SIGNIFICANTLY- FROM RIGHT OUT OF