



WELLINGTON ANIMAL HOSPITAL

CASE STUDY

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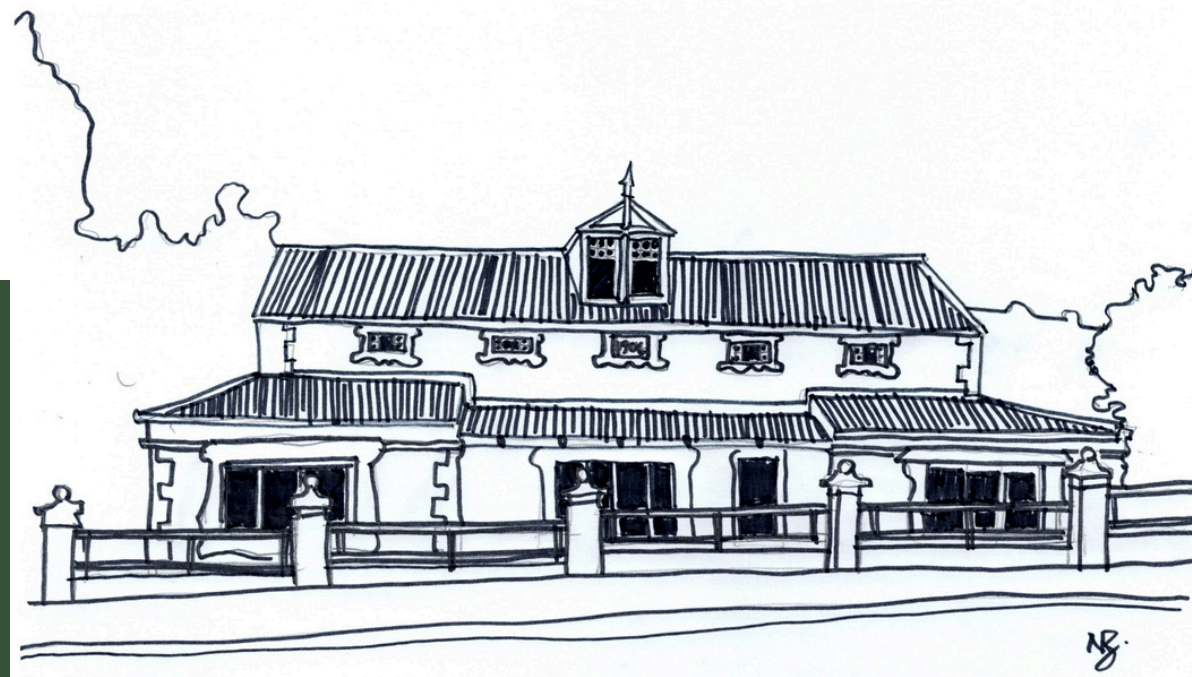




Company Overview

This is us

At the heart of Arch on Main Architects is an awesome father-daughter team. We're passionate about good design and making our client's dreams a reality.



Introduction

Overview

Project:

- Alterations and additions to the existing Wellington Animal Hospital.

Location:

- Corner of Piet Retief Road and Champagne Drive.

Team:

- Architect: Nikita van Zyl
- Engineer: Frame Consulting Engineers
- Builder: Energy Master Builders
- Quantity Surveyor: Best Africa Consulting
- Interior Designer: Kim Spyron (Oooh Inspired Design)

Introduction

We're thrilled to elaborate on this Veterinarian Design project, where we had the opportunity to completely transform both the interior and exterior spaces. We also integrated the brand identity of the Wellington Animal Hospital into the architecture and interior design.

Our main goal was to enhance the hospital's facilities, making them more functional, stylish, and welcoming for both the animals and their caregivers.

From the layout to the finishes, every detail was carefully considered to create a modern, efficient, and inviting environment.

We're passionate about this upgraded facility, which not only meets but exceeds the needs of the Wellington Animal Hospital and its community, providing a space that truly supports the well-being of its patients and staff.



The need

The Obstacles

To summarise the primary issues identified were:

- Inefficient flow within the hospital.
- The need to separate public and private spaces.
- The necessity for clear guidance on client and staff circulation.
- Insufficient space to accommodate the growing business.
- The pet shop, a major part of the business, required better integration and prominence.

The Challenges

1. Practice Overview and Growth

- The Wellington Animal Hospital Group, with branches in Wellington, Paarl, and Franschhoek, has grown significantly. The original Wellington branch, once a home, was adapted into a clinic, but now requires further redesign to meet evolving needs. Revealing limitations as the practice expanded.

2. Challenges

- As the Wellington Animal Hospital Group grew, the original branch faced space and functionality challenges, with cramped public areas and a cluttered shop, making navigation difficult and reducing overall efficiency.

3. Spatial Complexity

- Transforming a residential home into a veterinary clinic created spatial issues. Converting bedrooms to consultation rooms and the dining area to a waiting room led to inefficiencies and exposed private areas, necessitating a redesign.



The solution

To summarise

- **Documented current movement flows**, identified overlaps, and developed strategies to separate public and private spaces.
- **Optimized space utilization** by repurposing underused areas, including the addition of hallways and covering the courtyard.
- Aligned interior design with **brand identity**, maximizing natural light through strategic window placement.

The Solution

1. Flow Mapping and Documentation:

- The current flow was documented, marking areas for client and hospital staff movement. Overlapping areas were identified, and strategies to address conflicts between public and private spaces were developed.

2. Space Utilization:

- Wasted spaces were identified for better utilization. Two hallways were introduced to direct movement and separate public and private areas. The courtyard, a large unused space, was proposed to be covered and repurposed.

3. Brand Identity and Interior Design:

- Collaboration with the interior designer ensured that the growing business's brand identity was reflected in the interior. Natural light was maximized through the incorporation of internal and high windows.



The end result

To summarise

- Public and private spaces were thoughtfully separated, with areas of interaction designed to be intentional and celebrated.
- The reception area was transformed into a welcoming, open space for visitors and pet patients.
- The pet shop was redesigned to be light and airy, providing a comfortable browsing experience for shoppers
- Functional design improvements ensured privacy in prep areas and optimized the layout of consultation rooms

The product

The careful planning and excellent execution by the team resulted in a completely transformed building:

1. Separation of Spaces

- Public and private spaces were successfully separated. Where interaction between the two occurred, it was carefully considered and celebrated.

2. Reception Area

- The reception was transformed into a beautiful, open space inviting both visitors and pet patients.

3. Pet Shop

- The new efficient pet shop, once crowded, is now light and airy, allowing shoppers to browse comfortably while waiting for appointments.

4. Functional Design

- No more looking into prep areas en route to the kennels, and the consultation areas were cleverly planned for optimal functionality.





To conclude

This project demonstrates that with good architectural design, a once confused and cluttered practice can be transformed into a well-organized and practical veterinary hospital with future growth in mind.

Partnering with the right team members, including the client, plays a crucial role in the success of a major renovation project. The end result is a state-of-the-art building that will have a lasting impact for years to come.

A detailed architectural drawing of a building floor plan serves as the background for the lower half of the image. It includes various rooms labeled such as "room 2", "bed room", and "living", along with dimensions and structural lines.

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