

# Landmark gets big facelift from new vet

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Extensive renovation and landscaping work already has begun at the site of the old Farmington Dog and Cat Hospital, located at 39470 Grand River in Farmington Hills.

In recent years an overgrowth of trees and bushes nearly hid the aging building from view.

But a new owner, veterinarian Dr. Sawzi Shaya, 46, of Grosse Pointe Shores, purchased the building last month from the previous owner, Dr. Herbert Viergutz, and has started remodeling the place. The name of the business was changed to the Julian Veterinary Hospital when the business reopened June 21.

Farmington Police who have used the animal hospital as a boarding place for strays and animals under observation for rabies said they received no no-

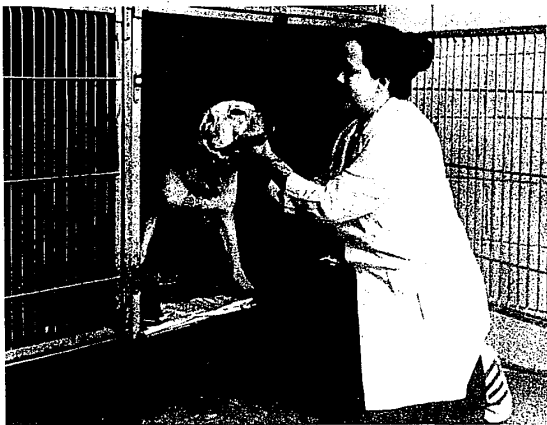
tification by Viergutz when the sale took effect.

Staffing the hospital Mondays through Saturdays is Emil Demian, doctor of veterinary medicine and a resident of Farmington Hills. Demian said he is available to treat animals 24 hours a day on an emergency basis and can be contacted by calling the business number.

The new owner will spend most of his time working at the Grosse Pointe Animal Clinic in Grosse Pointe Park while Demian works in the Farmington Hills location with assistant Paula Ye.

NOTING THAT much work will have to be done to renovate the cement-block structure, Shaya said he intends to build an animal hospital that will be a source of pride in the community for its treatment of animals and its aesthetics.

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Breaking in the new facility after extensive remodeling is veterinary assistant

Paula Ye, who greets one of the new patients.



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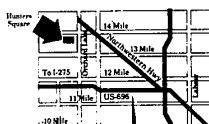
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