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## LA Zoo raises the bar on animal health care

By Dorthi Partnoff

For the veterinarians at the Los Angeles Zoo, caring for sick and injured exotic wildlife has been made less complicated by last December's opening of one of the best animal health centers in the country.

LA Zoo's new Animal Health and Conservation Center is a spacious facility equipped with some of the most modern and superior medical apparatus today. Chief veterinarian Bob Cooper remarks, "The facility allows us to deliver the highest quality of service for our practice at the Los Angeles Zoo. This is one of the best health centers I've seen. It has all the components necessary for successful veterinary medicine."

The 33,589 square foot Animal Health and Conservation Center replaced the Zoo's previous facility which was built in 1966. The new center houses multiple animal wards, a laboratory, necropsy room, administration offices, a commissary and a 6,000 square foot hospital dedicated to diagnosis, radiology, treatment and surgical procedures.

The center's most distinguishing features include one of only 8 federally accredited quarantine areas, and the Dr. Charles Sedgwick Surgical Suite, named after the retired Los Angeles Zoo veterinarian who was instrumental in the design of the new health center.

A medical facility by default requires a high level of sanitation and a veterinary hospital is no exception. Various areas of the facility naturally required surfaces made of non-porous materials that were both impermeable to bacteria and resistant to harsh disinfectants and cleaning procedures.

But sanitation is not the only concern when it comes to

developing the facility's architectural design, was chosen partly due to their experience developing human hospitals.

NBBJ chose among its vendors, Krieger Specialty Products to develop the doors, frames and windows for the hospital's 192 openings. Given the stringent sanitation requirements, stainless steel was the obvious choice for non-porous



**Right:** Reinforced steel doors leading to the animal holding area.

**Left:** Close up of the "dart ports" and pass through openings on the main doors.

**Center:** Aerial shot of the Los Angeles Zoo, Animal Health and Conservation Center.

a Zoo based animal health facility. Animals like rhinos and gorillas can exert an enormous amount of strength when distraught and feeling ill. Various walls, doors, windows and frames within and on the perimeter of the facility had to be designed to withstand heavy, repeat impacts from an aggressive animal. Additionally, doors leading to various areas required openings for movement of equipment and food.

San Francisco based Narramore Bain Brady and Johansson, responsible for

materials. Krieger helped with recommendations for various stainless steel alloys, and provided insight on how steel coupled with unique core construction can create reinforced doors and frames capable of withstanding even the force of a charging rhino.

NBBJ was further able to lean on Krieger's experience in custom fabrication to provide the firm's architects with recommendations for fine-tuning the

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## Krieger Hosts DHI's Specialty Doors Course

By Maya Machnicova

Krieger's long history in the door and hardware field and its continued commitment to research and development in the Specialty Doors arena, has prompted the company to develop an educational session that deconstructs the complex field of Specialty Doors.

Krieger's session includes an informational Power Point presentation, handouts and a quiz to secure attendees' continuing education points. Each session lasts 90 minutes and earns attendees 5 DHI Continuing Education Program (CEP) points.

The presentation covers topics related to regulations, specifications, testing, certification, materials, construction,

installation, unique requirements and other related discussions. In many ways, it provides attendees with the opportunity to tap Krieger's 60 years of experience and leave with confidence in their ability to manage projects requiring these unique products.

For those of you not already familiar with it, Door and Hardware Institute (DHI) is an 5,600 member, non-profit association made up of distributors, manufacturers, wholesalers, sales agents and others interested in advancing the field of architectural openings.

Since 1975, DHI has built a solid reputation and a widely recognized accreditation program that offers two certifica-

tions, Architectural Hardware Consultant (AHC) and Certified Door Consultant (CDC). Each designation certifies that the individual caring it has successfully passed a rigorous, 2-day examination and has at least 5 years of experience servicing and specifying architectural doors and hardware for all types of buildings.

To retain their certification and remain in good standing with the association, each AHC and CDC certified consultant must earn 100 Continuing Education Points (CEP's) each 3 year period.

DHI members and non-members can sign up for this Free Specialty Doors Course (program # 02-0417) at DHI's chapter meetings. Find your local DHI chapter at [www.dhi.org](http://www.dhi.org) and check times and availability.

To make these unique sessions more accessible, Krieger hopes to offer them as Webcast conferences in the near future. ■

### Announcements

#### Krieger to supply Antelope Valley Court House

Krieger has been selected to supply the 206 acoustical, wood veneer doors that will sound proof the courtrooms and chambers of the new Antelope Valley Court House in Lancaster, CA. Mosakowski and Linsey architectural firm chose Krieger to manufacture the facility's steel core, wood veneer doors with a 45 minute fire label and STC ratings 45 and 50. This state of the art facility is slated to open in the summer of 2003.

#### Mark Your Calendar

##### International Builder's Show

**Where:** Las Vegas, Nevada

**When:** January 21 — 24, 2003

**Online:** <http://www.BuildersShow.com/>

The largest annual construction industry show in the world - invites you to run a smoother operation, nudge the competition aside and go for the growth you're aiming for.

##### World of Concrete 2003

**Where:** Las Vegas, Nevada

**When:** February 3 — 7, 2003

**Online:** <http://www.worldofconcrete.com/>

Equipment, tools and accessories for concrete construction, concrete repair, masonry construction, and ready mix, precast and prestressed production. Featuring the largest, most respected educational program in the industry.

##### AIA National Convention and Expo

**Where:** San Diego, CA

**When:** May 8 — 10, 2003

**Online:** <http://www.aia.org/conferences/>

American Institute of Architects, Annual Convention and Exposition.

## LA Zoo

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specifications to include one inch thick polycarbonate glazed windows, and doors with tranquilizer "dart ports" for the areas housing animal pens.

Since the Animal Health and Conservation Center is dedicated to the care and treatment of sick animals that require isolation and minimal disturbance, it is currently not accessible to Zoo visitors. However, plans are underway for close-circuit television that will enable students and Zoo guests to view veterinary procedures or go on a virtual reality tour of this new health center. The plans are part of LA Zoo's new Discovery Center scheduled to open in 2004. ■

## Best Wishes for 2003

by Bob McCluney

The past year has brought the Krieger team much success and many opportunities. Projects such as the Kodak Theatre, Basketball Hall of Fame, and the Pentagon have dotted our calendars and challenged us with their unique needs.

And with each installation's successful completion, we have proven to ourselves that we can rise up to meet the challenges our customers face and deliver top quality products and services that continue to lead the Specialty Doors industry.

Our plans for 2003 include a steady commitment to innovative research and development into new materials, construction, engineering and design. Plans are also in place for continued expansion of our product offering and an even more comprehensive company Website to act as an industry resource.

We have learned and improved. We have researched and discovered. We have planned out and prepared. To all of our customers and partners, we send a very special thanks for 2002 and all the best wishes for 2003. ■



## Krieger welcomes Richard Adams



Richard Adams has joined Krieger as the Regional Sales Representative for the Midwest area. Richard has many years of experience in the industrial door and dock system market, including product research, design, and assisting architects in specifying customized doors. Based out of Detroit Michigan, Richard can be reached at 313-535-2822 or email him at [radams@kriegerproducts.com](mailto:radams@kriegerproducts.com)



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