The final challenge, in order to fully furnish the facility, is to raise $2.5 million to purchase essential laboratory furnishings and clinical equipment.

The Center for Companion Animal Health (CCAH) is dedicated to advancing studies in veterinary medicine, including new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat diseases such as the following in companion animals:

- Cancers
- Genetic and immune disorders
- Infectious diseases
- Kidney and heart diseases
- Nutritional disorders

The CCAH also supports programs in the following areas:

- Orthopedics
- Shelter medicine
- Behavior


For more information about how you can help to furnish the CCAH, contact the Office of the Dean—Development, (530) 752-7024 or visit the Web site (www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/gifts).

On the second floor, both large laboratories—one dedicated to oncology and the other (shown below) to genetics—are already “moved in” and engaged in health studies.

Dr. Leslie Lyons’ research team has identified the exact inherited gene mutation that causes polycystic kidney disease (PKD), which affects approximately six percent of the cat population worldwide. Investigation of the causes of retinal degeneration in Persian cats, and therapies for canine lymphoma and melanoma are other examples of the many studies underway at the CCAH.