

Animals get fancy scan

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PRETORIA University's Onderstepoort Veterinary Science faculty has emphasised its position as a leading African and international institution with the installation of state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging equipment.

A dual-slice scanner utilising the latest spiral technology is very much a first for the faculty.

It features the first sliding gantry table in South Africa. The gantry

contains a rotating X-ray tube and slides over the animal on the table making possible examination of heads and limbs of horses.

Other additions to the faculty's already impressive equipment include a computed radiography system and a new gamma camera. "With this equipment we will provide accurate and sophisticated diagnoses for exotics as well as wildlife," said Prof Paul Bland Van den Berg. – kimh@citizen.co.za



ADVANCED: Professor Paul Bland Van den Berg, director of the Onderstepoort Veterinary Academic Hospital, cuts the ribbon on the hospital's new scanner.