

## **Upscale Architecture Required**

The Blessed Oasis Pet Resort is a luxury boarding facility in North Carolina that required a durable yet elegant roofing solution to complete the resort-like Mediterranean theme of their building. After frustrations with the expense and limitations of traditional clay tiles, DECRA Metal Roofing was selected for this project.

### **Luxury Pet Facility Needs Durable, Elegant Materials for Roof**

Blessed Oasis, located on eight acres of land in Fayetteville, North Carolina, had a unique business model: luxurious and resort-like accommodations for pets. To achieve this sense of luxury and refinement, the facility was designed with elegant tile, warm lighting, Greek columns, and a high-ceilinged reception area. This created the charm of a luxury spa resort for the interior, but the designers wanted to establish this charm from the beginning, including the 500-foot drive that spans the road to the parking lot.

The landscaping, as well as the building exterior, needed to portray luxury and refinement. A seemingly small but crucial component for establishing this theme is the roof material. Each material, from the tiles to the fixtures, was meticulously selected, and the roofing was no different.

To achieve their goals, the architects and designers needed to meet two specific priorities:

- **Appearance:** First, the material needed to have an elegant appearance that fit the design of the overall structure; a Mediterranean style had been selected for the facility, which usually calls for clay tile as the roof material.
- **Protection:** Second, the material needed to be structurally sound, providing protection and durability from challenging North Carolina weather, which can include hurricane-force winds, scorching heat, freezing temperatures, as well as snow, hail, and heavy rains.

### **Why Not Traditional Clay Tile?**

Mediterranean-style homes and commercial facilities are marked by a few different characteristics, including traditional clay tile on the roof. However, clay tile has significant drawbacks that make it less ideal for modern use, especially compared to modern materials like metal. Clay tile is heavy, ranging from 6 to 15 lbs per square foot, which can mean a roof will weigh more than 22 tons in some cases. It gets even heavier with age as it absorbs moisture. It requires costly building additions to support the weight, especially if elaborate angles and features are involved, as they were with Blessed Oasis Pet Resort. Clay tiles can also be brittle and provide minimal impact resistance, so they are not only hard to work with, they don't provide adequate protection for the interior, especially considering North Carolina's rough weather conditions.

While fitting the visual needs, traditional clay tile did not meet the structural-protection requirements of the facility. Another choice was needed.

### **DECRA Stone-Coated Steel Roof Selected for the Project**

The builders recommended an alternative option for the Blessed Oasis Pet Resort: DECRA Tile. This material replicated the classic theme of clay tile, maintained the Mediterranean design of the facility, while also providing reliable, long-lasting protection for the structure.

DECRA Tile weighed 90% less than clay tile, eliminating the need for additional costs and construction. DECRA Tile was also chosen because it is warrantied for winds up to 120 mph, a priority for the Blessed Oasis Pet Resort which is in a hurricane zone. Clay tile is not warrantied for winds or hurricanes at all.

Further, Blessed Oasis Pet Resort uses an advanced climate-control system to provide 24-hour comfort for visiting pets. DECRA Tile provided energy efficiency for this system by trapping cool air and reducing energy costs in the summer.

Because of superior protection ratings and an elegant visual presence, DECRA Metal Roofing became the obvious choice for the Blessed Oasis Pet Resort.