

It has been my privilege to serve the animals and people of Harrisburg and greater Charlotte for over 40 years. When I bought this veterinary practice, which was open only 1 or 2 days a week at the time, in 1979 and moved my family here, there was only one stoplight in the entire town. As we grew our family, we have been fortunate to grow University Animal Clinic along with the growth of this wonderful town that we love and call home. I have met literally thousands of people and feel like our clients are either friends or friends to be and we have developed so many wonderful relationships which get refreshed several times a year as we see them over and over. Many children and children of children of our earlier clients who weren't even as tall as our exam tables when they first came in with their parents or grandparents have returned with their fur babies. That has allowed me the opportunity to care for countless pets over all this time. I will be forever grateful for the way this town has embraced me, my family and our practice and I cannot thank you enough for all your support. I am truly blessed and honored that you have trusted me for more than four decades.

I write today, NOT to announce my retirement, as veterinary medicine is my life's calling and I am not ready to hang up the stethoscope. However, as my family expands and my time with them becomes more precious, it is time for me to make changes that will allow me to spend more time with them and to pursue my personal hobbies and my love of the mountains. Having been approached by countless fast-food restaurants and corporate veterinary entities, I simply could not imagine selling my practice to a business that would mean the end of an era and leave my loyal clients and friends looking for an alternative or less than ideal source for their veterinary needs such as an ever-changing corporate veterinary world. Over the last 4-5 years I have had the pleasure of getting to know the owners, doctors and staff at Harrisburg Animal Hospital and Cabarrus Animal Hospital. There I found the hometown feel that I love about our practice and a commitment to provide the highest quality veterinary medicine available. Over the time of our friendship, we have explored the possibility that we may be able to merge our hospitals in such a way that the people and the town of Harrisburg could truly benefit from the collaboration.

With that being said, I am beyond excited to announce that starting April 11, 2022, University Animal Medical & Dental Clinic will be joining forces with Harrisburg Animal Hospital, and we will be ushering in a new era of locally owned, unparalleled veterinary medicine to this fast-growing community. It has always been my dream to build a new, state of the art facility on the site of the current University Animal Clinic, however, several economic slowdowns including the dot com bubble burst of the late 1990s and the financial turmoil of the 2008 recession, put that dream on hold. By merging with Harrisburg Animal Hospital, that dream will become a reality, as we will be building a beautiful new veterinary practice on this site that will meet all your pet's needs and provide a magnificent new home for the wonderful clients of both University and Harrisburg Animal Hospitals. As the new building is being finalized and built, we will be moving our services into the beautiful, modern space occupied by HAH located in the Publix shopping center here in Harrisburg, where I will continue to serve my fantastic clientele. I am also excited that Lisa Weaver, who has been with me for 20 years, will continue working alongside me in the temporary location and later in our new permanent facility. This merger will result in the meshing of my many decades of knowledge and experience and Harrisburg Animal Hospital's dedication to customer service and practicing progressive

medicine using cutting-edge technology. Y'all pray for me using computers! I have no doubts that both our clientele will benefit immensely from this collaboration, and we are so excited to welcome everyone into the new building when it is finished.

So again, thank you for all your many years of support and for trusting me with your pets for all these years. I look forward to working with you and your pets at Harrisburg Animal Hospital until our new home is complete. Truly exciting times are ahead! Please give us a call at our current number or the new location to schedule your next appointment!

Sincerely,

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