



Get To Know Our Doctors

Welcome to our veterinary practice! We would like to thank you for choosing us to provide your pet with superior care and a future of good health. We strive to provide the most complete veterinary care. Our knowledgeable staff looks forward to a continuing relationship with you and your pet. Our goal is preventive medicine with an emphasis on individual and complete care for your pet. We are very proud of our veterinary hospital and if you have not already, we encourage you to take a tour!

Dr. Karen Murphy, Owner of Caring Hands Animal Hospital, is a graduate of Auburn University. She did post graduate internship at Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston, MA. Her interest lies in preventative medicine, internal medicine, surgery and ultrasound.

Dr. Jennifer Zurkus, Associate Veterinarian, graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. She has post-graduate experience in emergency medicine, soft tissue surgery, oncology, and geriatric medicine.

Dr. Caroline Boyd, associate veterinarian, is a graduate of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine with an undergraduate biology degree from James Madison University. She is a life-long resident of the Northern Virginia area and has been a part of the Caring Hands family since 2010. Her professional interests include dentistry, preventive medicine, and soft tissue surgery. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family, horseback riding, reading, and learning photography. She shares her home with her husband, two daughters, and two dogs - a Beagle mix, Roxy, and a Terrier mix, Ruby.

Dr. Kelley Gnowles, Associate Veterinarian, is a graduate of Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine with an undergraduate degree from Auburn University. Her professional interests include geriatric patient care and animal behavior. In her spare time she enjoys gardening and hiking with her husband and daughter. Her extended family includes three rescued dogs, Bean, Cora and Cricket and one rescued cat, Remington and a room full of reptiles!

Dr. Jenna Dean, associate veterinarian, and Medical Director is a graduate of the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. She completed her undergraduate studies at College of Charleston, and holds degrees in Economics and Business Administration. Her professional interests include pain management, diagnostic imaging and soft tissue surgery.

Dr. Dean is a Northern Virginia native and shares her home with her husband, Alex and her two young boys Leo and Dominic, rescue pup Caymus and Zazu and Hemingway her foster fail kitties. In her spare time, she enjoys getting outdoors with her boys and enjoying Virginia wineries.

Dr. Michelle Wade, associate veterinarian, is a graduate of Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. She completed her undergraduate studies at Radford University and holds a degree in Chemistry and a minor in Biology. Her professional interests include shelter medicine, emergency/critical care, and preventative medicine. She is a native of Northern Virginia and shares her home with her 3 dogs and cat, Zoe, Zeeke, Zadie, and Theo. Outside of work; Michelle enjoys gardening, hiking, kayaking and watching sports. She is passionate about animal rescue and much of her free time is spent volunteering as the adoption coordinator of a non-profit rescue group

Dr. Lisa McFaddin, a Baltimore native, earned her BA in biology from Kenyon College in 2003 and graduated from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in 2007. Dr. McFaddin's expertise in animal care is vast, having her certificates in Veterinary Acupuncture (CVA) and Chinese Veterinary Food Therapy (CVFT), as well as three post-doctorate programs including Veterinary Spinal Manipulation Therapy (CVSMT), Chinese Veterinary Herbal Medicine (CVHM), and Veterinary Rehabilitation and Massage Therapy (VMRT). She is currently a fellow of the College of Animal Chiropractors (CCOAC) and strives to continuously further her education. She has contributed to and authored several veterinary online articles and her first textbook on integrative veterinary medicine is set to be published in spring of 2024. Dr. McFaddin combines Western and Eastern therapies, with a primary interest in the treatment of conditions and the overall health and functionality of the musculoskeletal and neurologic systems. Outside of work, Dr. McFaddin spends time with her husband, child, two dogs, cat, and numerous fish. She is also an avid reader and crafter, with a special love for knitting.

Dr. Nicole Johnson graduated from Midwestern University with a strong interest in soft tissue surgery, dentistry, preventive medicine, and dermatology. She grew up in Southern California and has lived in Phoenix, Arizona, for the last nine years – the cold is new to her! Dr. Johnson's passion for veterinary medicine began at a young age, sparked by her experience riding horses and competing in Dressage. Her deep connection to animals and understanding of their care led her to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. Her favorite thing about being in this industry has been creating lifelong relationships with her patients and their families. Outside of work, she

enjoys spending time with her husband and their 5-year-old son, reading, and following the Formula 1 season. The family also has several pets: four dogs – Trixi, Max, Flynn, and Pongo – and a cat, Nala. She also continues to pursue her passion for horseback riding, enjoying time spent with her horse, Opie.

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