

Welcome Dr. Steven Rapp

Hello Everyone!

I would like to introduce myself as the newest member of the Clarksburg Animal Hospital team. I am Dr. Steven Rapp, and I will be starting with Clarksburg Animal Hospital this August as the new owner, thus allowing Dr. Greta Stamberg to enjoy more time with her family. Dr. Greta has fostered and developed Clarksburg Animal Hospital into a wonderful practice over the last twenty years. I believe the standard of patient care and everyone involved at the clinic is an excellent example of how a veterinary practice can strive to enrich and improve the lives of their patients. I hope to continue in Dr. Greta's footsteps with the leadership of the practice and with the help of the amazing team members already at the practice to lovingly care for your pets for many years to come.



I grew up in Germantown, went to the University of Wisconsin in Madison for vet school, and then came back to Montgomery County after graduating in 2018. Prior to joining Clarksburg Animal Hospital, I served on the veterinary staff of a few different hospitals, primarily Olney Sandy Spring Veterinary Hospital, where I honed both my medical, dental, and surgical skills. I currently live in Columbia with my wife, Gwen, and 4 cats: Ivy, Claire, Floyd, and Juniper.

My main goal as a veterinarian is to develop and maintain animal health by emphasizing preventative medicine. I try to live everyday by the motto "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." My specific veterinary interests include dentistry, dermatology, geriatric medicine, and chronic disease management. I am working on becoming board certified by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in Canine & Feline Practice. This can be achieved with years of experience, challenging cases, and attending conferences to stay up to date on the latest in veterinary medicine.

It is with great enthusiasm that I embark on the journey of getting to know all of you and your beloved pets. I will bring caring hands and a sincere attention to detail to every opportunity I have to care for cherished pets at Clarksburg Animal Hospital. I hope in the years to come I will be able to call you my friends as we share in the love and joy that comes with sharing our lives with animals.

Sincerely,

Steven Rapp, DVM

A Message from Dr. Greta

After almost 23 years at the helm of Clarksburg Animal Hospital, I have decided to sell the practice. Please welcome Dr. Steven Rapp, DVM as the new owner of Clarksburg Animal Hospital while I remain as a veterinarian two days a week for the foreseeable future.

Dr. Steven Rapp has more skills with dental surgery, is continuing to advance his education and has the energy of someone 20 years younger with the resources of my experience. He will add to what we can offer for your pets and the amount of time we are available.

I realize this may come as a big surprise. I have given this a lot of thought over the last couple years and decided it was time for me to turn the reins over to someone new and develop a better work/life balance for myself. I started this venture in the Spring of 2003 after always wanting to own my own practice. I've had a hand in every part of the creation of the physical space, the work culture in the building, the approaches with patients and their humans, learning medicine and adjusting to technology advances.

Even though I have a LOT more grey hairs since we opened in 2004, I'm not quite ready for retirement. I'm looking forward to being a vet without the extra responsibility that comes with practice ownership. I love getting to know all our clients and patients, problem solve, guide and teach. One of my favorite parts of this job is the chit chat. It slows me down sometimes, but I can't help myself. I'm a talker and it connects me to all the various perspectives on life, people and animals and helps me be a better Veterinarian and a better human. I've learned so much from all of you.

I'm extremely thankful for the many wonderful team members I've had the pleasure to work with over the years. We've had so much fun getting to be ourselves. There are many other people who have also helped and been part of this creation over the years and brought joy and laughter into this place.

I look forward to being a Veterinarian without the responsibility of ownership as we all move into the next phase of Clarksburg Animal Hospital together.

With Love and Great Appreciation,

Greta