



Summit Veterinary Services

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Holts Summit Veterinary Clinic Commemorates 25 Years of Service to Mid-Missouri's Small, Large Animals with Open House, Grand Opening

Mid-Missouri animal enthusiasts, along with local chambers of commerce, gathered at Summit Veterinary Services, 197 Hickory Lane in Holts Summit, to celebrate the clinic's 25th anniversary and grand opening of the newly expanded 6,000 square-foot facility on August 21, 2020.

The practice, which began operation in 1995 "in the small white house across the street from the local grocery store," as the clinic's owners – Dr. Dean Bates, DVM, and Stacey Bates – fondly recall it, has grown to include three veterinarians on-staff, including Dr. Roy Davis, DVM, of Fulton, and Dr. Katie Slimack, DVM, of Holts Summit, and nearly a dozen technicians and client educators.

According to Owner and Practice Management Director Stacey Bates, Summit Veterinary Services was relocated to its current location in 1998 – a 2,500 square-foot small animal and equine hospital, with a cattle facility built in 2015.

"The opening of our expanded facility enhances the clinic's ability to care for patients by increasing capacity for boarding, surgery, patient care, and client services," Bates explained.

Callaway County Chamber of Commerce Director Tamara Tateosian said, "It's nearly impossible to quantify the profound impact this clinic has had on animals in Missouri over the years, with thousands of clients choosing Summit Veterinary Services as their veterinary medicine provider," adding that in the last fiscal year alone, Summit Veterinary Services has provided care to more than 3,300 dogs; 1,200 cats; 300 horses; and 50 herds of cattle.

Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce Director of Membership and Special Events Susan Neill Dawdy echoed Tateosian's remarks, expressing gratitude for Summit Veterinary Services' contributions to the community, including the Bates' commitment to their mission of enhancing the health and happiness of their clients by helping to extend the length and quality of their beloved pets' lives.

Dr. Bates shared that he's "honored, humbled, and grateful" to be part of a team of dedicated veterinarians and team members who have been committed to delivering complete and affordable care to their clients' small and large animals for more than two decades.

"We wouldn't be where we are today without our valued clients, whom we're privileged to partner with in the care of their animals," Dr. Bates began. "I'd like to thank all of our clients for entrusting us with their pets' veterinary care over the years."

The Bates family has strong roots and ties to the heartland. Dr. Bates, who was raised on his family farm in St. Elizabeth, and Stacey, both attended college locally — with Dr. Bates earning his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine in Columbia — and Stacey graduating from William Woods University in Fulton with a degree in Equestrian Studies.

The Bates' two children, Deanna, 22, and Nathan, 19, are following in the family's medical footsteps with Deanna enrolled at Ross School of Veterinary Medicine in St. Kitts and Nathan at the University of Kansas studying biology, with plans to become a general surgeon.

The Bates family, all avid outdoor enthusiasts, reside in Holts Summit with their three dogs, two horses and one burro. To learn more about Summit Veterinary Services, visit www.SummitVeterinaryServices.com.