

# Companion Animal Clinic Foundation



## STATE OF THE SNVC

### The Sandhills Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic heads into 2024 stronger than ever!



Our strength comes from our past: the remarkable people who had the vision of lessening the endless stream of unwanted puppies and kittens and lightening the burden on rescue groups and the county animal control agencies. This fall, we lost our cherished founding member, Dr. Joe Curry. Twenty years ago, Joe, along with Dr. Tom Daniel and Deborah Wilson, had the vision of creating a low cost spay and neuter clinic which would be run as a not for profit business and would be supported by a 501c3 foundation. Deborah created the Companion Animal Clinic Foundation, Tom brought the community together, and Joe pulled himself out of retirement, rolled up his sleeves, and began running a clinic. Dr. Joe Curry was more productive and creative in his seventies and eighties than most of us are in a life time. We love you and miss you, Joe.

Another source of our strength has been our steadfast veterinarians who have done surgical work on a per diem basis, Dr. James Mackie, Dr. Doug Meckes, and Dr. Janet Sizelove. Dr. Mackie and Dr. Meckes follow Dr. Curry's reluctance to accept retirement as they bring their surgical skill and energy to our clinic. Dr. Sizelove has been both our non paid veterinarian owner and our per diem surgeon. We cherish these dedicated veterinarians who have answered our call for surgeons. And the glue that holds us together is always our dedicated Practice Manager, Erin Maurer.

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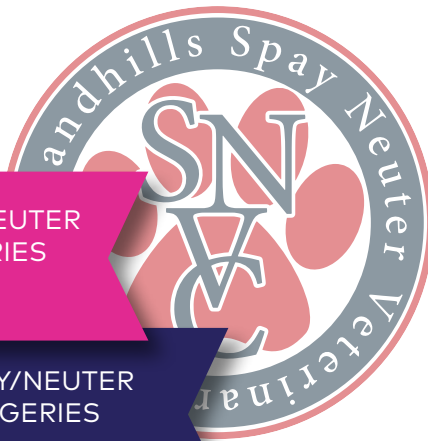


The clinic is going into 2024 with two young, local, full time veterinarians, Dr. Kristen Reilly and Dr. Carl Thomas. Look for their profiles in the January issue of Pinestraw Magazine.

Our grant writer, Kate Holmes, has put in another year of finding grants, which help to keep the prices of surgeries down while improving the quality of the equipment. This year, she discovered a new grant which is funded by Duke Energy and administered by Moore County Chamber of Commerce, and she applied for funds to support clinic staff's continuing education. Andrew Stevens came to the clinic a year ago as a kennel assistant, and has already finished his first year in accredited veterinary technician online program. At the end of the two year program, he will sit for the NC State Veterinary Technician exam to become credentialed RVT (Registered Veterinary Technician). Clarrisa Garcia joined the SNVC in 2021. The course in which she is enrolled will result in a certificate of excellence in veterinary reception. The program outlines veterinary terminology, client relations, and problem solving, finances, programing, among other skills. Clarrisa is bilingual, and her ability to put anxious pet owners at ease is amazing.

Our staff is great, the grant writing is successful, and the clients and rescue groups are lined up at the clinic's doors. The one thing we don't have under control is the relentless rise of prices for our surgical supplies. The cost of surgical gloves has more than doubled. Our fall fundraiser was rained out, and we are asking our loyal supporters to remember us in their end of year giving. Every litter not born is a one that doesn't need to be rescued.

Sincerely,  
Bobbie Mudge, President



**7,000** SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES COMPLETED IN 2023

**8,400** SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES EXPECTED IN 2024

**98,000** SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES TOTAL BY YEAR END 2023



Dr. Jay Mackie has been a backbone of our surgical team since the early years.



Dr. Carl Thomas started with us full time in November. Welcome, Dr. Thomas!





**THANK YOU**  
to the incredible staff  
at the Sandhills Spay  
Neuter Veterinary  
Clinic!



Techs Clarrisa Garcia and Andrew Stevens accepted grants from Duke Energy for their continuing education.



Dr. Doug Meckes came out of retirement in 2022 as a per diem veterinarian at SNVC.



Dr. Kristen Reilly inspires a new generation of veterinary professionals.



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