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Susan Stratton – has worked as a veterinary technician for the past 13 years, including 5 years in emergency/critical care veterinary medicine, and 4 years as an intensive care nurse at the University of Georgia Small Animal Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Susan has always had a love for animals and is currently working towards a license in wildlife rehabilitation. Susan lives in Oconee County with her husband Michael, their 6 dogs, 3 cats, and frequent litters of orphan squirrels, chipmunks, opossums, and other assorted wildlife.

Emily Keller – is in her second year of veterinary school at the University of Georgia and has worked as a veterinary technician for the past years. She works as a technician at Good Hands Veterinary Hospital late afternoons and weekends as her busy professional curriculum allows.

Please feel free to stop by Good Hands Veterinary Hospital to meet our doctors and staff and to tour our new facility. We look forward to making you part of our Good Hands family! If you have any questions, please call us at 706-613-1880 or e-mail us at goodhandsvet@directvinternet.com (that's directv with one "t")



Good Hands Veterinary Hospital News

Welcome to Good Hands Veterinary Hospital! After almost 2 years of planning and construction, our new hospital is up and running. For those of you who have been with us since our inception, we sincerely appreciate the support and patience you, our clients and friends have given us as we worked toward our goal of becoming a full service veterinary hospital. For our newer clients, welcome to our family!

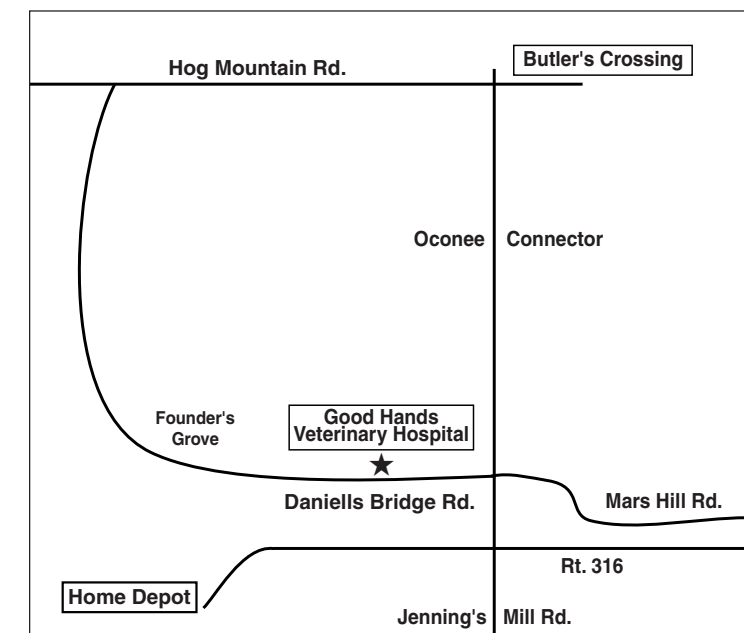
Our new hospital is located at 2391 Daniells Bridge Road, in Athens, just off of 316 and the Oconee Connector (please see map below). The hospital is adjacent to Founders Grove subdivision and in close proximity to Home Depot, Lowes and the new Oconee County Super Walmart. Dr Kucher thoroughly enjoyed her mobile veterinary practice, however, she often found herself unable to provide complete veterinary services in a timely manner to all of her clients. This new state of the art, full service facility will allow us to better accommodate the needs of our clients and patients in a more timely and efficient manner. In the new hospital, we have full x-ray, EKG, video endoscopy, dental and surgery capabilities. There are separate hospitalization wards for dogs and cats, along with an intensive care unit for critical cases and an isolation ward for animals with potentially contagious diseases.

HOSPITAL HOURS:

Monday - Friday 7:30 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am – 12 noon

Patients may also be “dropped-off” for evaluation and treatment. Appointments are preferred and may be scheduled by calling: **706-613-1880**.

We will continue to schedule house visits on Wednesdays and Fridays for those clients that would rather have us come to their home. The schedule for these visits however, will be limited, and a “call” fee will be charged in addition to the standard exam fee.



VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICES

With our new facility we are able to provide a complete spectrum of veterinary and pet health related services. These services include preventive medicine, vaccinations, dentistry, internal medicine, reproductive evaluations and artificial insemination, geriatric medicine, radiology, endoscopy, and soft-tissue and orthopedic surgery. Elective surgeries are performed every Tuesday and Thursday. We have separate dog and cat hospitalization wards, a climate-controlled intensive care unit for critically ill patients, and an isolation ward for animals with potentially contagious diseases.

2391 Daniells Bridge Road
Athens, GA 30606-6160



GROOMING SERVICES

We are pleased to introduce our new professional groomer, Deidre Edder. Deidre has 30 years of professional experience in the Athens and Atlanta area. Deidre is wonderful with all of her clients and will groom dogs of any size, and even cats. Grooming appointments are currently on Fridays and animals may be dropped off between 7:30 – 9:00 am. All our grooming guests must be up-to-date on their vaccinations.

BOARDING AND DAY-CARE

Good Hands Veterinary Hospital is proud to introduce a completely separate boarding, day-care, and grooming facility. Each spacious run has its own window. All of our canine guests are exercised three-times daily and provided a fleece or elevated bed. Our feline guests have a room with a view and are constantly pampered during their stay. All of our canine guests are bathed prior to check out. Lodging fees are \$20 per night for dogs and \$12 per night for cats. All boarding reservations require a \$25 non-refundable deposit. Weekend boarders may be picked-up Monday mornings before 12 noon. All our guests must be up-to-date on their vaccinations.

Doesn't your canine companion deserve some extracurricular activity during the week? Why not take advantage of one of our doggie daycare programs. We have 2, 3 and 5 day/week programs, or just drop them off for a day. They will enjoy walks, play time, and lots of TLC. The boarding, day-care, and grooming facilities have a separate entrance in the rear of our building.

AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCIES:

Good Hands Veterinary Hospital is a member of The Animal Emergency Hospital on Old Business 441, Watkinsville, Georgia. In March of 2002 a new, 2500 sq. ft. emergency hospital was completed. A veterinarian and technical staff are on site for phone consultation, admission, and care of your after-hours emergencies Monday-Friday from 6:00 pm until 8:00 am the following morning, weekends from Saturday at 12 noon until 8:00 am Monday morning, and all observed holidays. Drs. Kucher and Dailey will receive a fax transmission summarizing the admission and treatment and your pet will be transferred to Good Hands Veterinary Hospital the following morning, or a re-check examination scheduled. The telephone number of the Animal Emergency Hospital is: **706-769-0221**

MEET THE DOCTORS

Monica Kucher, DVM – Dr. Monica Kucher, the founder and owner of Good Hands Veterinary Hospital, has been practicing veterinary medicine in the Athens area for over 12 years. During this time, she has earned a reputation for a high quality, straightforward approach to medicine as well as a genuine concern for her patients and their human companions. Dr. Kucher graduated from Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1989. As a student, she received the Small Animal Clinical Proficiency Award. She and her husband, Dr. Eric Mueller, a veterinary surgeon at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, moved to Athens in 1989. They have two boys, Kurt and Kyle. Dr. Kucher is an active member of the community, participating regularly in the PTO, Oconee County Little League, Athens Humane Society and PAWS. The Mueller family includes two dogs (Harry and Hobble), three cats (Sebastian, Winston, and Smokey), and a snake (Nicky). Dr. Kucher has worked diligently for the past two years to make Good Hands Veterinary Hospital become a reality. Her goal is simply to provide the highest quality of veterinary care to all of her patients and to continually educate her clients through open, honest, and compassionate communications.

Dean Dailey, DVM – Dr. Dailey is a 2001 graduate of the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. Originally from Millen, Georgia, Dr. Dailey began his undergraduate studies at the University of Georgia

in the Animal Sciences department, but was granted admission into the College of Veterinary Medicine after completing only three years of undergraduate study. As a student, Dr. Dailey was the recipient of several scholarships and awards including the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship, the American Veterinary Medical Foundation Scholarship, and the John Morton Award for Humane Animal Care, the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Award, and the American Animal Hospital Association Award for Clinical Proficiency in Small Animal Medicine. His family includes one dog, Leah, and a cat, Chloe. Dr. Dailey is looking forward to making a difference in the lives of his patients and their families. He is dedicated to practicing the highest quality of veterinary medicine, with an emphasis on client education and communication. We are lucky and proud to have him as a member of our team.

MEET THE STAFF RECEPTIONISTS

Sarah Boatright-Bailey – is a long-time client and friend of Dr. Kucher and serves as our head receptionist. Sarah was born and raised in Athens and graduated from the University of Georgia with a Masters in Historic Preservation. In her spare time she consults on historic property classification and restoration. She and her husband Walt live in Winder with their dog Mason and their cat Charlotte. Sarah has become an integral and important member of the Good Hands family. Please let her know if you have any concerns or suggestions concerning the reception staff.

Tiffany Solano – is attending the University of Georgia majoring in biology with a minor in animal science. Tiffany was raised in Athens and enjoys spending her free time with her friends and family including her dog, two cats, and a ferret. After graduation she plans to attend the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine.

Alicia Joiner – is presently in her first year of study at Athens Area Technical College in preparation of becoming a licensed veterinary technician. Alicia has worked at the Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and after completing her technical education plans to attend the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. Alicia lives in Athens with her three dogs Berry, Kenai, and Hunter.

VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

Tara Maxwell, L.V.T. – has an interesting and diverse background in the animal health industry. After working as a licensed veterinary technician in small animal practice for 3 years, Tara joined the pharmaceutical firm, Merial Limited of Athens, as a veterinary technician. She eventually became a customer service representative and then moved to the Fort Dodge Animal Health group as a veterinary pharmaceutical sales representative. Although her position in the industry was challenging and exciting, she missed the interaction with the individual patients and clients, and joined Good Hands Veterinary Hospital in August of 2001. Tara has taken a keen interest in the grooming, boarding and day-care services at Good Hands and is currently apprenticing as a groomer. Tara lives in Bowman, Georgia with her dog and her 3 horses.

Laura Boatright – has been a long-time client and friend of Dr. Kucher. Laura graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.A. in political science and history. If you happen to see Laura and Sarah together in the hospital, you are not seeing “double,” they are identical twins. Laura enjoys spending her free time traveling and with her dog Baron, two cats Tybee and Fox, and her six snakes.

Cindy Boatwright, L.V.T. – has worked as a licensed veterinary technician for the past 13 years, most recently as the head anesthesia technician at the University of Georgia Small Animal Teaching Hospital. Cindy has a special interest in peri-operative pain management and critical care medicine. She lives in Oconee County with her three dogs, two cats, and 3 rabbits. In her spare time she is active in her church and busy with own small business, Creative Creations, specializing in decorative art and design.