

DR. CLAIRE M. KELLY

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, General Practice

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Talented practice owner with excellent clinical, surgical and communication skills with 20 years of clinical experience in private practice. Highly effective and comfortable working with people at levels in current organization. Voted one of Hot Springs' "Best Veterinarians" yearly for over 10 years.

WORK EXPERIENCE

06.15.2025 – PRESENT ASSISTANT TEACHING PROFESSOR OF SMALL ANIMAL PRACTICE, ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

10.15.2007 – 06.2025 VETERINARY PRACTICE OWNER

- Manage day-to-day small business operations
- Consult with customers to assess needs and propose optimal solutions.
- Train and motivate employees to perform daily business functions.
- Perform physical examinations, discuss findings with owners and develop treatment plans.
- Perform and train assistants to perform clinical skills such as IV catheter placement, blood collection and handling, and performing laboratory analysis of samples.
- Assess potential surgical candidates prior to anesthesia
- Perform multiple surgical procedures per day in addition to seeing patients and owners.
- Learn and implement new techniques, methods and practices to increase client compliance, patient comfort, and productivity.
- Attend local, regional, and national veterinary conferences to maintain current skills and learn new information.
- Veterinarian of record for Garland County Cattleman's Association for 5 years

- Work with area rescues and shelter to provide access to low cost and no cost medical and surgical care.
- Maintain state, DEA and USDA certifications in order to provide a variety of quality care

05.22.2005 – 10.17.2007 ASSOCIATE VETERINARIAN

- Gathered and reviewed pet health histories, examined animals, conducted pertinent testing to identify underlying disease processes.
- Communicated with pet owners regarding pet diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment.
- Practiced veterinary medicine with emphasis on preventive care.
- Learned and implemented safety protocols to protect staff, guests and patients.
- Induced anesthesia through a variety of means for various surgical procedures
- Performed basic and emergent surgical procedures daily on domestic and exotic pets
- Gained experience in every aspect of private veterinary practice
- Assumed ownership of practice upon founding owner's retirement

EDUCATION HISTORY

06.2001 – 05.2005	DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE (DVM)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine
08.1998 – 02.2000	ANIMAL SCIENCE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mississippi State University • Undergraduate work prior to Veterinary School
08.1994 – 05.1998	ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copiah-Lincoln Community College • Pre-Veterinary Science
05.28.1994	Diploma Crystal Springs High School

INTERESTS

Teaching technical skills, reading, enjoying time with my family, showing dogs in AKC competition.

SKILLS

- Basic surgical technique, especially spay/neuter procedures
- Coaching and mentoring
- Verbal and written communication
- Analytical and critical thinking
- Strong work ethic