

It is with both joy and sadness that I will move into the next phase of my life and retire at the end of 2022. As many of you know, my son Ryan and his family-including my darling new granddaughter Lenna-live in Charleston, SC and we are excited to relocate to be near them. I have lots of plans as I move forward, including kayaking, running and hiking, and spoiling Lenna.

The people of Avery Animal Hospital have been like family to me, and I am incredibly grateful for the many friends I have made both among the staff and our many wonder clients. The Vesper family have created a practice that operates on a central philosophy of treating both people and animals with kindness and respect, and I'm so happy that I've had the opportunity to spend my entire veterinary career here. The group of doctors are supportive, and always willing to help each other. Our staff is amazing- from assistants to technicians, front office staff to our office manager. And of course, my technician Alana Carpenter is extraordinary. Having her as a friend and teammate has truly been central to our team's ability to care for our patients-and to my happiness.

I have loved being the veterinarian for your pets – thank you for trusting me with their care and for your friendship. I will miss you.

Dr Jennifer McLaughlin