

Dr. Jaime Pickett, CEO of Hannah Pet Hospitals, Raises Awareness for Veterinary Industry Challenges

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RICHMOND, VA, UNITED STATES, November 6, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The veterinary industry is at a turning point, facing critical challenges that impact both professionals and pet owners alike. [Dr. Jaime Klimsey Pickett, DVM, MBA](#), and CEO of Hannah Pet Hospitals, is taking significant strides to bring awareness to these pressing issues while reshaping the veterinary care landscape. With over two decades of experience and a unique blend of clinical and business expertise, Dr. Pickett has dedicated her career to advancing veterinary services, ensuring sustainable practices, and supporting workforce wellbeing.



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"The veterinary industry is under immense pressure," says Dr. Pickett. "Demand for quality care has never been higher, but we're facing a shortage of veterinary professionals and critical concerns about mental health within the workforce." According to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the U.S. alone could face a shortfall of up to 15,000 veterinarians by 2030 due to factors like burnout, rising demands, and an increase in pet ownership. "It's crucial that we address these issues, not only to support veterinarians but to ensure accessible, quality care for pets," Dr. Pickett emphasizes.

As the CEO of Hannah Pet Hospitals, a network focused on preventive care and personalized pet wellness plans, Dr. Pickett has implemented multiple initiatives to support the well-being of veterinary staff. Her focus on flexible scheduling, mental health resources, and a supportive work culture has shown success in increasing retention and enhancing job satisfaction. "Veterinarians are passionate about their work, but they need resources and flexibility to sustain that passion over time," she adds.



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Dr. Pickett is also drawing attention to the environmental impact of veterinary practices, as climate change increasingly affects animal health. "Veterinary practices must consider sustainability," she says. "Every decision we make, from reducing waste to minimizing our carbon footprint, contributes to the health of our environment—and directly impacts the wellbeing of the animals we care for." At Hannah Pet Hospitals, Dr. Pickett has initiated eco-friendly practices like recycling programs and energy-efficient facility designs. According to the American Pet Products Association, pet ownership in the

U.S. has grown by over 20% in the past decade, heightening the importance of sustainable practices to accommodate this demand responsibly.

In addition to her role as CEO, Dr. Pickett is a fervent advocate for veterinary education. She has pledged over \$200,000 in donations to support future veterinarians, with contributions to institutions like the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine and Johns Hopkins University. These funds help aspiring veterinary professionals access education and resources in an industry where workforce shortages are already a growing concern. "Education is the backbone of veterinary medicine's future," says Dr. Pickett. "Supporting students today helps us build a stronger, more resilient industry for tomorrow."

Beyond her daily responsibilities at Hannah Pet Hospitals, Dr. Pickett serves on several boards, including the University of Florida's Dean's Circle of Excellence and The Doorways in Richmond, Virginia. Through these roles, she continues to champion improvements in veterinary care standards and foster support systems for the profession.

Dr. Pickett's commitment to the industry is reflected in her advocacy for lifelong learning and her mentorship of new veterinary professionals. She frequently speaks about the importance of blending clinical expertise with business acumen, a philosophy that has shaped her own career. "Veterinary medicine is evolving, and so must the skill sets of those within it," she explains. "Leaders who understand both patient care and the mechanics of the industry are essential to creating a sustainable future."

With her unique perspective and dedicated advocacy, Dr. Jaime Pickett is inspiring change within the veterinary industry. Her message is clear: a sustainable, compassionate, and supportive environment for both veterinarians and pet owners is essential to the future of animal healthcare. Through her leadership, Dr. Pickett continues to champion this vision and bring much-needed awareness to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

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