

Dr. Chip Cooney

Registry of Honor

2017

Chip moved to Sheffield when he was five years old and it is where he grew up. He earned varsity letters in football, baseball and basketball and graduated from SHS in 1983. He attended Auburn University where he graduated cum laude in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine degrees. He began practice in Hickory, North Carolina and after four years moved to Statesville, North Carolina and became a partner in a practice of which he eventually became the sole owner.

Under Dr. Cooney's leadership, Animal Hospital of Statesville has been completely remodeled and modernized. It has grown into a four-doctor practice that employs 30 staff members. His practice has been very progressive in the use of new technology such as adopting electronic medical records and digital radiology well before they became commonplace. He has been blessed with a dedicated and loyal staff whose focus on client service and patient care have driven the practice's growth. Their efforts have allowed continued improvement of the practice and the ability to add laser surgery, digital tonometry, cryotherapy, digital dental radiology, ultrasonography, therapy laser and echocardiography over the years. His practice is certified by the American Animal Hospital Association, an accreditation earned by a small minority of veterinary hospitals. Animal Hospital of Statesville has also been awarded the "reader choice award" for best veterinary hospital, five consecutive years, and he, the best veterinarian.

His practice is very involved in the community as well. Animal Hospital of Statesville originated and continues to lead the local Bark for Life event, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. His clinic adopts a local charity to support every quarter, and has included the local homeless shelter, food kitchen, senior center, underprivileged children and several Christian organizations. The clinic donates time and finances to multiple humane organizations in the area. He is an active member of Rotary International and is a four time Paul Harris Fellow. He is also very active in leadership roles and bible studies through his church.

He is most proud, though, of his wonderful wife Crisi and his two children, Olivia and Walton.