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Abi and her dog Bobby

### ABI & BOBBY: GROWING OLDER TOGETHER

Abi, a member of the community living alone, adopted 10 year-old dog Bobby and, through each other, they both found companionship.

**Dr. Linda Behrns** of Crestone Mobile Veterinary Service became Bobby's veterinarian and began visiting regularly to ensure that the dog was in good health. Recently, Bobby developed a painful abscess on the side of his jaw. Sadly, Abi, who lives on a very small income, was unable to afford treatment. Thanks in part to donations made to the AVMF Veterinary Care Charitable Fund, Dr. Behrns was able to treat Bobby and he is again living comfortably with his best friend.

According to Dr. Behrns, "Crestone is in the San Luis Valley, one of the most economically depressed areas in Colorado. I love being in a place where I can help so many animals that might not receive care otherwise. **The AVMF Veterinary Care Charitable Fund has enabled me to stay in Crestone and continue helping all the animals here.**"

### EGORE: DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE BILL

A beautiful 22-year old Amazon parrot, Egore got herself stuck in a sliding glass door, losing part of her beak. Her owner, an elderly bed-bound woman, was unable to provide the extensive care her feathered companion required.

Thanks to generous donors and the team at the North Alabama Cat and Bird Clinic, Egore is now living a charmed life with an owner experienced in caring for a bird with an injured beak.

**Dr. Jan Strother**, AVMF Chair and owner of the clinic, told us, "The AVMF Veterinary Care Charitable Fund has been a win/win program for animals in need and our veterinary clinic team. Our clients and donors love to see the pictures and hear the stories about the animals we have helped in our community. **With this AVMF program, veterinarians and staff can be heroes for animals in need or victims of abuse and neglect.**"



Egore the Amazon parrot

# Generations of Giving



Dr. Roger McClellan

**Dr. Roger McClellan** graduated from Washington State University in 1960 with his DVM. Since then, he has served as an adjunct professor at eight universities, authored 350 papers, edited 10 books, and, for 30 years, edited the internationally recognized journal, *Critical Reviews in Toxicology*.

Dr. McClellan has provided leadership for many scientific organizations, including service as President of the American Board of Veterinary Toxicology, Society of Toxicology and American Association for Aerosol Research. Most notably, he has served on over 100 major national and international committees translating scientific evidence on environmental and occupational health issues into public policy. He has also been widely recognized for his work, including election in 1990 to the National Academy of Medicine, an honor bestowed on only a few veterinarians. In 2016 he received the AVMA Meritorious Service Award.

Dr. McClellan and his wife, Kathleen, have donated to the AVMF for two decades. He noted, **“We want to help educate another generation of veterinarians who can contribute to further improving animal and human health.** Thus, we always request our donations be used for scholarships and research awards to young investigators, programs that have been at the core of the AVMF since its origin in 1963.”

**Dr. Haley Brabant** graduated from Washington State University in 2015 with her DVM. She spent nearly three years supporting a feline adoption center and over a year with a wildlife sanctuary, where she helped care for abandoned or abused animals.

In addition to her volunteer work in the United States, Dr. Brabant has donated her time to causes internationally. In South Africa, she supported efforts to rehabilitate native wildlife, including lion cubs, mongooses, monkeys, and various antelope species. Years later, in Nicaragua, Dr. Brabant assisted veterinarians with spay and neuter procedures intended to curb street dog and cat overpopulation.

In 2016, Dr. Brabant made her first donation to the AVMF. Though she recently graduated, she still feels that it's important to give back:

**“I donated to help support the mission of the AVMF toward advancing veterinary research and education.”**

Dr. Brabant currently practices small animal medicine on Whidbey Island in Washington.



Dr. Haley Brabant



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Annual donors of \$1,000 or more will also receive special recognition in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association.



Donor Boards at 2016 AVMA Annual Convention

## AVMA/AVMF Scholarship for Veterans

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, in 2016 the AVMA and AVMF established a special scholarship for military veterans pursuing an education in veterinary medicine.

Scholarships will be awarded to veterans of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy currently in their 1st, 2nd or 3rd year of veterinary school. Applications will be accepted through May 15, 2017.

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## Congratulations to Two of our Newest Scholarship Recipients

Through the Auxiliary to the AVMA Legacy Endowed Scholarship program, one scholarship is awarded to a student at each of the 33 AVMA accredited schools in the United States. Congratulations to all of the 2016-2017 recipients!



Chantelle Khambholja

**Chantelle Khambholja** attends Washington State University and, despite having to overcome financial hardships due to being hospitalized while in school, has continued to excel as a veterinary student.

Chantelle is an active volunteer at a wild animal rehabilitation center and at the local zoo.

*"Receiving this support allows me to continue the work I know is important and creates opportunities to pursue the experiences that will allow me to become the best veterinarian I can be. This profession is a family, and knowing that support like this scholarship exists for veterinary students shows how committed we are to curating our collective future success. Thank you, AVMA Auxiliary and AVMF donors for your generosity."*



Brett Montague

**Brett Montague** attends Kansas State University and is a first generation college student.

Brett plans to go into small animal emergency medicine, as he enjoys the challenging pace and caseload this work entails, and he looks forward to being able to help people through moments of crisis with their pets.

*"I am incredibly passionate about global public health and the opportunity to serve areas which lack adequate resources to care for their animals. I strongly believe that animal, human and environmental health is intricately intertwined. I am so grateful to have been awarded this scholarship because it allows me to keep pursuing my ambitions to help build a safer, healthier and better world for both humans and our fellow species alike."*



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## When Fires Rage, Veterinarians Offer Shelter



Callie the cat needed tube feeding after the fires

When devastating fires roared through Gatlinburg, Tennessee in November last year, several areas in and around the city were forced to evacuate. **Dr. Lindsay Hill and Dr. Susan Sterling** from Smoky Mountain Animal Clinic opened their doors to a humane society close to the disaster and offered free housing and treatment to the many animals from the shelter.

During the fires, the clinic continued to take in animals in need. A stray dog, spotted on the side of the road and picked up by a transport van, was found to be plagued with infections. Cats that were brought in had upper respiratory infections, worsened by stress and smoke inhalation as a result of the fires. (One of those cats, Callie, later developed pneumonia, and would need to be tube fed to recover.)

**Through the AVMF Disaster Reimbursement Grants for Veterinary Medical Care, the Foundation was able to support Dr. Hill and Dr. Sterling in their efforts to provide emergency treatment and refuge to those animal victims of the disaster.**

After receiving the much needed medical attention and shelter at the clinic, some up to a month after the fires, all of the cats and dogs are, thankfully, alive and doing well.