

Dear Lincolnshire Family,

It has been an honor and pleasure to care for your pets and families. On December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, I retired from Lincolnshire Animal Hospital.

When Drs. O'Neal and Cornell passed the hospital, and the pets it cared for, into the hands of Dr. Emmelot and myself, we set out to build on the caring tradition they had established in the community. We looked to grow a family of bright, caring veterinarians, technicians and receptionists who desired to share ideas, build trust and practice caring veterinary medicine.

When we added team members, we would emphasize that we are different here. We have relationships with our clients. That relationship and trust helps us care for our patients. As I move on from Lincolnshire Animal Hospital I will miss the friendships, laughter, and in some cases tears, we shared along the way. As well, I know you will be in very good hands and that trust and care will continue.

Dr. Pat Emmelot (my partner at Lincolnshire for 18 years), Dr. Julie DiFuccia (Lincolnshire resident and veterinarian of 15 years at LAH), Long Grove native Dr. Jen Sutkay (7 years at LAH) , Dr. Kelly Rasch (12 years with LAH) and Dr. Erin Gray (5 years) will expand on the unique, individual, trusting care Pat and I have worked toward.

Oh, what will I do? What's on the agenda? I plan to continue to be involved in some form of veterinary medicine that includes time for rescues and service dogs, likely in a warmer climate. Spend time fly fishing near my brother's house in Bozeman Montana and possibly work with Wounded Warriors -both human and canine.

Thank you for the opportunity to care for your babies, friends and companions.  
Cheers,  
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