



DR. STEPHANIE JONES

TOGETHER FOR PETS AWARD

Congratulations to this compassionate veterinarian who founded Pets Help The Heart Heal to inspire youths to join the veterinary profession. She has received a \$10,000 grant from Blue Buffalo.

WHERE DO YOU WORK?

I am co-owner of the Animal Hospital of Fort Lauderdale in Fort Lauderdale, FL and CEO/Founder of Pets Help The Heart Heal.

WHY DID YOU BECOME A VETERINARIAN?

A “Dear Abby” letter about a young girl aspiring to be a veterinarian first sparked my curiosity. Shortly after, a teacher, impressed by my career exploration essay on veterinary medicine, took me to a rabies vaccine day at the park, where I saw a veterinarian in action for the first time and was hooked.

WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?

Helping animals and mentoring future generations combine to fuel my drive and purpose every day.

HOBBIES?

I enjoy kickboxing and walking. Both are great ways to clear your mind, release stress, and even find clarity and inspiration.

HOW DO YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Through my nonprofit, Pets Help The Heart Heal, I'm dedicated to inspiring young minds, especially those from underserved communities, to explore veterinary medicine and careers in the animal industry. It's about leaving a lasting impact on lives—both human and animal.

WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT THE FUTURE?

It's the potential to inspire and empower the next generation while advancing the human-animal bond. Seeing their curiosity ignite and their confidence grow gives me hope for a brighter future.

Blue Buffalo salutes the veterinarians who go above and beyond to advance the profession and improve the lives of our pets.