

## Dr. Jason Lavigne and Vanna Lavigne are **RETIRING.**

It is bitter sweet to announce our long time veterinarian Dr. Lavigne and technician Vanna Lavigne are retiring from general practice Bienville Animal Medical Center (BAMC). Dr. Lavigne was with us for 14 amazing years and Vanna 10 years of extraordinary care with BAMC.

Dr. Jason Lavigne is a native of Foxworth, Mississippi and joined Bienville Animal Medical Center in 2010. Here is the interesting part... Dr. Lavigne grew up on a farm in Foxworth that has been family owned for generations. He and Vanna are moving back to the farm to take it over for his aging parents at the beginning of May 2024.

Dr. Lavigne graduated from the School of Veterinary Medicine at LSU in 2009 after earning a B.S. in Dairy Science. He especially enjoys practicing feline medicine and is a member of the American Association of Feline Practitioners as well as the MVMA, AVMA and AAHA. He served as the president of the South Mississippi VMA from January 2012 until January 2014. Dr. Lavigne has a constant thirst for knowledge and is continuously researching conditions and new treatments to offer the best care for his patients.

Both Lavignes have a knack for feline care. Vanna is an expert at feline restraint and has such a vast knowledge of veterinary medicine. She is also a big asset to our clinic because she is always willing to teach and share her knowledge. Many technicians have improved their skills because of Vanna. She is also a student of life and is always looking to expand her knowledge base.

Thousands of animals and people have experienced the extraordinary care and thoughtfulness of Dr. Lavigne and Vanna. We will miss Dr. Lavigne and Vanna here at BAMC as they have become family over their tremendous career. We at BAMC have been blessed to have had them spend her career with us. The Lavignes are leaving a career they love to run the family farm is a perfect example of the quality, character and their "do what's right" mentality.

We have been lucky to walk beside them in this veterinary journey and they will be sorely missed by all here at BAMC. We all wish them success and happiness in their new life path. We thank the Lavignes for their devotion to their patients, clients and hospital.

*Some of their client thoughts:*

*· I would like to personally thank your wonderful staff but mostly Dr. Jason Lavigne for the care given to all of my animals...I have utilized several veterinarians in the past and I am very cautious of whom cares for them as they are my kids and by far Dr. Lavigne is my all-time favorite. Dr. Lavigne is always very thorough, very educated and always right on his diagnosis. I appreciate the kindness your staff has shown toward myself and my babies but I really appreciate the services I am rendered by Dr. Lavigne. I am 100 % committed to Dr. Jason Lavigne when it comes to my animals and I know my animals absolutely adore him!! Thank you Dr. Lavigne for everything!!!*

*·We are in Mississippi for a few months over the winter with 3 cats and wanted to establish ourselves with a veterinarian. We brought our 3 cats in for a brief exam and everyone was so friendly and helpful!!! Dr. Lavigne was pleasant, professional and very knowledgeable. I left there feeling confident that my cats will get the best if care there.*

*·I have been coming here for years and I always see Dr. Jason Lavigne. He is been so helpful and wonderful to my little dog. He has seen her through the good and bad times and has always seem to help her. The staff is always smiling and very sweet. Anytime I have a question they are quick to answer or if they don't know well stop to go ask. I have really enjoy this clinic and will continue to go*

*·The best veterinarians on the coast. They have cared for my doggies, kitties and turtles for years. Love the staff and Dr. Lavigne is so compassionate.*