



## Dr. Phillip Nelson

Dr. Phillip Nelson is a 1979 graduate of Tuskegee Institute (DVM), a 1980 graduate of Jackson State University (B.S.), and a 1993 graduate of North Carolina State University (Ph.D.). He received specialty training in small animal internal medicine at Mississippi State University. His research interests and activities primarily focused on FeLV and FIV infections in cats as biological models for human HIV. Dr. Nelson was Head of the Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at Tuskegee University's School of Veterinary Medicine. In 1994, he was selected as Associate Dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University. He is presently the Executive Associate Dean for the Pre-clinical Program at the Western University's College of Veterinary Medicine in Pomona, CA.

*"I became interested in veterinary medicine at a young age. I had a natural interest and affinity for animals, and I developed a love for the sciences, particular biology and the medical sciences. Veterinary medicine seemed to provide the perfect opportunity to combine my interests, provide a viable basis for making a living, and serve society - an important desire for me."*

## Kimathi Choma,

Kansas State University, 3rd year



Originally from Roselle, New Jersey, Kimathi received his BS degree at Messiah College in Grantham, PA, before completing two years of graduate-level chemistry course work. Kimathi has worked with both small and large animals. Kimathi was a distinguished summer student research scholar at KSU during the summer following his 2nd year of veterinary college. For five months he worked as a veterinary intern at the Hill's Pet Nutrition Center in Topeka, KS, where he performed spays and tumor removals and provided routine veterinary care. Currently, Kimathi is interested in food animal medicine and public health.

*"As a veterinarian I will be able to serve my community through caring for their animals. As I have experienced already as a student, veterinary medicine offers many exciting career paths."*

## Pilar Wendell,

Kansas State University, 2nd year



A graduate of the City University of New York (BLAS), Pilar worked in private practice, zoos, and helped start an in-home pet sitting service, during college. After graduation, she plans to continue her education to become a board certified neurologist.

*"Working with animals and their owners is something that I love, and it allows me to spend every day with a sense of purpose and accomplishment. If I'm able to spend every day doing something I'm passionate about, that to me is success."*

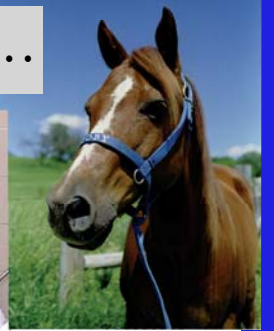
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- Government service with local, state, federal, or foreign assignments in disease control, meat inspection, public health, and animal research.
- Armed forces careers as veterinary medical officers in charge of disease control, food inspection and sanitation, clinical practice and basic search.
- Teaching and research in veterinary or human medical schools and other departments of colleges and universities.
- Industry positions in research, development, production, technical service and sales of medicinal and food agents for both human and animal use.
- Private employment as ranch or feedlot veterinarians and ranch managers.
- Specialization in laboratory animal medicine, research, and care.
- Extension veterinary medicine responsible for communicating information to practicing veterinarians, the livestock and poultry industries, and the companion animal field.
- Specialty practices pertaining to zoo and exotic animals and with individual species such as large cats and endangered species.
- A career in shelter medicine offering programs designed to protect the health and welfare of both owned and homeless animals.
- Private practice working with food or companion animals.



### Dr. Michael Blackwell

In 2000, following a 23 year career in public health in which he attained the rank of Assistant Surgeon General (Rear Admiral) of the US Public Health Service, Dr. Blackwell was appointed dean of The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Blackwell spent several years in private practice in Oklahoma prior to joining the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine in 1977. In February 1999, he was named Chief of Staff, Office of the Surgeon General.

Dr. Blackwell earned his BS (1973) and DVM (1975) from Tuskegee University, his Master of Public Health (1981) from Loma Linda University, and Certification in Epidemiology from the US Public Health Service.

*"As a veterinarian, involved in a profession that primarily exists to protect public health, I can make a significant impact on the well being of our global society. There is no greater joy than which comes from helping another, so on a personal level, being a veterinarian and serving all of mankind is a rewarding experience."*

### Dr. Debbye Turner



Dr. Turner graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia in May 1991 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture in May 1986 from Arkansas State University.

Dr. Turner was crowned Miss America in 1990, and has spoken to more than a half million students at hundreds of schools, youth organizations and college campuses. Her topics include personal excellence, determination, goal setting and the importance of a solid education. Turner's beliefs reflect her own life-lessons – it took seven years and eleven tries in two states before she was crowned Miss America.

Since 2001, Debbye Turner has been a broadcast journalist contributor to the CBS The Early Show. Her *Life Matters* (formerly known as, *Yikes, I'm a Grown Up!*) segment offers perspectives on the pleasures and perils of being an adult. As a doctor of veterinary medicine, it's only natural that Turner was also asked to do regular pet segments appropriately titled *Pet Planet*. These informative segments about pets and pet care air on both *The Early Show* and the *Saturday Early Show*.

Turner joined CBS after a nearly 6-year stint as host of *Show Me St. Louis*, a daily, half-hour show featuring interesting people and places in St. Louis, Missouri. She also hosted a PBS series about pets and veterinary medicine, *The Gentle Doctor*.



### Dr. Lila Miller

Dr. Lila Miller graduated from Cornell University with a DVM and BS in Animal Science. She is currently Veterinary Advisor and a Vice President of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). Dr. Miller has over 25 years experience working in the field of shelter medicine. She is the coeditor of the textbook, *Shelter Medicine for Veterinarians and Staff* and a contributing author to the publication, *Recognizing and Reporting Animal Abuse, A Veterinarian's Guide*.

*"I have found veterinary medicine to be an exciting career beyond any of my expectations. I have worked in an animal shelter, operated a low cost veterinary clinic, and now teach and travel around the country lecturing about shelter medicine. You never know what doors may open to veterinarians, allowing you to promote both animal and human health and well-being in unexpected ways."*

### Dr. Evan Morse



A graduate of Tuskegee University and one of the first African-American veterinarians in Ohio, Evan Morse, DVM, has owned and operated the Warrensville Animal Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio since 1972. In 1974, he co-founded the Free Animal Clinic of Cleveland. Dr. Morse has been actively involved in many of the major cultural and civic organizations in Greater Cleveland. Dr. Morse has been a regular guest on all of the major television channels in the area. He was recently featured in the national PBS series, *Nature*. Dr. Morse is presently a candidate for the Master's Degree in Diversity Management at Cleveland State University.

A past President of the Cleveland Academy of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Morse received the 2004 Distinguished Service Award of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association.

*"Veterinary medicine was the only career choice that I ever considered even before I could pronounce the word 'veterinarian'. As a young child I was dubbed "Nature Boy" because when the other youth in the neighborhood were playing basketball, baseball or some other sport, I was always in the woods or swamps studying wildlife. My choice of veterinary medicine as a profession has proven to be even more rewarding and fulfilling than my wildest dreams could have ever imagined."*