

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE



## WHY THE LONGER WAIT TIMES?

### **A peek inside the veterinary profession**

We respect you and want to share our current reality with you. Veterinary medicine was already heading for a bottleneck. COVID-19 made it much worse, much faster.

## MORE APPOINT- MENTS

### **Pet ownership is at an all time high**

- 70% of all US households (90.5 million families) now own at least one pet.
- This constitutes 388,000 additional households since 2019.
- 30% of Americans adopted a pet during the pandemic.

## FEWER VETS

### **We are losing more than we are gaining**

- 10,000 Baby Boomers (born 1946-1964) retire daily; 1 in 3 US veterinarians is a Boomer.
- 32 US-accredited veterinary schools graduate just 3200-3700 new DVMs per year.
- Each current DVM serves anywhere from 1000-3000 households.

## MENTAL HEALTH

### **Burnout is on the rise**

- Pre-pandemic, 50% of veterinary technicians left the field after 5 years due to the toll of the job. This number is higher now.
- Veterinarians are 3.5x (female) and 2.7x (male) more likely to die by suicide than the general population.
- Burnout scores for all veterinary staff were 9.4% higher in 2021 than 2020 .

## WE REMAIN COMMITTED

### **We cherish the Human- Animal Bond as you do**

We value your trust and sincerely thank you for your understanding as we provide the best veterinary care possible to the animals we love.



# THE VETERINARIAN'S OATH



**Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health and welfare, the prevention and relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.**

**I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics.**

**I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence.**

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