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Anticipating Growth, Athens Area Humane Society Welcomes Two Veterinarians to its Veterinary Clinic

Drs. Christina Simpson and Jennifer Varner bring their expertise to the forefront of community-based shelter medicine

ATHENS, GA. In anticipation of more than doubling the number of dogs and cats it cares for at its state-of-the-art animal clinic at 1030 Mitchell Bridge Road, the [Athens Area Humane Society](https://athenshumanesociety.org) welcomes Dr. Simpson and Dr. Varner to its medical team. Both veterinarians will provide spay/neuter procedures, diagnostic services, and wellness examinations and will join AAHS in June.



Dr. Simpson brings an eclectic range of experience in veterinary care, including small animal private practice, surgery, and shelter medicine. For the past three years, Dr. Simpson has been a Veterinarian with Planned PETHood of Georgia, located in Duluth. She is a 2016 graduate of the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Simpson to our vet care team," said AAHS CEO Dr. Cheryl McCormick. "She is a talented veterinarian with an exemplary reputation among shelter medicine programs throughout Georgia. Her commitment to providing exceptional care for pet patients aligns with AAHS's intention to expand access to high quality, affordable veterinary care."

Dr. Varner is a 2021 graduate of the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine. She is currently an Associate Veterinarian at Clarkesville Veterinary Hospital, where she developed a passion for preventative care, dentistry, soft tissue surgery, and client education.

Jed Kaylor, Director of Lifesaving Programs and Community Initiatives, states "Dr. Varner embodies AAHS's dedication to providing compassionate care in partnership with pet parents. She shares our commitment to community-based shelter medicine and believes that everyone deserves access to extraordinary veterinary care for their beloved pet."



AAHS's donor-funded animal care facility includes an affordable spay/ neuter surgery center and wellness clinic, pet x-ray center, dental health suite, and an innovative adoption center. It also features a community pet food pantry, crisis foster housing services, and assistance to help keep pet parents and their beloved pets together.

More about Christina Simpson: Dr. Simpson grew up in Greenville, SC. She shares her home and her heart with senior dogs, Pepper, a Catahoula mix, and Zeke, a Great Dane. She recently adopted foster care kitties, Maybelline and Dior. Dr. Simpson enjoys traveling with her husband, reading, exploring the outdoors, and caring for her more than 300 beautiful betta fish.

More about Jennifer Varner: Dr. Varner grew up in small town near Savannah, GA, and had big dreams of becoming a veterinarian. She and her husband, Brandon, are pet parents to two beautiful dogs, Chesney and Millie. Dr. Varner enjoys Zumba and is an avid Disney® fan who visits Disney World® multiple times each year.

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About Athens Area Humane Society: Serving the Athens area since 1899, the Athens Area Humane Society is a no-kill animal shelter with a scope of social responsibility that extends beyond animals. AAHS offers Athenians a wide range of programs and services that strengthens the human-bond, prevent cruelty/neglect, provide medical care, educate the community on the humane treatment of animals, and provide safety net services for all pet families needing assistance with keeping their pets. As Athens' oldest non-religious nonprofit, AAHS is supported solely through contributions, grants, bequests, investments, and small fees for services. For more information, visit www.athenshumanesociety.org.