

Inspiring Excellence

Dr. Dani (Griffin) McVety

Class of 2000

Dani (Griffin) McVety graduated from CCC in 2000. Dani grew up with horses, teaching her a great deal about the needs and importance of respect for animals. During the 1999 Marauder homecoming football game, she even brought her horse out to the CCC football field!

After graduating from CCC, Dani attended the University of Florida where she earned a BS in Microbiology and Cell Science (2004) and a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine (2009). Months after graduation from the University of Florida, she was inspired to found Lap of Love Veterinary Hospice with the belief that, "All pets and their family deserve the most compassionate and supportive end-of-life experience". Lap of Love is now the nation's largest service dedicated to veterinary end-of-life care. A year after starting the business, Dr. Mary Gardner joined Dani and in just a few years, they have grown one of the most successful and unique businesses in the veterinary industry, partnering with over 100 of the most compassionate doctors around the country in addition to growing support and a leadership team in the Tampa area; this remains their greatest source of pride.

Dani is an international speaker, consultant, author, and host for PetCareTV writing and speaking to audiences about end-of-life veterinary topics in hopes of empowering individuals to seek the highest standards of care for their animals. Dani and Lap of Love have been featured on numerous local, national, and professional media outlets – including CNN, the New York Times, ABC, Fox 13, the University of Florida Alumni Magazine, and more. Dani has been the recipient of countless prestigious awards including the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine's Distinguished Young Alumni Award (2013) for which she was the youngest recipient ever, the Florida Veterinary Medical Association's President's Award (2014), and most recently, the Pet Industry Woman of the Year (2016).

We are proud to add to Dani's accolades by recognizing her exemplary career with the Distinguished Alumni Award for Inspiring Excellence.