



DRS. TERRENCE FERGUSON & VERNARD L. HODGES TOGETHER FOR PETS AWARD

Congratulations to the barrier-breaking founders of Critter Fixers Veterinary Hospitals. These inspirational veterinarians will receive a \$20,000 grant from Blue Buffalo.

WHERE DO YOU WORK?

We own Critter Fixer Veterinary Hospital, a full-service clinic with two locations in Central Georgia.

WHY DID YOU BECOME VETERINARIANS?

VH: I grew up around all different kinds of animals in rural Georgia, and knew I wanted to be a veterinarian very early.

TF: Around the age of 8, I helped tend to a dog that had been hit by a car, and from there, I knew that was it for me.

WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?

VH: Treating exotics can really make for an exciting practice. Seeing a skink, python and axolotl all in one day is so rewarding.

TF: Orthopedic surgery. The process of mending broken bones fascinates me.

HOW DO YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

We want to make the profession as inclusive as possible. We've started a program called Vet for a Day where we tour the country and introduce veterinary medicine to students of all ages. The students join a network that can connect them to local vets.

WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT THE FUTURE?

We're excited to usher in the new generation of veterinarians. Seeing the steady flow of people who have seen us on TV or heard about us and now want to be veterinarians is very fulfilling.

Blue Buffalo salutes the veterinarians who go above and beyond to advance the profession and improve the lives of our pets.