

Lee County Hires New Veterinarian for Animal Services Department

Fort Myers, FL (January 20, 2010) – Lee County has a new veterinarian for its Animal Services Department. Peter Davis, DVM, assumed the position in late December. A plus for Lee County will be the extensive shelter medicine experience and proficiency in high volume spay/neuter surgeries that Dr. Davis brings to this position.

After receiving his veterinary degree from Tuskegee University, School of Veterinary Medicine, in 1985, Dr. Davis practiced in Guyana where he ran his own small animal clinic as well as serving as a regional veterinarian for the Ministry of Agriculture. Since 2001 he has worked in the State of Florida as a staff, contract, or relief veterinarian for West Palm Beach Animal Care and Control, the Peggy Adams Humane Society, SPCA of North Brevard, Weston Animal Hospital in Sunrise, and Safe Harbor Animal Clinic in Jupiter. Dr. Davis holds memberships in the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Association of Shelter Veterinarians.

As staff veterinarian for Lee County Domestic Animal Services, Dr. Davis is the primary veterinarian for the Department's sterilization programs for shelter pets and pets of low-income owners. In addition, he oversees the vaccination, examination, and treatment of all pets entering the shelter, particularly sick and injured, and provides staff training related to animal handling, disease control, injury, illness detection, and treatment. Dr. Davis will also provide expert witness testimony in cases related to animal neglect and abuse and act as the liaison for the veterinary community and government agencies.

Lee County and the Animal Services' staff welcome Dr. Peter Davis and look forward to the innovative ideas that he will bring to the agency in providing greater care for the community's pets and expanding sterilization programs to reduce pet overpopulation and euthanasia.