

EMBARRASSING PETS VETERINARIAN “The Army Vet”



Name: Dr. Turnera Croom

Age: 43

Location: Kalamazoo, MI

Backstory: Dr. Croom grew up in a family who valued education, as her father was a Science teacher and promoted learning and growth from a young age. She was constantly seeking out ways to help other people, which led her to volunteer at a horse riding farm for disabled children when she was a teenager. Through her exposure to animals, along with her father's influence, she realized it was her life calling to help people by helping the animals that they love. She received her education at Tuskegee College of Veterinary Medicine in Alabama, and later served her country in the Army Veterinary Corps. She learned the importance of honesty and leadership while in the army, and utilizes those qualities every single day now that she has her own practice.

Day In the Life Today: She is the owner and veterinarian of Dr. Croom Mobile Veterinary Service, a house-call practice that caters to the southwestern Michigan region. Although the majority of her clients are cats and dogs, she does work on other species from time to time, including pocket pets and pot-bellied pigs. In addition to treating a wide range of medical conditions and ailments, she continues to spread her message and love for animals and will oftentimes speak to children and students about her career at different events and fundraisers.

Her Approach to Embarrassing Pets: She admits laughter is the best medicine after a day of unforeseen pet emergencies. Her human clients tend to be the most embarrassed by their pets' gastrointestinal issues, but Dr. Croom has no qualms about getting to the root of the problem... no matter how messy it gets! Her mission is to try holistic remedies first and foremost with her animal patients, and strives to offer the least toxic care when dealing with both medical and behavioral pet problems.