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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY FOR NEW WESTERN SHORE VETERINARY HOSPITAL IN ANNAPOLIS**

**WHO:** Dr. Marianne Bailey, hospital staff, and lots of pets and pet owners!

**\*\* Plenty of video and photo opportunities of pet owners with their pet \*\***

**WHAT:** Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of a new veterinary office and hospital

**WHEN:** TODAY -- Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Western Shore Veterinary Hospital, 910 Bestgate Road, Annapolis (across from Westfield Annapolis Mall)

**BACKGROUND:** Western Shore Veterinary Hospital is part of the Queenstown Veterinary Hospital (QVH) family and is dedicated to meeting the needs of Annapolis area pets and pet owners. Locally owned, the dedicated professional team at Western Shore – led by Dr. Marianne Bailey and her associate Dr. Colleen McCafferty – understands the importance of a community-focused veterinary practice. The staff is committed to teaching their clients how to keep their pets healthy by working together from their first days at home through their senior years. They work with pet owners to comprehend the importance of proper nutrition, exercise, and preventative care. They understand that your pet is a valued member of your family, and they treat them with compassion throughout every check-up, procedure, or surgery.

Queenstown Veterinary Hospital was established more than 30 years ago. Dr. Bailey took over the practice in 2014. She skillfully navigated QVH through the COVID pandemic and became so successful that she chose to open Western Shore Veterinary Hospital this year close to her Annapolis home, which she shares with her husband, their children, and their pets! Dr. Bailey grew up in southern Maryland and completed grade school in Calvert County.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Auburn University and then a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine four years later. Her special interests include surgery and geriatric care.

Dr. McCafferty was born and raised in Alexandria, VA, where she developed a passion for science and animals that led her to pursue a biology degree from Bates College in Lewiston, ME. That path landed her in two internships at Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, FL, where she spent time rehabilitating sea turtles, manatees, and pygmy sperm whales. Dr. McCafferty subsequently attended and graduated from Virginia- Maryland regional College of Veterinary Medicine in 2000. She started her career in Orlando, Florida and after one year moved to Maryland, where she started her family. She has worked in Anne Arundel County for the past 21 years.

Western Shore Veterinary Hospital began seeing patients last month.