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Dear owners, clients, and friends,

After 32 years at the Animal clinic of Morris Plains, I will be retiring in early November. I spent one year as an employee at the start of this journey, thirty years as an owner, and now this last year as, again, an employee. Firstly, I wanted to express my sincere appreciation to all the people who have supported me and the clinic for so many years. I give you all a heartfelt thank you.

I've always said that the best thing about this job is the relationships you form with people. I've tried to help owners by doing my best to care for their pets, to clearly explain the different ways their pets might be treated or supported, and to just be there for them. I have received so much joy from those relationships. I consider many, many of you my friends.

There have been countless changes to ACMP over the years. When I joined, there was a staff of three and a half. Now, there are almost fifty. The facilities were much smaller. There have been numerous projects and several major renovations to help us provide better care. We added back our after hours emergency service which had not been in place for some years prior to my arrival. Now, this is becoming much less common in general practices. At one point, I even had a playroom in the office so that I could bring along my young children when I came in on emergencies. We have continued to add staff and equipment to allow us to provide the highest quality care. We added services such as grooming, expanded our boarding and more recently added a rehabilitation department.

We have tried to serve the community by our long standing commitment to treat the area's injured and ill wildlife (at significant cost in resources and manpower).



My reason for leaving is simple: I don't want to be a twice-a-year grandparent. All of my five children and four (soon to be five) grandchildren live out of state and I want to be part of their lives. I will admit, it is extremely difficult leaving this part of my life behind.

Rest assured, ACMP will be in good hands. The doctors and staff that have helped you (and me) remain. Many of them have been here for years and know you and your pets.

The practice is continuing to expand and will add more staff as needed so it can keep providing the care, love, and attention you have come to expect.

I wish I could hug (or at least shake hands) with each and every one of you. You have all been a huge part of my life.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

Paul Sedlacek, DVM