

Hello from Cheyenne River Animal Hospital!

2021 has been quite the year for CRAH and its veterinarians! At the clinic, we have been busy, putting on a pet dental month, a spring equine clinic, helping with the Fall River County Fair, and a pet wellness month, in addition to our usual fare. For cattle, we are spaying heifers, bangs vaccinating, handling calving calls, bull testing, pregnancy checking, and consulting on herd health. Pets keep us busy year round, too, handling everything from puppy vaccines to senior pet care, with every kind of health issue in between. Every day looks a little different for our staff here. We're not all work, all the time- take a look at what our veterinarians have been up to this past year!



Dr. Stephanie Stevens - Merry Christmas CRAH friends! I have had another great year. Covid and curbside service was challenging for me, so being back to normal contact with you all has been super. Our daughter, Sarah Kate graduated from Edgemont High School this year and is now attending SDSU in Brookings. She plans to study animal science and ruminant nutrition and return to Edgemont. I am happy that Dr. Lacy Stevens joined us this summer, and I have taken advantage of having such a great crew at the clinic. Kerry and I went on a 2 week vacation, driving a loop that included Nebraska, Missouri, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky and Minnesota. Lots of places neither of us has ever seen - it was awesome! Also, since Labor day I have been taking an extra day off some weeks. I am keeping busy managing a local VRBO, running with my partner "Eeyore", and pursuing an apprenticeship in falconry. I am so thankful that we are blessed with wonderful staff at the clinic, and cannot tell you how much I sincerely appreciate being able to serve you. Thank you, and Merry Christmas to you and yours!



Dr. Erica Koller- I am always amazed that I have been working at CRAH for almost 15 years! My husband (Dustin), along with our 2 kids (Tucker and Harper), are enjoying every moment in a new home we finally built in 2020. It has been such a blessing to finally put the next dream into reality. Another big accomplishment for this year was an extended vacation. Because my son was a 4th grader this past year, we were able to enjoy the free admission to the National Parks. Most of our previous vacations have been within the Black Hills or even just camping out on the home ranch for a night or two. This year was different. My family, along with my sister, traveled to 9 different parks in 16 days from Glacier to the Grand Canyon. The memories we made were truly spectacular from white water rafting at Grand Teton to picking fruit from an orchard at Capitol Reef to kayaking in Glacier. We even got to hike to some famous locations and see some amazing sites and wildlife. My family also enjoys competing in Cowboy Fast Draw when we can get away from our busy schedules. In the past we have missed the county fair to compete but this year the schedules allowed us to be at both. We tend to keep up, barely, with involvement in 4-H, church activities, family ranching, and kid's sports. One yearly activity that I enjoy planning and hosting is a mystery escape game and masquerade party. I drive my family crazy with my intricate planning of elaborate escape games. Last year had over 15 locks with many puzzles involved. From my family to yours, we hope you have a wonderful holiday season and can enjoy the moments that count!



Dr. Olivia Lakatosh and her husband Will, have been on the move this year - literally! They both ran the Crazy Horse Marathon in October (and crossed the finish line at the same time, thank you very much). It was a very satisfying experience, but they're glad to spend the winter sitting on the couch eating biscuits instead of running five hours every Sunday. They also fulfilled a major life goal and wrestled hogs at the county fair (alongside Dr. Eick, Tim, and Dustin)! Most excitingly, Will completed his three year veterinary technician program and graduated from his veterinary technician program in August and passed his licensing boards in October, meaning he is now a Licenced Veterinary Technician at CRAH. This also means he doesn't have to study in the evenings and can resume kitchen duty.



Dr. Annamarie Eick - Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season! I have officially been at CRAH for over a year and am loving life in South Dakota. I am thankful to be working at CRAH - our staff is absolutely amazing and the clients and patients make coming to work everyday a joy. My husband, Tim, just finished his service in the Navy and made South Dakota his permanent home. Now that he is officially here we are enjoying exploring the beautiful area that we live in.



Dr. Lacy Stevens- Happy Holidays everyone! This year has been a wild year, but an exciting year for me and my fiancé. Jerit and I got engaged in December of 2020 and have been planning a wedding for September of 2022. Planning overall has been smooth and exciting! We are very excited to start our new chapter together.

Even through the COVID pandemic, I was able to graduate from Iowa State University in person from veterinary school in May. It was hard to say goodbye to all my friends I had made, but I am very glad to be back home and ready to serve my hometown and surrounding communities! It has been a fun few months getting my feet under me as a new veterinarian here at Cheyenne River Animal Hospital, but very rewarding. Thank you for all the love and support I have already received from our clients! From Jerit and I, we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

