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Howard County Vet Makes House Calls

Vet Hopes To Ease Pets, Pet Owners Into Treatment

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CLARKSVILLE, Md. -- A Howard County veterinarian takes her clinic on the road, knowing that office visits can stress pets and their owners.

Dr. Carin Rennings works as a mobile veterinarian, spending her days making house calls to busy clients. WBAL-TV 11 News reporter Jennifer Franciotti accompanied Rennings and her assistant, Marni, on house calls in Clarksville.

"This is the vision that I had when I was a little kid and wanted to be a vet," Rennings said.

They arrived at the home of Elizabeth von Schalg, a stay-at-home mom of three kids, Thursday morning. Von Schalg homeschools her children and can't imagine trying to get everyone to the vets office.

"When you have two cat carriers, two dogs and three kids, I can't get everyone there safely," she said. "Tucker is a rescue dog, and (with Rennings' house calls) leaves him in a comfortable environment and he does not have to go to a stressful place."

Rennings has dreamed of making the whole experience less traumatic for pets and convenient for pet owners. She started her home veterinary service 10 years ago and has seen animals in Howard County and beyond as she expanded her coverage area.



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"I get the best part of veterinary medicine: I get to play with the animals, I get to see the full environment, I get to be a guest in people's homes. It's a much more enjoyable part for me," Rennings said.

Franciotti reported Rennings can do almost everything from a pet owner's home, except X-rays and surgeries, and she also performs in-home euthanasias. Rennings said those procedures "can be a very peaceful transition, rather than something traumatic, taking your pet into the hospital."

Rennings said her fees are competitive with other veterinary clinics. She has seen the von Schalgs for more than two years, and von Schalg said it's something she doesn't want to give up.

"Not if I don't have to, it's much simpler this way," she said.

 **Call:** For more information, call Dr. Carin Rennings by dialing **(410) 461-9969**.

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