

Susan B. Krebsbach, DVM

Dr. Susan Krebsbach, affectionately known as Dr. Susan, has always had a passion for animals. But, her initial career path did not lead her to veterinary medicine. After graduation from the University of Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering, she started out as a systems engineer for the IBM Corporation. As her career blossomed in the world of computers, she was promoted to the level of advisory marketing representative, ultimately being recognized as one of the top 5% marketing representatives in the country. Although IBM was a wonderful company to work for and she enjoyed professional success there, she heard another calling: veterinary medicine.



Following her calling and pursuing her passion for animals, Dr. Susan turned in her briefcase for books to start veterinary school at The Ohio State University. After graduation, she worked as a small animal general practitioner for many years. During this time, her interest in and experience with animal behavior intensified. This resulted in Dr. Susan opening a veterinary animal behavior consulting service, Creature Counseling, and acting as a veterinary consultant for Maddie's Fund, a family foundation whose mission is to revolutionize the status and wellbeing of companion animals.

Dr. Susan has been a champion for all animals, especially in the area of animal welfare. For over eight years, she was a veterinary advisor for the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association (HSVMA), a professional veterinary organization dedicated to providing progressive animal welfare leadership for all animals and direct care opportunities for animals in need.

Dr. Susan currently serves as the assistant director of the Program for Pet Health Equity at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, whose mission is to drive the formation of a national veterinary health care system that focuses on pets not adequately served by the current system. Dr. Susan is also honored to be the executive director of the Access to Veterinary Care Coalition, a diverse group of for-profit and nonprofit veterinary services providers, animal welfare and social services professionals, and educators, which is paving the way to a better understanding of barriers to veterinary care, as well as best practices among those delivering veterinary services to underserved pet owners.

Furthermore, Dr. Susan is a featured speaker at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine, as well as other professional and animal rescue organizations, has written an animal behavior series, and authored several articles on animal behavior and animal welfare. She is a past president and vice-president of the Dane County Veterinary Medical Association, founder and past president of the Dane County Friends of Ferals (now called the Madison Cat Project), and has volunteered her services to several animal rescue organizations. For these efforts, Dr. Susan has been amply recognized, including: "Certificate of Appreciation" from the Best Friends Animal Society, "The Heart of Veterinary Medicine" award from the Alliance for Animals, recognition of appreciation from the Dane County Friends of Ferals, "Circle of Compassion" award from the Doris Day Animal League, "The Laurie Award" from the Watertown Humane Society, Alley Cat Allies' "Veterinarian of the Year Award for Excellence," "Medical Services Volunteer of the Year" award from the Dane County Humane Society, and Capitol Area Humane Society's "Outstanding Service Award."

Dr. Susan is truly dedicated to the enhancement of the special relationship that exists between pets and their people and advocating for the wellbeing of all animals.