



VHMA MEMBER PROFILE

Stanley C. Diment, DVM

Dr. Diment started his career path many moons ago by serving his country during the Vietnam War as a member of the United States Marine Corp. It pretty much came down to a choice of playing the odds of a third tour in Vietnam or get accepted into veterinary school. Lucky for all those critters he has touched and saved, the veterinary school won.

Initial employment, after graduating from Michigan State University (Go Spartans), was working in a mixed practice for one and a half years in the Michigan area. He relocated to a suburb of Chicago and worked as an associate in a companion animal practice that consisted of four hospitals and seven doctor's. This is where he states that he learned how a practice should be run, where doctors concentrated on being doctors and technicians did the rest. This was very progressive for its time since we have to remember this was in the late 1970's.

He decided to return to the Detroit area after living in the Windy City and set down roots for ten years working as an associate in a five doctor companion animal practice. Family ties and a warmer climate brought him to Orlando, Florida where he started his own practice, remodeling what was once a gas station into a practical but modest veterinary clinic. He owned this practice for six years growing it into a three doctor practice. As he states, he was made too good an offer to pass up and sold the practice.

Dr. Diment then tried his hand at relief work for four years, learning how other practices survived and taking the good ideas with the bad to help him when he opened his second practice in Clermont, Florida, a suburb of Orlando, in 1996. This practice opened in a very growing area of Florida and became very successful with a high growth rate for many years. He has since opened a satellite practice of Clermont Animal Hospital about 15 miles south of the current practice. He has tried to duplicate what he learned all those years ago, which was to have doctors do surgery, prescribe, and diagnosis. Technicians in his practices are utilized for all else and truly get to practice what they went to school to study. He has worked very hard to ensure that his employees have a life of their own and are not married to their jobs.

Other accomplishments for Dr. Diment consist of being an adjunct instructor for the veterinary technology program at Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Florida. He has been a member of VHMA since 2001. He currently serves on the University of Florida Veterinary Admissions Committee and the FVMA Veterinary Technician Career Development Committee. Currently he is a member of Owen McCafferty's VMG-14 group. And, in his spare time, he loves to fish, spending one month each summer in the Florida Keys. He loves to hunt but only in the sense of being able to watch the wildlife critters in their own habitats, not to take their lives.

