

## DR. JESSICA VINTERELLA, DVM, CVA: A PIONEER IN COMPASSIONATE VETERINARY CARE

Dr. Vinterella advocates for integrative veterinary care, graduating from LSU School of Veterinary Medicine in 2017. With a Bachelor of Science from the University of Southern Mississippi, she integrates Western and Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine. As a Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist, she also aims to become Louisiana's first Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner, focusing on pain management in animals.

### WHAT INSPIRED A FOCUS ON PROVIDING DIGNIFIED END-OF-LIFE CARE?

Her career trajectory was influenced by her personal care of her physically and mentally aging dog. Confronted with incurable diagnosis, she prioritized her pet's comfort and quality of life, ultimately making the difficult decision to help him pass peacefully at home. This experience inspired her to ensure that other pet owners have access to dignified end-of-life care options.

### WHAT DOES DR. VINTERELLA'S APPROACH INVOLVE?

At Soul Purpose Veterinary Hospice & Home Euthanasia, she offers in-home guidance, supportive care, and euthanasia services to pet parents across St. Tammany Parish, Tangipahoa Parish, and beyond. Her approach emphasizes both medical expertise and emotional support for pets and their families. Furthermore, she educates on pet care and integrates Chinese and Western medicine approaches to enhance comprehensive pet well-being.

Whether at Northlake Veterinary Hospital or in a pet's home, Dr. Vinterella is dedicated to ensuring a dignified and pain-free journey for every animal. Reflecting on her work, she stated, "It's more than a career; it's a calling. I am reminded that the weight I carry is just a small piece of the puzzle to make a pet's life more comfortable. I understand, and I am here to help."



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