

In 1984 a new veterinary practice opened in Keene, NH. That year, the building the locals knew as Chase Tree Service was transformed into Court Street Veterinary Hospital. This new hospital was the culmination of years of hard work, and the dream of Richard and Shirley Righter. Dr. Righter grew up in Nashua, NH; Shirley in a small town in Iowa. The two met at Iowa State University where Dr. Righter received his degree in Veterinary Medicine. They knew that Dr. Righter's skill as a veterinarian, and Shirley's experience in business management were the perfect combination to run a successful practice.

Dr. Righter's medical training included concentrations in surgery and emergency medicine. Prior to establishing Court Street Veterinary Hospital, Dr. Righter practiced at a 24- hour emergency hospital in New Jersey, followed by four years of veterinary practice in Massachusetts.

The practice has grown over the years. As Office Manager, Shirley takes care of the myriad of day to day tasks required to keep a busy office running efficiently. Services and equipment have been added over the years to meet the growing needs of our clients' pets. Digital x-rays and in-house ultrasound enhance Dr. Righter's extensive orthopedic skills that include TTA surgery. He is also certified in Laser Therapy.

When not at work, the Righters enjoy traveling. When their schedules allow, they travel to Costa Rica where they provide free veterinary care to pets who would otherwise not receive treatment. Back at home, Shirley enjoys playing tennis, and Dr. Righter enjoys snowboarding and mountain biking. They both enjoy boating, and hiking with their Pomeranian Lulu.

The Righters are dedicated to providing excellent customer service, and instill this in their staff. Thirty one years and thousands of clients later, you will still see them working tirelessly here at the hospital day in and day out.