FAMILY AFFAIR

Dr. Shannon Miller always knew she was going to be a Bulldog. Her parents raised her and her two siblings with the expectation that they would all go to UGA; it became their family legacy. “It was something we all always wanted,” said Shannon. “It never occurred to me not to go to UGA.”

This sentiment of family legacy carried over into Shannon’s career. The birth of her daughter inspired her to start her own practice, Miller Veterinary Services, LLC, turning an historic home into a surgical hospital. “I love the freedom of being my own boss and knowing that I have the luxury of control over our business operations,” she said. “I love that my family is involved too.” Her daughter has grown up around the clinic and Shannon involves her whenever she can. It has been one of the most rewarding parts of running her own business, and this gratitude spills over into giving back to UGA.

SEIZE THE DAY

While at UGA, Shannon seized every opportunity she could. From volunteering to provide spaying and neutering services in communities without access to clinics to learning how to research and communicate results with dedicated honors professors, she did it all. “I put in a lot of extra time at school, but it was worth it because I learned so much by doing,” said Shannon. “When I went to work, I already knew how to do things because of my experiences at UGA.”

She loves being able to use her education and talents to help clients and their animals. Shannon believes that her education and involvement at UGA were invaluable to becoming an efficient surgeon.

WALK THE WALK

Shannon gives back to UGA because she believes that it matters. “It is part of our responsibility,” said Shannon. As a veterinarian, she believes it is her duty to foster trust and compassion in the community and, in order to do so, she must talk the talk and walk the walk.

“We must encourage other people to treat each other and their animals with kindness.” Giving back to UGA is a small part of Shannon’s quest to garner goodwill and spread compassion in the
world, leaving a legacy of Bulldog pride just as her family hoped.

She hopes that her contributions will enable all veterinary medicine students to continue to receive the best possible education and opportunities. Whether it goes toward student scholarships, better equipment, or research, Shannon is happy to support the institution and training that allowed her to fulfill her dreams.

Written by Hannah Glass ’19

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