

In brief: Dr. Cameron retirement/ fundraiser set for Nov. 3



Dr. Cameron is set to retire.

Dr. George L. Cameron, an icon to Montclair-area pet owners, has announced his retirement from Cameron Animal Hospital after a half century. The hospital was founded by his father, Dr. George Cameron Sr. in 1936, and will continue to operate under the direction of Dr. Elizabeth Houston and Michael Martinez, who have both worked at the hospital for more than 16 years.

After serving in the US Army, Cameron joined his father's practice in 1970. Since that time he has helped millions of

animals, owned and stray alike, and helped found, among others, the Montclair Animal shelter, Bloomfield Animals Shelter, Pound Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), and FOBAS. He has served as the Veterinarian of record for yet more rescue groups. In 2018, Cameron was honored by the Friends of the Montclair Township Animal Shelter for his outstanding contributions to the animals in the community.

A retirement party and fundraiser in Cameron's honor has been planned for Sunday, Nov. 3, at Greenleaf Eclectic Cafe, 397 Bloomfield Ave., from 4 to 6 p.m.

"Anyone living in Montclair knew that if you had an animal in need, you could go to Dr. Cameron and he would help," Liz Morgan, director of the Montclair Animal Shelter, said in a release.

Houston and Martinez purchased the hospital in 2018, and are committed to maintaining the same devotion to the animals and clients, and dedication to community service and helping animals in need, that Cameron Animal Hospital has become synonymous with.

Both Houston and Martinez are involved in the Cameron Animal Rescue Program, and have led its expansion over the last five years. It now finds homes for more than 150 animals per year. Martinez began his career with animals working for PAWS, before being personally recruited by Cameron.

All funds raised in celebration of his legacy will be donated to the Cameron Animal Rescue program, and the Montclair Animal Shelter. For those who cannot attend, messages and donations can be made at t [paypal.me/cahrescue](https://www.paypal.me/cahrescue).