

He grew up on a farm, and feels that his early years there gave him an advantage in observing and interacting with all kinds of animals. As his love of animals grew, he began to think about a career as a veterinarian, and recalled that his mother would say, "If you want something bad enough in life, you can get it!" Though no Tennessee Tech student had ever been admitted to the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine, and though he had attended just three years at Cookeville, Dr. Prince had completed all of his credits there, and became the first student from Tennessee Tech to be admitted to the Auburn program. He remembers that on the day of his interview he had arrived early, and struck up a conversation with a man in the hallway. They chatted for twenty minutes and Dr. Prince said, "I realized I needed to go change clothes and put on my "ugly suit" for the interview." He mentioned this to the man who replied, "You just had your interview." And so began his journey to become a veterinarian and fulfill his life-long dream of opening a veterinary hospital.







The guiding principle at Town and Country is that everyone is treated like family, be they employees or clients. The front desk sets the tone which runs throughout the hospital - we care about you and your pets. "We love to treat your pet and you like one of our family," is the Town and Country motto. As for his own pets, Dr. Prince has quite a menagerie including 23 horses and ponies, 2 dogs, and 2 cats, Mama Kitty and Trike, who live at the hospital and greet clients each day. He enjoys raising and showing quarter horses, farming, and trout fishing, but his great love over the last 45 years has been to provide compassionate care to the pet companions and animals of our area. The Town and Country connection with the Franklin County Humane Society began many years ago when Chuck Moye and Grace Gallagher rescued and fostered cats and dogs, and depended on Dr. Prince's kindness in providing services which helped their shoestring budget stretch a bit further. We wish to extend our special thanks to Dr. Prince for the support, advice, and monetary commitment which he has provided so generously to Animal Harbor since 2003. From mysterious symptoms to heartworm treatments to difficult births to the bread-and-butter spays, neuters, and vaccinations of the pet world, Dr. Prince and everyone at Town and Country have embodied the ideal behind the beam in our lighthouse logo by quietly shedding light on the care of, and education about, companion animals. We salute them as our Honorary Business of the Year for 2020!

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