



Bruce Dejnozka, DVM

November 7, 1955 - September 15, 2021

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved brother, uncle and cousin, Bruce Dejnozka. He was called to God on September 15, 2021 in Palm Harbor, FL. Bruce was born in Port Jefferson, NY on November 7, 1955. As a child, he lived in many places as his family traveled extensively. He graduated high school in Flagstaff, AZ and went on to do his undergraduate work at Colorado State. He was always drawn to the beauty of the mountains. Bruce enjoyed running, biking, reading and crossword puzzles. Dr. Dejnozka is a University of

Florida (Go Gators!), College of Veterinary Medicine graduate. He practiced medicine in the Tampa Bay area for over 20 years, most recently at Southpaw Animal Health. His devoted caring and sensitivity of his patients and their owners set him apart as a compassionate practitioner, as well as a highly respected colleague. Patients followed him throughout the years. He touched the lives of many and developed lifelong friendships. Bruce was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Edward Dejnozka, mother, Mary Dejnozka and sister, Janice Jansky. He is survived by his beloved dog, Gator; brother, Dean Dejnozka (Cindi); sister, Jeanne Lozito (Jim); brother-in-law, Larry Jansky; nieces, Dr. Melissa Lozito, Lindsay Fuentes (Jonathon), Amanda Jansky, Monica Jansky; great nephew, Samuel Fuentes; great niece, Ava Fuentes; and many special cousins and friends. The Tampa Bay Kennel Club has established a veterinary medicine scholarship to the University of Florida in Dr. Bruce Dejnozka's name. This scholarship will assist the financial needs of qualified 3rd and 4th year veterinary students.

Memorial donations can be made as follows:

Online: Tampa Bay Kennel Club Veterinary Medicine Scholarship <https://www.uff.ufl.edu/giving-opportunities/025835-tampa-bay-kennel-club-veterinary-medicine-scholarship/>

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Comments



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Dr. Bruce's family and all the staff at Southpaw. Few people earn my admiration. Dr. Bruce was one of the few who impressed me with his compassion, integrity and dedication. I know how sad you are at his passing. The news hit me harder than expected. Dr. Bruce was just our furry babies' doctor, but over the time I knew him I felt like he was a friend as well. We can hope that he is in heaven taking care of my Brandy, Emma, Lucky, Gremlin, Brutus and all of the pets he cared for and loved at some point. Susan Giacomo

Susan Giacomo - October 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM



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October 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. Dejnozka cared for two of my dogs, Rudolph and Frannie. He was so thorough, called long after the office had closed, and was never in a rush to get off the phone, no matter how many questions I asked. When imaging was done on them, he brought me back to explain the images and that I had all of my questions answered. As difficult as their conditions were, he made me comfortable that I chose the best treatment for each of them. I could tell that he genuinely cared about them as if they were his. I know that he's with them now, running and playing with them. I will never forget his care and compassion .

Amanda M. - October 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM



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October 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. Bruce, as we had always known him, was not just an amazing vet! He was everything to both My husband and I and the 3 of our dogs he treated; LEO, ALEA, AND DIOGI! He loved and cared about every animal he treated! He treated all animals like they were his own! He would often take a sick animal home with him for the night, and stay up all night long to make sure there was no problem! I saw tears in his eyes when he put Leo to sleep! He was intelligent, friendly, caring, comforting, considerate, loving, and kind, always giving his patients 100% of his knowledge and attributes to all. He hugged me every time we saw him, because that was who he was! I personally, got to know him so well, that he gave me his mothers phone number, and from time to time I would call her to see how she was doing, and of course we always wound up discussing the wonders of Bruce! No son, could have loved their mother more then he did, and he devoted all his free time to her well being! They say that no one is indispensable , but Bruce was definitely, irreplaceable! I could go on forever just talking about the many conversations we shared together and how helpful we tried to be to one another! YES, BRUCE WAS A VETERINARIAN FIRST, but in actually he was so much more! As long as I live I will always remember him as the TOTALLY AMAZING MAN I knew so well, and never ever forget! RIP MY DEAR DR BRUCE, I will always keep you in my heart and prayers!

Kathi Cammarata - October 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Bruce was such an amazing uncle and I am very heartbroken that he is no longer with us. I take comfort knowing that he is with our Lord and loved ones, and I will see him again. We could talk and e-mail back and forth about so many things. The biggest interests we shared were our love for God, food (especially Italian), helping others and animals. He was such a gentle soul who showed so much compassion for people and the many animals he cared for. He always encouraged me and had so much faith in me. We got even closer after my mother (his sister) passed after a tough battle with Cancer. Who knew that he would fight his own Cancer battle years later. He had the same caring, patient and compassionate soul that my mom had. He was one in a million and one of the most special people I knew and looked up to. He will never be forgotten and will be remembered by his love for animals. I miss and love him so much.

Amanda Jansky - October 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM



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“ Bruce was a wonderful man and veterinarian. I met him when I transferred to Southpaw looking for a new vet for my new rescue dog, who had chronic lung problems. Upon meeting him and having him finally figure out what was wrong with my dog, he became the only vet I would see and a good friend too. For 11 years, he was a trusted vet and friend, helping me with each new rescue dog. I have never met someone who was more passionate about animals and will miss him dearly. Your spirit lives on and you will never be forgotten. I'm sure you were greeted by so many animals upon your transition. Rest in peace. I'll never forget everything I learned from you.

Heather Nicole MacLellan - October 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Bruce was a compassionate man and great veterinarian. I worked with him for years at Lutz Animal Hospital and spoke with him occasionally while at Bluepearl. He was such a kind and loving soul. God has another angel too soon.

Linda Johnson - October 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. Dejnozka was my Molly's vet in her early years. She will be 15 on Saturday. He was always so gentle and patient with her. He would get down on the floor with her to keep her calm. I would always schedule Molly with him. When I found out about his condition, I was heartbroken. He will always be remembered very fondly by us! Go Gators!

Elaine Zimmerman - October 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. Dejnozka loved my dogs nearly as much as we do. I was so impressed with his "bedside manner" and I considered him a friend, really part of our family as a caregiver to our dogs. As a clinician he was a superb diagnostician. Our dog Marquis required quite a bit of health care management in his final years, and Dr. Dejnozka was really fascinated and interested in Marquis' response to the treatment and care. Our family will miss him dearly and I will personally. Godspeed Dr. D and rest in peach.

Nina Kimbrough - October 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Bruce was someone who I grew close with and someone who I could talk for hours about our love for animals and helping others. He was a kindred spirit who had such depth in his compassion. While it breaks my heart that he is no longer here, his memory will be forever in my heart. Thank you for always believing in me and for all the unconditional love you shown my pups and I. I will always miss and love you dearly!

Melissa Lozito - October 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. Dejnozka was an excellent vet. We brought all of our fur babies to see him over many years. Our St. Bernard Chili was a memorable standout because he had to be sedated before Dr. Dejnozka could touch him. Once Chili was under, all the needed activity commenced. It reminded me of a racer coming into the pit to have his tires changed. Chili was an epic memory for the good doctor. He was there for each new puppy to final good byes and even made an occasional house call. He will be greatly missed.

Carol Petti - October 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Susan and I wish to express our condolences to the family. I did not personally know Bruce, but I knew of him and the good work he did. It seems so unfair and difficult to explain why God calls upon some of us so early in life, especially when Bruce gave so much. I can only hope you find some comfort in knowing he is with our Lord and Savior. It helps me deal with the recent death of my own son. We pray you stay well and find some peace and comfort. Malcolm and Susan Dejnozka

Malcolm M Dejnozka - October 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM



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September 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM