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When veterinarian Dr. David Moores spoke at Career Day at St. Paul's School in Covington, he said the most satisfying feeling about his job is solving problems and helping people who can't help themselves.

"Think about it: Animals can't speak for themselves, and it would be nice if animals could just tell you what's wrong with them," Moores said. "But people bring them in, tell us how the animal has been acting, what it's been doing. We do a physical exam, run some tests, do our best to diagnose the problem, put all these pieces of the puzzle together. And then when we put people's fears at ease by solving the problem, that's a fulfilling moment."

A Covington native and St. Paul's School and LSU School of Veterinary Medicine graduate, Moores is the founder and owner of Tchefuncte Animal Hospital in Madisonville. He opened the practice in 2008 after working in small animal practice as well as emergency medicine and surgery and critical care clinics.

"Serving Pets and People" is the motto of the hospital, and along with two other veterinarians, Dr. Laura Ferrara and Dr. Mark Mikelonis, Moores said the team works hard to give pets the best care and remember the individual needs of their caretakers.

"Pets are people's family members, and a lot of trust enters our hospital when they come through those doors," Moores said. "You always keep in mind what people are going through in their home life and how pets may be affected by those circumstances."

Moores knew he wanted to be a veterinarian while in high school and working a part-time job for veterinarian Dr. Dan Daniel in Covington.

"I saw the way he took care of patients and clients and that inspired me. I saw myself doing that; he was a great teacher," Moores said.

Moores credits his family and others for their support while he pursued his dream and acknowledges there were a lot of people on the road who helped him along the way.

"I'm surrounded by hard working staff and fantastic veterinarians who help me do the best job I can," he said.

Moores has a wife and two children. In his spare time, Moores is active with his church and has completed several marathons and half/full-Ironman races stemming from his hobbies of cycling, running and swimming.

"I feel like staying healthy affects other parts of me positively and gives me more energy to work harder in my practice," Moores said.

—Tommy Santora



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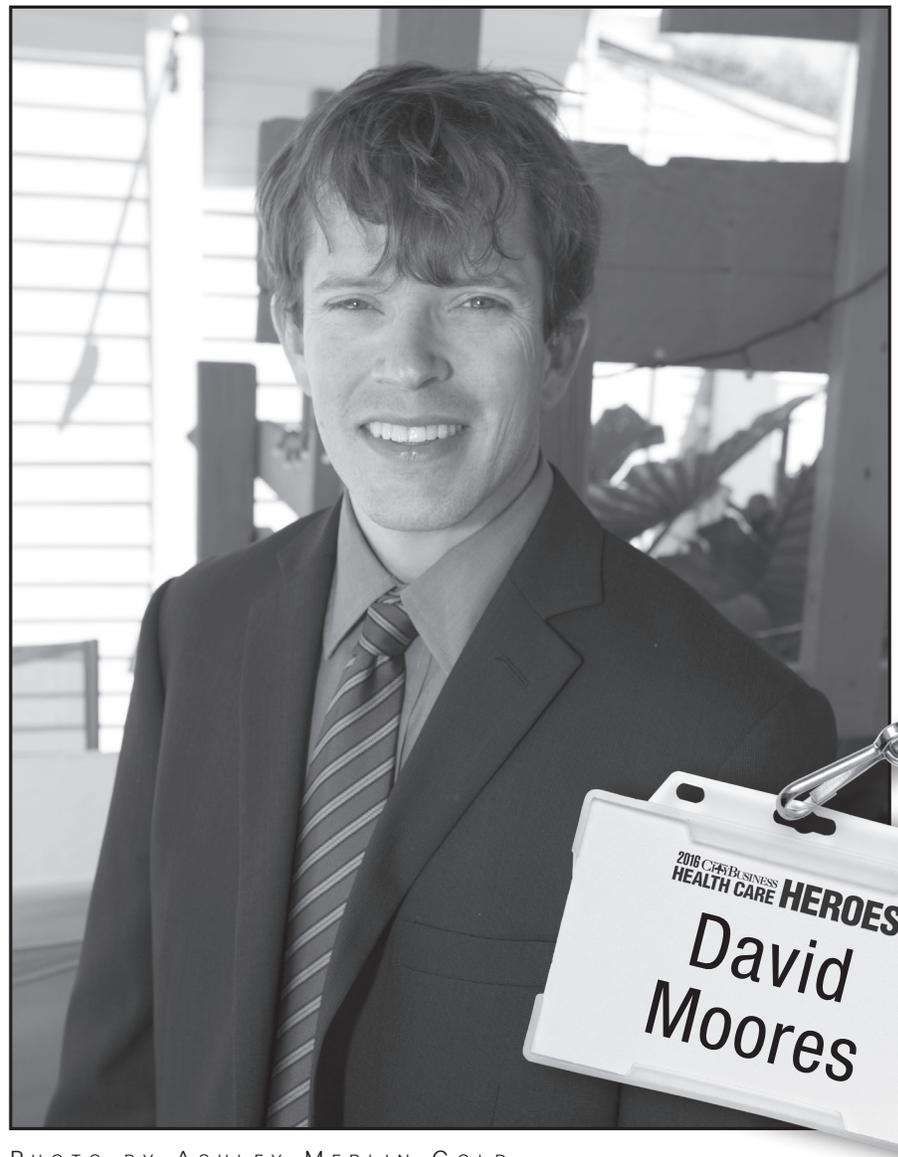


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