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## **Veterinarian Attacked by Seven-Pound Monkey, Lives to Write Book About It**

TEXAS - A seven-pound monkey attacked a rural Texas veterinarian and he lived to write a book about it. However, that's only one of the 28 stories he tells.

"Country Vet: Thirty Years of Treating Animals and Trying to Understand Their Owners," a humorous memoir by Randy L. Skaggs, DVM, will be released on Sept. 1.

Dr. Skaggs has been journaling his daily life treating animals in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles for more than thirty years. As a rural animal clinic, his office has treated a variety of animals from dogs and cats to llamas and zebras and everything in between.

"My work can be messy, sometimes dangerous and often humorous," Dr. Skaggs said. "I have the challenge of not only treating the animals but also working with their owners. The second part is often the bigger challenge."

The book gives the reader a firsthand account of treating animals, and their owners, as a rural veterinarian.

"Vets have a kind of double vision on the human experience," award-winning Hank the Cowdog series author John R. Erickson said. "They see us as the clients who bring in the patients and pay the bill, but they also see our sins, flaws, and weirdness reflected in our animals. Dr. Skaggs recognized early on that this was a rich source of humor-not ridicule, not humor that cuts, but the kind of organic humor that allows us to laugh at ourselves."

The book can be purchased at online retailers such as Amazon, Walmart and Barnes & Noble. It cost \$19.95.

### **About Randy L. Skaggs, DVM**

Dr. Skaggs' roots are in a small town in Texas. A graduate of Texas A&M University School of Veterinary Medicine, he has served as a veterinarian in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandle for thirty years.

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- WHAT:** “Country Vet: Thirty Years of Treating Animals and Trying to Understand Their Owners,” a new humorous memoir from Randy L. Skaggs, DVM, will be released on Sept. 1.
- WHO:** Dr. Skaggs’ roots are in a small town in Texas. A graduate of Texas A&M University School of Veterinary Medicine, he has served as a veterinarian in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles for more than thirty years. As a country vet, his practice isn’t specialized or limited to small, large or exotic animals. His clinic takes whatever patients walk in the door and he never knows what that might include.
- WHEN:** “Country Vet: Thirty Years of Treating Animals and Trying to Understand Their Owners” is set to be released on Sept. 1.
- WHERE:** Country Vet will be available to purchase on major online retailers such as Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Walmart.
- WHY:** “When I first started my career, I began writing my experiences in a personal journal,” Dr. Skaggs said. “I figured the stories would be fun to remember my first years in the industry. But thirty years later, I am still laughing at all the wild stories that happen as a small town veterinarian on a daily basis. I hope my book will not only entertain the reader, but also encourage them to see the humor in their own lives.”
- HOW:** The book can be purchased for \$19.95. For more information, visit [countryvetbook.com](http://countryvetbook.com).

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*In 31 years of owning his own small and large animal veterinary practice in rural Perryton, Texas, Dr. Skaggs has:*

- Been bitten and scratched hundreds of times
- Had three broken bones and a concussion
- Accidentally injected his thumb with euthanasia solution and lost permanent feeling in it
- Survived cat scratch fever
- Performed a wedding ceremony
- Performed surgery on a goldfish, a bull and pretty much every animal in between
- Been pelted with poop thrown fresh out of monkey's rear
- Eaten lunch while pregnancy checking cows
- Been exposed to rabies six times
- Received hundreds of self-sutures
- Currently seven donkeys, a miniature pony, a doe, one cat and two dogs as pets
- Recently survived being trampled by a bull with only a broken femur and five broken ribs... but that's a story for the next book ☺

## **About Randy L. Skaggs, DVM**

Dr. Skaggs' roots are in a small town in Texas. For as long as he can remember, he loved animals and made it his mission to become a veterinarian. Throughout his career serving the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, he began jotting down his unique experiences occurring with animals and their owners. As a country vet, his practice isn't specialized or limited to dogs, cats, birds, exotic animals, or livestock. His clinic takes whatever patients walk in the door and he never knows what that might include. The work can be messy, is often loud, sometimes dangerous and often humorous.

Dr. Skaggs is a graduate of Texas A&M University Veterinary Medicine. He grew up in Pampa, Texas and attended Texas Tech University for his undergraduate studies.

## **About “Country Vet: Thirty Years of Treating Animals and Trying to Understand Their Owners”**

In a small town vet clinic, there is no telling what is going to walk through the office door. And as the only vet in town, Dr. Skaggs has a duty to serve them all. This book gives the reader a firsthand account of treating all kinds of animals and working with their owners. Sometimes, the second part is more of an adventure than the first. The stories are often educational, emotional, humorous and unpredictable, but always entertaining. This book began as a personal journal, but daily life as a country vet is too entertaining not to share.

### **Key Ideas**

- Finding the humor in life
- Love of animals

## **About Black Rose Writing**

Black Rose Writing is an independent publishing house established in 2006. The publisher features books from an array of fiction, non-fiction, and children's book genres, all having one thing in common, an individual's originality and hard work.

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## **Book Information**

Title: Country Vet: Thirty Years of Treating Animals & Trying to Understand their Owners

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Randy Skaggs, a veterinarian in Perryton, TX, smiles with seven-pound monkey after the infamous attack. Skaggs' humorous memoir "Country Vet: Thirty Years of Treating Animals and Trying to Understand Their Owners," will be released on Sept. 1.



Randy Skaggs, a veterinarian in Perryton, TX, works on a pelican. Skaggs' humorous memoir "Country Vet: Thirty Years of Treating Animals and Trying to Understand Their Owners," will be released on Sept. 1.



Randy Skaggs, a veterinarian in Perryton, TX, treats a baby pig. Skaggs' humorous memoir "Country Vet: Thirty Years of Treating Animals and Trying to Understand Their Owners," will be released on Sept. 1.





Randy Skaggs, a veterinarian in Perryton, TX, smiles his pet goat. Skaggs' humorous memoir "Country Vet: Thirty Years of Treating Animals and Trying to Understand Their Owners," will be released on Sept. 1.