

## James F. Dougherty



Dr. James Dougherty, a native of Philadelphia, spent most of his early life in Deptford, New Jersey. A two-time Rutgers alumnus, he earned a B.A. in Biological Science from Rutgers College in 1974 and an M.S. in Animal Science from Rutgers Graduate School-New Brunswick the following year. He went on to pursue veterinary medicine and received his V.M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 1980.

Dr. Dougherty worked in general practice until he was accepted into the Small Animal Medicine and Surgery internship at the University of Pennsylvania where he also completed his residency. In 1986 he co-founded Metropolitan Veterinary Associates, creating the first multi-specialty referral hospital in the Philadelphia suburbs. Over the years, the practice has grown from three veterinarians to over fifty and progressed from a daytime specialty practice to a 24/7 specialty/emergency/critical care practice. Dr. Dougherty is a member of

the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Animal Hospital Association, and the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association. In 2016 he was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association.

A loyal Rutgers alumnus, Dr. Dougherty is a member of the Rutgers Board of Governors and the Dean's Advisory Council for the Rutgers School of Public Health and is Chair of the Rutgers Camden Board of Directors. Dr. Dougherty is an emeritus member and former Chair of the Board of Trustees, and an emeritus member of the Rutgers University Foundation Board of Directors and the School of Arts and Sciences Executive Dean's Advisory Council. In 2019 he was honored with a Loyal Son of Rutgers award by the Rutgers Alumni Association.

A major supporter of the Honors College since its launch in 2015, Dr. Dougherty has funded a general scholarship as well as the James F. Dougherty Study Abroad Endowed Scholarship, and named the Dougherty Lounge – a cherished two-story, sun-filled space used daily by students for studying and collaborating. He is also an advocate and champion for LGBTQ interests across Rutgers.

Dr. Dougherty resides in Pennsylvania with his partner of 27 years, George Condos, and their soft coated wheaten terrier, Ronan.