
Matthew Rooney

Soft Tissue Surgery

Born in a small town in upstate New York, Matthew Rooney, DVM, MS, DACVS, remained in the east and graduated in 1990 from Boston College with degrees in English literature and sociology. He moved to Colorado soon thereafter to attend veterinary school at Colorado State University (CSU).

Prior to becoming a surgeon, he worked extensively in wildlife conservation medicine, where he researched mountain gorillas in Africa and parrots in Central America. He also worked at numerous zoos across the country. He completed an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University. He was then selected to return to CSU for a three-year residency and master's degree in small animal surgery where he was awarded "Resident of the Year" for two of his three years there. After becoming board certified by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons, Dr. Rooney completed further advanced training in the fellowship of small animal orthopedic surgery at CSU. He then was asked to stay on as a faculty member at CSU veterinary school where he enjoyed his role as an associate professor to veterinary students, interns, and surgical residents. He continued his instructional endeavors by traveling across the United States and abroad to teach arthroscopy to other veterinarians. Along with Christine Kjeel, Dr. Rooney founded Aspen Meadow Veterinary Specialists in 2004.

Dr. Rooney has published numerous book chapters and research articles, and has continued to lecture locally and nationally. His past research has been on thoracic surgical procedures, cranial cruciate ligament rupture, and Achilles mechanism repair techniques. His current research is in arthroscopic treatment of shoulders, elbows, and stifles, as well as total hip replacements and Gastric Dilatation Volvulus (GDV). He enjoys all aspects of surgery with special interests in non-invasive surgery (laparoscopy, thoracoscopy, and arthroscopy), orthopedics (both trauma and joint surgery), neurological surgery, and abdominal/chest surgery.

Dr. Rooney was selected to be on the board for the international organization, Veterinary Orthopedic Society. He is a founding member of the Canine Shoulder Society and Canine Arthroscopy Society. In 2006, he was recognized as one of the "Outstanding

Veterinarians in the Greater Denver area.” He was selected as the 2007 recipient of “The Humane Society of Boulder Valley Friendship Award” and is on the board of the Longmont Humane Society.

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