

## **What has transpired?**

Hello, I'm Dr Jaime Gonzalez, for those who know me, Dr G.

I know there are a lot of rumors regarding Bear Creek and its closure and I'm here today to re-connect with you and to clarify some things.

First, I want to thank all of you who have reached out concerned and inquiring about our health, as you can see we are alive, in good health and kicking back!

I wanted to give you a little background on what is going on with Bear Creek.

As a lot of you know, my wife Susan and I founded Bear Creek 10 yrs ago and it was an instant success. We wanted to bring natural integrative holistic medicine to Sarasota and the surrounding areas in a way that had not been done before, and we succeeded. We networked with many of you and that has developed into many mutually beneficial relationships.

Three years ago, I wanted to remove myself from the hospital administration duties and dedicate my time to the practice of medicine for my patients. We decided to pass the reins of the hospital to a group who appeared to be interested in expanding our mission. It took a while but after a time we came to the realization that this was not to be. This group was only interested in furthering their own agenda, which was acquiring more hospitals in the state of Florida, and profiting from the hard labor of our fellow doctors and support staff.

I felt trapped, and with no recourse but to continue to be of help to our little patients.

Then Covid-19 happened in March of this year. Nevertheless, we continued to be open as essential personal, to help you with your animal companions.

On Friday, September 18th of this year we received a call from the group's attorneys from upstate NY, ordering us and (and we found out later, the other 6 hospitals) to shut down, close our doors immediately and fire all personnel without notice.

What surprised me the most was the callous disregard for human empathy and common decency, leaving everybody suddenly unemployed without notice especially in these hard times of Covid-19. Not to mention leaving hundreds of pets without care overnight.

By the way, I want to mention, that Susan and I have not added anything to the Bear Creek website for the last 3 years, and so what you see there as new information, is not of our making.

## **Announcing our new project, we could not give up:**

Second, naturally we could not stand idle, and after much effort and hours of brainstorming and hard work...

I'm excited to announce the opening of The Red Fox Institute, LLC for integrative veterinary medicine.

Aside from providing complete in-house medical services to patients from around the state, we now offer telemedicine services to those of you who do not want to expose yourselves to Covid-19, or who may not want to come in since you live farther away.

We are also providing guidance consultations on integrative veterinary medicine to the open-minded veterinarians, new graduates in Florida and beyond. Our mission now has expanded and improved, to be a venue for sharing our approach to integrative medicine.

So as you see, we are not gone, we are here and ready to be of service to you.

I'm also proud to bring forth our non-profit, The Red Fox Foundation, Inc., which will extend our mission to protect and care for our wildlife and to convey the importance of our connection to nature and our planet.

**Thanks to all that have helped:**

Finally, I want to mention all the people who have helped bring this project to fruition and who without their help The Red Fox Institute and The Red Fox Foundation would not have come to be.

My immense gratitude and admiration goes to my wife Susan. She spent countless hours putting up with me and working on all the components of this new endeavor to make it work for all of us.

To my son Jaime, who with his endless energy and perseverance has always supported me and continues to bring his innovative ideas to this ongoing project. To Amanda, Sean and baby Oliver whose fortitude continues to inspire us.

And my sincere thanks to Lynne and Joy who have believed in us and volunteered their time to have The Red Fox "Den," our brick and mortar location, be ready to meet your needs and help you with your animal companions.

To all of you who have continued to support us in so many ways, thank you!

We feel fortunate to be able to give back and live up to your expectations.  
And so, with much gratitude and love, until we see each other again, stay safe!

Sincerely,

Rev. Jaime González DVM, CVA, MVZ

