



Kristie Garcia, LVT, VTS (Cardiology)

Candidate for AIMVT Cardiology Co-Director At Large

Kristie works at Garden State Veterinary Specialists in Tinton Falls, NJ. She has a degree in Animal Science and passed the VTNE in 2001. She became an LVT in 2004 and worked in Academia at Cornell University Hospital for Animals where she started her VTS journey. She is an advocate for animals and felt strong in her decision to pursue veterinary technology. She has worked in both GP and specialty and was intrigued and motivated by cardiology and wanted a better, more rounded, understanding of heart disease and therapies to help both patients and their families. In 2009, she achieved her VTS in Cardiology. Kristie has served as cardiology DAL since 2015 and it has been the highlight of her career as she is honored to help advance the Academy. Goals as co-DAL are to motivate members after the exhaustion of the past few years. With the reality of burn-out, she wants to refresh and remind us why we chose this profession and specialty. She wants to continue to educate employers and the public on what a veterinary technician is and what a VTS is. She wants to prioritize improving and keep current, the exam quality for Cardiology. She has a desire to hear new and fresh ideas that can be implemented to move the Academy forward. Although she has never aspired to be in a leadership position, she has been deeply involved in running the Cardiology department at her hospital while raising 3 children and running a household schedule. She has enjoyed all the challenges and learning opportunities that have come with those responsibilities. In addition to her children, she has many pets at home. Her driving skills are on another level living in New Jersey and transporting children to extra-curricular activities. One of her favorite hobbies is editing Holter monitors!