## **CUVS Employee Success Stories**

I began working at CUVS in July of 2015 as part of the overnight emergency team. I was attracted to the high level of medicine, emphasis on team collaboration, and commitment to individual growth and success of each employee. I was excited to find peers and specialists enthusiastic to teach, and I received ample support both on the floor as well as in preparation for my VTNE. While studying for my boards, I began working with the newly established ophthalmology service, and after passing the exam, I transitioned to running the ophthalmology department. With continued support and an enthusiastic mentor, I have gotten the opportunity to develop my passion in the field of veterinary ophthalmology and am well into the three-year process of preparing for my veterinary technician specialty (VTS) boards. I have continued to find additional development opportunities at CUVS; I gave my first RACE approved lecture as part of the Technician CE Series which has led to additional lecture opportunities at the New York State Veterinary Technician Conference, and in January 2017 I joined the management team as General Services Supervisor and Lead Ophthalmology Technician. CUVS has allowed me to work as part of a team that provides the highest level of patient care while continuing to foster that environment of employee growth and development.



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I began working at CUVS in August 2017. While working in the veterinary field the last 12 years, I have always felt it was my responsibility to ensure my patients received the best care possible. During my time at CUVS, I have been thrilled to see that my teammates also share my passion and dedication to our patients. Recently, as I was preparing for my VTNE, I was pleased to see that this commitment to care does not stop at the patient level. I received continuous support and mentorship from my coworkers through the entire process and, since passing, I have renewed my passion for growth and learning. It has been such an eye opening experience to collaborate with the many specialists here, and I am comforted to know my patients will benefit from it the most. Most recently, I have completed my extensive training for CUVS's Intensive Care Unit, which is certified by the Veterinary Emergency Critical Care Society as the highest level facility in veterinary trauma, emergency, and critical care. I look forward to the next few years of my career as I begin the process of practice logging and, eventually, take my Veterinary Technician Specialty (VTS) boards in Emergency and Critical Care.



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