

Cindy, Office Manger

Hi my name is Cindy. I grew up outside of Solon on a Dairy farm, which started my love for animals. After high school I went to Kirkwood where I graduated and became a registered Veterinary Technician in 2013. I worked in Solon as a registered veterinary technician for 11 years, and an assistant office manager for 4 years. I became the office manager here at Pet Health Center of Mt. Vernon in September 2024.

I have been part of the Mt. Vernon Fire Auxiliary since 2013, where I have been able to help and give back to our community in times of need.

I live outside of Mt. Vernon with my husband and son on a small farm. We have goats, chickens, dogs, cats, & a horse. My family and I love to spend our free time outdoors with our animals and going on adventures with our UTV.

I am looking forward to meeting you and your pet(s), and keeping them happy & healthy.



Nikita, Registered Veterinary Technician

Hi my name is Nikita. I grew up in Cedar Rapids, but moved to Mechanicsville in March of 2021. I graduated from Kirkwood's Vet Tech program that May. I have 2 cats, a crested gecko, and a snake. I like to watch all kinds of TV shows, read, and occasionally go for walks. I look forward to meeting everyone's companions whether it be dog, cat, or bearded dragon, and use my expertise to help with their health in every way I can.



Chanda, Receptionist

Hi! My name is Chanda and I'm the receptionist. I have many years of experience working on the front line of scheduling for veterinary clinics and hospitals, and I love to talk to people and develop relationships with our clientele. I am originally from Sioux City Iowa. I am blessed to be married, since 1995, to my best friend Dustin. I have two children, Montana and Kadyn. I am so proud of the people they are. Montana is a 5th grade teacher in Cedar Rapids and Kadyn is a special education teacher in West Liberty.

To round me out, I absolutely love Iowa Football. I collect Polish Pottery and enjoy watching crappy reality tv shows in my spare time. I'm excited to get to know everyone in our community and am perfectly comfortable with those that want to just drop in to say hi. Thank you for accepting us into the community so welcomingly, and for bringing your pets to a local clinic with a lot of heart!



Dustin Staab, DVM

Hello! My name is Dustin Staab and I'm the Associate Veterinarian for Pet Health Center of Mount Vernon. I have been married to my lovely wife Chanda since 1995 and we have two amazing children, Montana and Kady, both of which teach in the local area. I am originally from Sioux City Iowa.

In May of 2024, I retired from Active Duty Army after 20 years and 11 days serving this great country in uniform. I spent almost 5 years as a Sergeant in the Marine Corps. After my Marine days ended, I obtained my undergraduate degrees at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City where I was also Head Men's Soccer Coach and played soccer there. Yes, soccer is one of my deep passions. From there I went to vet school at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS. I graduated in 2008 and entered into service once again, but this time as an Officer and Veterinarian in the U.S. Army. I deeply cherish my time in uniform and feel honored and privileged to have been able to give it.

My wife and I chose this part of Iowa to set roots down after our Service because this is where our children are, and being around them is the most important thing in my life. Also, the University of Iowa is important to us. I am a proud Iowa alum with a Master Degree in Public Health from the University of Iowa.

Well, that's a snippet about my background, but I want people to know who I am as well. Other important things in my life beyond my Family and soccer (I'm a big Bundesliga fan, particularly FC Kaiserslautern) include; Iowa Football (and Iowa athletics in general), local sports (Iowa Heartlanders, Sioux City Musketeers, etc.), and collecting (comic books, sports memorabilia, original comic art, and Star Wars stuff).

I am also extremely passionate about my profession, which I believe is more than just caring for and treating your pets, it's about contributing to an uncommon bond and a cherished friendship. I get to see the love people have for their furry family members and I am honored to help keep that love strong. Pets ARE health. They give us so much more than we could ever give them, and it's humbling to have the opportunity to play even the smallest role in keeping that alliance strong.

I am excited to be a part of this community and look forward to serving it for many years to come. Thank you for your patronage and for allowing us to be a part of such an important aspect of your lives and family.

