

## Technicians



### Stephen Ball

Stephen enjoys his career choice as lead A.M. Technician, where he can make a difference in people's/pet's lives. Steven owns one pet, a mixed breed he rescued named Molly. His hobbies include photography, playing soccer, hiking, music and movies. He enjoys helping people and family pets. He strives to make a difference by improving lives and educating clients. (With IRAH since 04/2005).



### Heather Crane

Heather has always had a passion for animals. A year after she graduated high school, she decided to go to PMI and has been working in the veterinary field ever since. It brings her great joy knowing she is helping animals with their health needs. Heather has 4 kitties of her own. In her free time, she likes spending time with her family, cooking/baking, watching movies, and listening to music. (With IRAH since 06/2009).



### Stefanie Del Rincon

Stefanie joined the veterinary field, graduating from PMI as a veterinary assistant. Always having a love for pets she grew up owning dogs, cats and bunnies. She currently owns 2 pets, a shy, people loving chihuahua named Negra and a 24 toed polydactyl cat named Dio. Her decision to pursue a career in veterinary medicine came with the unfortunate loss of a family pet. She gets the most satisfaction out of seeing a critically ill animal get better and go home healthy to happy owners. (Behind the scenes and with IRAH since 06/2006.)



### **Frances Madrid**

Frances loves working with all animals but her favorite thing is spending time with her own. Veterinary medicine was something she always wanted to do and a family friend got her interested in the field. Frances most enjoys seeing clients leave happy and wagging their tails. (Pets, of course). (With IRAH since 12/2005).



### **Julie Johnston**

Bio to come! (With IRAH since 04/2010).



### **Jason Pfulmann**

Born and raised in Washington State, Jason started hand-raising baby birds at the age of ten. He worked in the Pfulmann family pet store in Seattle, where he developed his love of animals. He graduated from the Veterinary Assistant program at Pima Medical Institute in 2001. He is also a well established and successful groomer at Sissy's Pet Grooming. Jason enjoys helping people with their pets; it gives him a sense of personal satisfaction and pride. (With IRAH since 11/2004).



### **John Pfulmann**

John grew up in Seattle, WA. As a child his family had German Shepherds and exotic birds. Eventually, his father became the proud owner of several exotic bird stores. John has always enjoyed animals and their different personalities. He received his first Mastiff from his brother Jason for Christmas, and thus his love affair with dogs (Mastiff in particular) ensued. John now owns five dogs; Ruby a French Mastiff, three Neapolitan Mastiffs Paris, Nikki and Buddy and one lone Boston Terrier named Kirby. John began his animal care career by bathing dogs at a grooming salon, it was a natural progression to work at a vet hospital. He enjoys the challenges and looks forward to learning a great deal in his training to be a veterinary technician at IRAH. John has enjoyed being a saltwater aquarium hobbyist for close to 15 years. His other hobbies include; outdoor outings and spending time with his canine friends. (With IRAH since 03/2008).



### **Tasha Rogers**

Tasha started at IRAH in 2002 as a receptionist and loved working with animals so much she worked her way into a veterinary assistant position. She is married and has a son, Nathan, and 3 wonderful pets. Her four-legged friends consist of a Beagle mix named Buster, a Lab mix named Shelby and a gray cat named Innova. She most enjoys offering comfort and care to sick animals and the rewarding smiles she receives from the pets and their people. (With IRAH since 12/2005).



### **Cindy Rothpletz**

Cindy has always loved animals. After completing EMT training she decided she wanted to do that job - only for animals. Cindy and her husband have three flower girls, Lilly, Violet and Dahlia. The family pets include Button, a mixed dog and Tank, an Aussie mix. Cindy credits her husband Max for helping her achieve her goals. (With IRAH since 07/2002).



### **Ginger Rothpletz, CVT**

Ginger discovered veterinary medicine while touring New Mexico ranches with Dr. Hopkins as part of the Cloverdale Cattle Co. In her early school years she participated in 4-H and FFA. As a Certified Veterinary Technician as well as a Certified Veterinary Practice Manager, Ginger has spent time as an instructor for veterinary technicians. Ginger enjoys sharing her knowledge with clients as well as co-workers. She is a proud owner of 3 labradors; One of which is a certified Handi-Dog. She also works with a rescued racehorse with special needs. Ginger has always loved animals and feels a deep compassion for them, as is evident in all that she does. (With IRAH since 12/2005).



### **Tina Maciell**

Tina enjoys working with animals with focus on customer relationships and client satisfaction. She also has a specific interest in hydrotherapy for dogs. She shares her life with her German Shorthair Pointer mix named Madison, who epitomizes the breed. Her hobbies include raising freshwater fish, gardening and anything having to do with the outdoors. (With IRAH since 01/2009).



### **Stefanie Saddler**

If at the tender age of five you had asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up, without any hesitation I would have replied a Police Officer. But growing up with a very persistent mother whose love of animals outshined that of her kids it was insisted upon that one of her daughters work with animals. When a local veterinarian offered me the chance to train and work as a technician the very real fear of my mother allowed me to take this veterinarian up on her offer. And so I have remained for the last four years, and have enjoyed every minute of it. I have been involved in rescue organizations since before I could drive; fostering hundreds of kittens and dogs. I am the mother to a wonderful, snorting pug: Mathew Grady. I am also the humble servant to three cats who hate each other as much as they hate their canine siblings. While the world of law enforcement still calls out to me, I have put it on hold, focusing instead on the fuzzy, wet-nosed critters that have brought me so much joy over the years. (With IRAH since 03/2007).



### **Destiny Szymecko**

Originally from Michigan she moved to Tucson in Feb. 08. Graduated from MSU majoring in Animal Science and Microbiology. Destiny loves working with animals and people. She plans to attend vet school in the near future. Until then she focuses on working as a tech and as a fundraiser for the U of A. She has adapted to Arizona very well and is happy to call it home. (With IRAH since 05/2008).



**Frannie Valdez**

Bio to come! (With IRAH since 04/2010).