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Employee Spotlight

We are celebrating 40 years of personalized service and improving animal health. This milestone could not have been reached without the hard work of our extraordinary team of scientists and support personnel. We are putting the spotlight on various members of our team throughout our celebration of this 40-year milestone.

What made you apply at VMRD?

I was looking to get back into a laboratory setting after having a baby, and I'd heard good things about VMRD from the vet school.

Do you remember your first day?

I remember my first day of work was chaotic but exciting. Services is its own little family. The camaraderie was intimidating at first, but it's something I look forward to every day now.

What is your role and background?

How has your job changed over the years?

I am a laboratory assistant in Services. My background is in oceanography. I was originally hired part time to restock the labs, label, mainly background stuff. Overtime, I've been trained to do more and more testing. I'm happy to have my hands on science again!

If you could switch your job with anyone else within VMRD, whose job would you want?

I don't think I'd switch my job with anyone else! I love what I do at VMRD.

What has been your biggest achievement/success?

I consider everything I have learned outside of my original job description an achievement. I'm lucky to be surrounded by supportive people who want to teach me new things.

What has been your biggest "lesson learned"?

My biggest lesson learned is how important teamwork is. With a small department, flexibility and reliability have been key to our success.

What advice would you give to new hires?

VMRD takes care of its employees. Come to work with an open mind and good attitude, and your opportunities within the company are endless.

What is your favorite part of your job?

What excites you the most?

I love how dynamic our day-to-day responsibilities are. Every day is different, and we meet every roadblock as a team.

What is your favorite VMRD memory?

My favorite memory was from the Christmas party in 2019. I had just started at VMRD a few days before the party and hardly knew anyone, but everyone was so sweet and inviting.

What is one thing you wish you knew before starting at VMRD?

I wish I'd known that it was possible to love the work you do. I was very unhappy at my last job. I'd have applied to VMRD much sooner if I knew how much I was going to enjoy the job and people.

How would you describe the company culture?

The company culture is very family oriented. From the beginning, everyone has been understanding and supportive of our lives outside of the company. VMRD feels like family now too.

What do you hope to see for VMRD in the future?

I hope to see the company continue to flourish and expand both fiscally and physically.

