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Virginia Tech Staff Employee of the Week

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Name: Vicki Walter

Job Title: Office Services Specialist

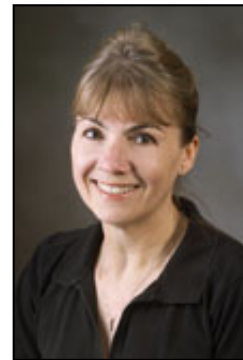
Employee's Home Department: Veterinary Teaching Hospital

Employee's College or VP Area: Veterinary Medicine

Nominated For: Governor's Award for Community Service

Nominated By: Cynthia Day and Richard B. Hiller

Virginia Tech Hire Date: February 9, 2001



Summary

Even before working at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Vicki Walter worked with animal rescue and adopted many dogs and cats that did not have homes and would have been euthanized. Nevertheless, most importantly, is the contribution of her time in assisting one of our technicians in the Small Animal Clinic of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and her family upon her re-diagnosis of cancer. This technician was the single mother of two small children.

Ms. Walter spent a significant amount of time assisting her in coping with her illness and assisting her in the care of her family. During this period Vicki kept staff informed of the technician's basic needs for food, children's toy, and children's clothes. As the disease progressed, she organized fund drives in order to get money to help pay medical and household bills. Within 6 to 8 months, Vicki helped raised over \$5000 in addition to the food, toys, and clothes.

his technician passed away in December of 2002, and Vicki is still involved with technician's family, assisting them in anyway possible. This is only one example of Vicki's compassion and her ability to unite staff to a common goal that made her a candidate for the Governor's Award. Ms. Walter is an inspiration to her co-workers at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital as well as the entire university family.

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