
The Westie E-Book Team



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Elizabeth ("Betsy") McStay graduated from Connecticut College in 1998 with majors in Sociology and Women Studies. Her work often focused on the sociological aspects of medical research. After several years working in health-related legislative research, she began pursuing a career in veterinary medicine. Elizabeth's experience includes working as a veterinary technician at a small animal hospital, participating in behavior research at the National Zoo and working with local animal shelters. She is now in her second year at Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. Her unusual background for a vet student has given her a critical perspective on the medical community and focused her pursuit of her degree on the holistic welfare of her future patients. Elizabeth views the communication between animal owner and veterinarian as the most important aspect in providing the best health care for pets.



Stephanie Shrader graduated from Wilson College in 2006 with a B.S. in biological sciences. At Wilson, she completed a research project and thesis entitled "Calcium Oxalate Urolithiasis in *Oryctolagus cuniculus*." Upon graduation she began working for Charles River Laboratories as a Research Associate, developing morphometric techniques to assist in the pathology portion of various studies. Stephanie's experience also includes many years working as a veterinary nurse/technician at a small animal practice. She is currently in her second year at Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. Stephanie enjoys working in the corporate research environment and aspires to become a board certified veterinary pathologist.