

## **Dr. Micaela Z. Shaughnessy**

Dr. Shaughnessy is a 1993 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. She spent three years in a mixed practice, both large animal and small, in a rural, central Pennsylvania. She was on call every third night for emergency duties -- many calf deliveries. For the next 3 years, Dr. Shaughnessy was a full time small animal associate in Maryland and Virginia, including a year in a dental referral practice in Baltimore.

In 1999, Dr. Shaughnessy formed her own company to provide full-time relief veterinary services in the Northern Virginia and Southern Maryland areas. Over the past ten years, she has worked as a relief veterinarian in over 40 practices that include small animal, exclusively feline, and emergency work. Practices have been exclusively female owned and staffed, all-male, single-doctor, and multi-doctor.

Dr. Shaughnessy is a former President of the Northern Virginia Veterinarian Medical Association and a member of the AVMA and the VVMA. Dr. Shaughnessy is also a member of Vet Partners and is actively involved in their Career Development Committee.

Dr. Shaughnessy was recently a featured speaker at the NAVC in 2009 on Gender Economics. Her interview with *Trends Magazine* on Gender Issues appeared in the January 2009 issue. She was a contributing author to *dvm* magazine (see June 2009 issue on the Generational Divide) and was featured in the June issue of *Veterinary Economics* on alternative careers in the veterinary field. This spring, she was on a panel discussion for CVC- East on Emerging Issues in Veterinary Medicine

This summer, Dr. Shaughnessy will be a featured presenter on Gender and Generational Issues for *Vet Partners* during the AVMA convention in Seattle.

Dr. Shaughnessy is a single mother of two children, age 6 and 7. She has been working full time since she graduated with the exception of the seven weeks she took off after the birth of her first child and three weeks after the birth of her second child. Dr. Shaughnessy runs marathons, she runs 5K's with her family and she and her daughters are just starting to compete in parent/child, mini triathlons. Dr. Shaughnessy is fluent in German.