



### **Ciara O'Kelly Bio:**

Ciara O'Kelly is the new Student Liaison for the IVNA. She is currently a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student studying Veterinary Nursing in St John's Central College Cork. Ciara returned to Ireland last year after living in Boston for 21 years. While living in Boston Ciara worked in the Massachusetts S.P.C.A.'s main hospital, Angel Memorial, for 10 years. Whilst working in this hospital Ciara gained vast experience and knowledge of veterinary nursing. After 10 years of working for the M.S.P.C.A, Ciara made the decision to start her own business calling it 'My Pet's Nurse'. Here she offered a mobile veterinary nursing and pet sitting service to a vast number of clients with an array of various pets. During this time she also completed her training to become an 'Animal Control Officer' with the State of Massachusetts.

Ciara is originally from Donegal but now lives in Cork with her fiancée, who is a true Cork man. From her years of experience Ciara brings a vast amount of knowledge and enthusiasm to her role as IVNA Student Liaison Officer. She understands the profession including the challenges facing both veterinary nurses and students alike. As Ciara firmly states she "understands all too well the importance of being involved in an organisation that represents your profession".

Ciara is delighted at having been elected as the Student Liaison Officer and intends on embracing her new role with a great enthusiasm and vigour. One of her main aims is to encourage as many veterinary nursing students as possible to join the IVNA and support them throughout their year of study. Ciara looks forward to working with the IVNA committee in achieving her aims and promoting the IVNA amongst the wider community of veterinary nursing students.

Ciara can be contacted at the following e-mail and will gladly answer any queries people may have;

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