Karen has been an involved and integral member of the ABVTA Board for the last few years, where she has acted as the Association's Treasurer. She has always managed to balance her demanding career with her roles as a hockey mom, outdoor enthusiast and Devon Rex rescuer. She is a passionate RVT and has dedicated her life to a part of the profession often overlooked, shelter medicine. As an experienced shelter RVT, the occupational hazard of compassion fatigue is something that is very near and ear to Karen and has recently completed the Compassion Fatigue Strategies course through Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program. Karen's countless hours as ABVTA Treasurer and her dedication to the advocacy of responsible care and treatment of animals has made her a very deserving candidate for this year's Meritorious Service Award.