



### Membership Meetings:

- Please contact MAVT President, Kristi, if you wish to attend the meeting.

\*Check the MAVT calendar on the website for meeting dates, times & location.

- September Newsletter deadline, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

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## MAVT: Business Meeting

Check the MAVT calendar for upcoming meeting details.

NEXT CONVENTION MTG  
AUG 14<sup>th</sup>, 7-9p VMC in conjunction with monthly board meeting.

Contact President Kristi if you wish to attend.



## Veterinary Technician Appreciation Week

### Vet Tech Appreciation Week Events!

Your Area Reps are hard at work planning events for Veterinary Technician Appreciation Week. Mark on your calendars and plan to attend any of the events. To date, here are the events and information:

**Minneapolis**, Sarah Lemm, Rep.  
To be held October 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.,  
at Divanni's in Golden Valley

**Northeast**, Jessi Kainz, Rep.  
TBD

**Northwest**, Debi Peterson-Ahredt, Rep.  
To be held October 14<sup>th</sup>,  
Ridgewater College  
Catered Meal

**St. Paul**, Leslie Epstein, Rep.  
TBD

**Southeast**, Amy Doherty, Rep.  
TBD

**Southwest**, Casey Prochniak, Rep.  
To be held October 14<sup>th</sup>,  
11:00 a.m.,  
at Axel's Bonfire  
More information in  
September's newsletter.



## Animals in the News - Can-Do-Canines dog, Felix



If you hear 'Mobility Assist Dog', you might assume the dog helps their handler move. However, for Mike Rowley of Eagan, Minnesota, an assistance dog means the ability to stand still anywhere and anytime.

Mike has a form of muscular dystrophy called Charcot-Marie-Tooth syndrome, meaning the tendons in his legs and hands are shortened, making his leg muscles fatigue quickly.

While Mike can walk without adaptive equipment, his main struggle is balance and coordination which puts him at a high risk of falling.

Mike is a tall man, so the wait for a height-appropriate dog that could support him would be longer than for other clients. In addition to requiring a tall dog, Mike's son has allergies and needed a hypoallergenic dog, further increasing the wait. (To read more, go to: <https://can-do-canines.org/patience-paid/>)

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### Sponsorship

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 knowledge and  
 competence...”



## Job Opportunities:

**Animal Humane Society** is looking for a Veterinary Technician; a few openings are available. Contact: Heather Hawkins, Recruitment Specialist  
 Animal Humane Society  
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See page 3 for more Job Opportunities.

## How to Place a Job Ad

Job ads may be UP TO 75 words, and may be edited for length or clarity. Email addresses count as three words. Any ads received after deadline will be held until the following month. Deadline is 5:30 pm on the specified date which is listed on the front page of each issue. There is no

charge. If you don't specify a specific amount of time, your ad will run for one month. If you want to continue an additional month, you don't need to resubmit, just call or email your request. Please resubmit if your ad hasn't run in a couple of months or if you wish to make

changes. Ads sent to the PO Box may be delayed, so please send them directly to: Debi Ylitalo – 8725 Columbine Road, #46182 Eden Prairie, MN 55344; email: [aerobic\\_debi@yahoo.com](mailto:aerobic_debi@yahoo.com)

Or, phone #612-756-3326 (this is also the phone number if you have questions).



## Job Opportunities:

**The Bluffs Pet Clinic** in Red Wing is hiring a FT/PT CVT. We are AAHA accredited & Cat Friendly Certified with a Fear Free team. Fully equipped with surgical & therapeutic lasers, digital x-ray, in-house lab, and more. Dedicated, hardworking, and fun team. Providing traditional medicine as well as Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine for pets. Competitive pay, 4-day week with rotating Saturdays. Benefits include holiday, vacation, medical, CE, scrubs, 401K, & more. Email resume to [kaya@bluffspetclinic.com](mailto:kaya@bluffspetclinic.com).

**The University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Center** is looking for a Senior Veterinary Technician – ER/ICU and Veterinary Technician – ER/ICU positions. Must be certified or certification eligible Veterinary Technician to work in Emergency and Critical Care. Will work in both the ER and ICU. The positions are face paced and provide opportunities to use technical skills at a high level including IV, multi-lumen and urinary catheter placements, nasal gastric and oxygen tube placement, sample collection, oral and injectable medication administration and multi-focal monitoring. Our hospital has state of the art equipment and focuses on evidence based medicine with a strong emphasis on learning and teaching. 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Hours: Thursday - Saturday (ICU) 10 pm – 8:30 am; 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Hours: Thursday, Friday, Sunday (ICU); Saturday (ER) all 1 pm – 11:30 pm. U of MN Benefits includes: Shift differentials for nights and weekends, Vacation and sick pay, Paid Holidays (10 plus 1 personal), Opportunities for overtime, Excellent medical and dental coverage, Continuing Education allowance, Tuition benefits, Competitive wages, Matching Retirement Dollars, Opportunities for growth and promotion. Look for Job ids: 324869, 324918, 325261, & 325263 on the following link:

[https://www.myu.umn.edu/psp/psprd/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS\\_HRAM.HRS\\_APP\\_SCHJOB.GBL?Page=HRS\\_APP\\_SCHJOB&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1](https://www.myu.umn.edu/psp/psprd/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_APP_SCHJOB.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_SCHJOB&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1)

**Animal Medical Center** - FT CVT desired for our expanding practice in Hutchinson MN. New grads welcome, experience a plus. We are 1 hour west of the Twin Cities in a growing city of 14,000 with associated amenities. Great parks, schools, trails and lakes. Established clinic with full diagnostic capabilities. Our technicians get to use the training they have received. Benefits, PTO, 401k, and bonus incentives. Send resume to [animaldr@hutchtel.net](mailto:animaldr@hutchtel.net) or call Katie at 320-587-4044.

**Hormel Institute-University of Minnesota**, located in Austin is looking for a veterinary technician. We are looking for an individual with a strong background in research. You must have the ability to work successfully with a variety of

personality styles and cultural backgrounds. Highly developed technical skills and the ability to work independently are a plus. Duties/Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: basic animal husbandry, technical care, recordkeeping, colony health surveillance.

[https://www.myu.umn.edu/psp/psprd/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS\\_HRAM.HRS\\_APP\\_SCHJOB.GBL?Page=HRS\\_APP\\_SCHJOB&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1](https://www.myu.umn.edu/psp/psprd/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_APP_SCHJOB.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_SCHJOB&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1)

**Kim Klukas, CVT, rLAT**; Vivarium Manager Hormel Institute [kklukas@hi.umn.edu](mailto:kklukas@hi.umn.edu) (507)437-9671

**Valley Creek Road Animal Hospital** - is looking for a full time veterinary technician. We are a busy small animal practice in Woodbury, MN. Responsibilities include answering phones, scheduling appointments, assisting the doctor in the exam room (restraint, blood draws, vaccines, client check out, etc) as well as surgical monitoring, lab work and cleaning the hospital. Previous experience is desired. Job Type: Full-time; Salary: \$16.00 to \$18.00 /hour. Jennifer Urban, DVM, Valley Creek Road Animal Hospital, [jen22urban@gmail.com](mailto:jen22urban@gmail.com)

**Associated Veterinary Clinic, Inc.**, Cokato and Waverly - Seeking a full time Certified Veterinary Technician with experience to join our small animal team. Applicant must be able to perform all of the duties of a CVT and have outstanding client communication skills. The applicant must be a dependable, organized individual with strong multi-tasking ability. Knowledge of Infinity Software is preferred, however, not required. Must be able to work every other Saturday. PTO offered. Paid Holidays. Paid Continuing Education. Uniform Allowance. Salary dependent on experience. Email or fax cover letter and resume to: [avc.cokato@gmail.com](mailto:avc.cokato@gmail.com) or 320-286-5253.



## Minnesota Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps:

The Minnesota Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps is pleased to host Large Animal Technical Rescue Training in September (FREE). Two trainings will be offered, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. One will take place in Sauk Centre (Sept. 29), and the second will take place in St. Paul (Sept. 30). Preregistration is required.

Livestock can injure themselves, property and the people around them when stressed. Further injury to the animal, as well as to the person who seeks to aid the animal, can occur if the rescue is not performed in an organized, efficient and safe manner. The course is designed for veterinary professionals, livestock haulers/handlers and emergency response personnel. Training provided by Wisconsin Large Animal Emergency Response. This course provides 7 hours of veterinary continuing education. There is a limit of 40 participants per class, so register early for your preferred location. There is no cost to attend this training. Lunch will be provided. Please preregister-contact [coordinator.mnvmrc@gmail.com](mailto:coordinator.mnvmrc@gmail.com) We sincerely thank the ASPCA and the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Foundation for funding towards this project. Kathy Jorgensen DVM, MPH, DACVPM, Unit Leader/Coordinator Minnesota Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps [coordinator.mnvmrc@gmail.com](mailto:coordinator.mnvmrc@gmail.com)



### CEs:

MVMA CE Calendar

VetMedTeam- Click on CE Catalog for listing of courses

VetFolio - CE Resources

MAVT Calendar

NAVTA website - <http://www.navta.net/>

**World Veterinary Association** - <https://vettech-wva.wcea.education/Homepage>

**Vet Girl** - <http://vetgirlontherun.com/> If you're a veterinary nurse, veterinary assistant, OR veterinary nursing student, we want to hook you up with a 30% VETgirl discount! <http://vetgirlontherun.com/vetgirl-cvt-discount/>

**Pet poison hotline** – <http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/veterinarians/> **Rodenticide Revolution: d-con says, “Good-bye anticoagulants, hello Vitamin D”**. One of the most common rodenticides in the United States, is transitioning from anticoagulant active ingredients to cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3). Rodenticides are amongst the most common toxins ingested by cats and dogs, so it’s imperative that veterinary professionals be aware of this change and understand its medical implications. Join us to learn about the history behind the change and how to diagnose and treat cholecalciferol exposure in dogs and cats. We’ll also provide a brief treatment and diagnostics review of anticoagulant and bromethalin rodenticides. Date: Thursday, August 23, 2018, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. – FREE! To register, click this link or copy/paste into your web browser: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7669494217660925443>

## News from NAVTA –



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA), I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Lisa Perius, Indianapolis, as Interim Executive Director of our association. Lisa comes to NAVTA with over 22 years in the fields of both association management and veterinary medicine. She is currently serving in an interim basis for NAVTA, with support from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). This staff change allows NAVTA to continue to move forward with its mission to advance veterinary nursing and veterinary technology.



The addition of Ms. Perius allows the NAVTA board time for a thorough review to determine the best approach to move the association forward. Having both Lisa and the support of the AVMA ensures that we will continue to move NAVTA to the next level of excellence. According to Lisa, "I'm honored to step into this interim role to recalibrate and reenergize NAVTA, so that the organization can continue to achieve its mission and purpose. I am excited to work with NAVTA leadership for the next several months, assessing all areas of the organization and working to maximize all its opportunities." This is an exciting time for NAVTA as we continue to lead the veterinary nursing/technician profession further into the 21st Century.

I hope we can continue to count on your involvement and membership in the months ahead. There are great things on the horizon for both our profession and our association. Thanks for coming along with us! I welcome any comments or feedback. Please feel free to email me at: [karamburns@gmail.com](mailto:karamburns@gmail.com).

Warm Regards,  
Kara M. Burns, MS, MEd, LVT, VTS (Nutrition)  
NAVTA President 2018

### **Have you heard? Congress has reintroduced legislation that would require veterinarians to provide prescriptions to all clients, even if they don't want them. Write Congress to help stop this bill.**

As veterinary professionals, we hold unparalleled expertise in animal health and welfare. We don't need Congress telling us how to run our practices or creating unnecessary inconvenience and complication for clients – but that's exactly what some lawmakers are attempting.

This spring, Rep. Chris Collins (R-NY-27) and Rep. Matt Cartwright (D-PA-17) introduced H.R. 5472 and proposed a new federal law that would require veterinarians to provide written prescriptions for companion animals, even if not requested by a client, and even if the client wants the veterinarian to provide the prescribed medication. Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Mike Lee (R-UT) have introduced similar legislation in the Senate, S. 2651.

Details of these regulations would be left to the Federal Trade Commission, leaving room for more onerous requirements. This legislation is simply unnecessary, because prescribing practices are regulated effectively by laws in 40 states, and the AVMA's Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics require veterinarians to provide prescriptions upon a client's request. The AVMA Internet Pharmacies guide also urges veterinarians to write a prescription in lieu of dispensing a medication when requested by the client.

At best, this legislation is a poor use of congressional resources. At worst, it's a dangerous federal interference with veterinary practice. [Fill out the form](https://www.navta.net/news/412298/Stop-Unnecessary-Prescription-Regulations.htm) or copy/paste into your browser: <https://www.navta.net/news/412298/Stop-Unnecessary-Prescription-Regulations.htm> to ask Congress to reject these regulations.

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**Horses and Tick-borne diseases**

— Your horse is plainly not himself. He's gone from perky to plodding in work and he flinches and pins his ears when you groom him. Last week he seemed a little off in front. That lameness improved, but now his hocks seem stiff. What's going on?

A tiny tick could be the cause of his problems. Linda Mittel, DVM, senior extension associate with Cornell University's Animal Health Diagnostic Center in Ithaca, New York, explains, horses are susceptible to two serious tick-borne diseases that are widespread in the United States, Dr. Mittel says—Lyme disease and equine granulocytic anaplasmosis. We'll cover both as well as equine piroplasmiasis, which is rare in the U.S.. You won't be able to eliminate ticks from your horse's environment, but there are ways to protect him from their bites.

(From Practical Horseman magazine); to read more, go to:  
<https://practicalhorsemanmag.com/health-archive/tick-trouble>  
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