

October 2018



The Voice

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.

- November Newsletter deadline, October 26th.

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MAVT: Business Meeting

Check the MAVT calendar for upcoming meeting details.

NEXT Board Meeting, check the MAVT Calendar, 7-9p VMC, 4th floor.

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. **Events are FREE to all members in good standing. \$35 for non-members to attend (cash or check only).** Please pay special attention as most events need you to RSVP. If you have questions about a specific event please contact the area representative.

We hope you enjoy these CE events and thank you for all you do for the veterinary profession.

Minneapolis

Sarah Lemm, Rep.
To be held October 14th, 11:30 a.m., 3 CEs
at Divanni's in Golden Valley
Pizza, Hoagies, Salad
Speakers:
Erin Wendt Hornickle, DVM, DACVAA
Sandra Allweiler, DVM, DACVAA, CCRT
Topic:
1) Pain management for cats (chronic and acute): 1 hour
2) Local anesthetics including Nocita: 1 hour
3) Pain management for trauma patient : 1 hour
RSVP by October 7th, to Sarah Lemm at email: Minneapolisarea@mavt.net
(See page 4, for more.)

Animals in the News -



Toby was smart, and he learned tricks and commands faster than I could teach them. We knew he was going to be great. A few weeks went by and my mom noticed that before I had a seizure, Toby would begin to act kind of naughty. He would jump on me or grab my Mom's hand and try to herd us all into a room. That is when our dog trainer told us that Toby is REALLY great. He was detecting my seizures before they happened!

He's Toby the Great. We looked at many dogs until we found Toby. At first my mom said he was not the right dog for our family because he was hyper (he could jump six feet from a sit!). He had no manners and he had just been treated for a doggy cold, but we saw something more behind all the naughty behavior. To read more, go to: https://www.petcofoundation.org/love-story/adopted-labs-talent-gives-boy-life-back/?utm_source=palsemail&utm_campaign=naw&utm_medium=email&kxconfid=tbc1h9h8v&kxcampaignid=FDN_P_FD N_EM_FNDTN_FW35_20181005_FND_NAEW&kxadvertiserid=zetahub&cm_mmc=EMPETCO-FOUNDATION-_-FDN_P_FDN_EM_FNDTN_FW35_20181005_FND_NAEW-_-NON-SALES-DRIVERS-_-ADHOC_1-6DSNAPL_1-6DSNAPR_20181003005247_FND_em_promo_o365_2018_20181003034618&pp_id=339286771&kxconfid=tbc1h9h8v&kxcampaignid=FDN_P_FDN_EM_FNDTN_FW35_20181005_FND_NAEW&kxadvertiserid=zetahub#toby



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Job Opportunities:

Animal Humane Society is looking for a Veterinary Technician; a few openings are available. Contact: Heather Hawkins, Recruitment Specialist
 Animal Humane Society
 763-489-2252
hhawkins@animalhumanesociety.org
www.animalhumanesociety.org

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

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.

Animal Medical Clinic has an opening for a full time CVT. We are a small animal clinic looking for another energetic team member. We will utilize your technical skills to the fullest! Please send resume to Charles at frontdesk@animalmedical.org or fax to 651-698-9595.

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 or call Katie at 320-587-4044.

Nicollet Veterinary - Hiring a CVT! NVC is a small animal clinic employing 4+ vets and 5 CVT's, emphasizing a small town, personal approach. Nicollet (between Mankato, New Ulm, St Peter) is southwest of the Twin Cities. We have a well-equipped clinic and use Avimark software & Pet Desk. Besides assisting doctors, our technicians carry a great deal of responsibility and do many technician-only appointments. NVC has excellent employee benefits. Contact Gala Beckendorf galabeck@msn.com (507-225-3401).

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

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 or 320-286-5253.

COTTAGE GROVE ANIMAL HOSPITAL - We are looking for a Certified Veterinary Technician to join our busy 2.5 doctor practice in Cottage Grove, MN. Customer service skills and interest in client communication is a must. We treat all of our clients like family and we want to continue this tradition. Please email resume to cgahospitaloffice@gmail.com



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More Vet Tech Week Events

Northeast,

Jessie Kainz, Rep.

Sunday Oct 21st, Noon – 3 p.m.

at Vermilion [Community College](#)

Speaker: Cassie Panning

Topic: Nutrition via [skype](#)

3 hours of CE

Lunch provided by Sir G's

Questions and RSVP to Jessie at dexterkainz@aol.com

Northwest

Debi Peterson-Ahredt, Rep.

To be held October 14th,

9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

at Ridgewater College

Catered Meal

Speaker: Candi Amundson

Topic: Toxicology

3 hours of CE

RSVP by 10/5/18 to Deb Peterson- Ahredt

Northwestarea@mavt.net or Debi.PetersenAhrendt@ridgewater.edu

St. Paul

Leslie Epstein, Rep.

To be held October 27th,

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

3 CE Credits

at Dakota County Technical College, Lakeville Campus (NOT Roseville)

17645 Juniper Path, Suite 100, Lakeville, MN 55044

Beverages and a catered lunch

Speaker: Dr. Daniel Heinrich, DVM, DACVP

Topic: An Introduction to Cytology for Veterinary Technicians

This event will be a lecture/wet lab and due to the number of microscopes available for use we will only be able to host 15 attendees.

Please RSVP to: Leslie Epstein at stpaularea@mavt.net, by October 21st, if you plan to attend.



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More Vet Tech Week Events

Southeast

Amy Doherty, Rep.

Saturday, October 13, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., including lunch

At Covered Bridge Restaurant, Zumbrota

Speaker: Dr. Matt Doyle, DVM; Topic: Importance of Calf Nutrition and Vaccines

Speaker: Nicole Dean; Topic: Dentistry

CE: 2.5 – 3 hours

RSVP by Saturday, October 6th

Questions, please contact Amy Doherty Noahd236@gmail.com

Southwest

Casey Prochniak, Rep.

To be held October 14th, 11:00 a.m., Brunch Buffet

at Axel's Bonfire, 1910 Premier Drive, Mankato, MN 56001

Topic: Canine Rehab

Contact Casey Prochniak for details or questions and to RSVP caseyahlbrecht@hotmail.com or call 507-217-7229

News from NAVTA –



The National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) conducted study by posting an online link for the 2016 NAVTA Demographic Survey, which was open to veterinary team members (current and past) from February 1st through April 15th, 2016. The goal of the study was to obtain an accurate picture of the current state of the veterinary technician (VT) profession. Members, as well as non-members of NAVTA participated in the survey. A total of 2,790 responses were received; skip logic was used in the survey, therefore, specific questions have varied numbers of responses. Team member position was not verified, as the demographic survey was 100% anonymous. Click on this link to see the results: https://www.navta.net/page/Demographic_Survey



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/>

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Vaccine Wars: The Great Debate

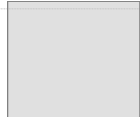
Are you over- or under-vaccinating your horse? Hear both sides of the debate surrounding horse vaccinations to decide what's best in your situation.

Vaccination has been called "medicine's greatest triumph," responsible for nearly eradicating childhood killers such as polio and smallpox. Vaccinating your horse protects him against equally frightening diseases, including tetanus and sleeping sickness, both of which are almost always fatal. In the past decade, however, vaccine opponents have raised concerns about vaccinations and even begun to question whether they're necessary at all.

To help decide on a rational vaccination program for your own horse, ask the following questions about each vaccine you are considering: How bad is the disease? Is it almost always fatal, or likely to spread to humans, such a tetanus or EEE? If so, vaccinate if you can. What is your horse's exposure risk? How effective is the vaccine?

Vaccination is truly one of medicine's greatest triumphs. Take advantage of it. By asking the right questions, you can protect your horse against devastating disease with minimal risk through a carefully designed vaccination plan.

To read more, go to: <https://horseandrider.com/health/vaccine-wars-the-great-debate-13096>



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