



### 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.

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

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## MAVT: Business Meeting

**Check the MAVT calendar for upcoming meeting details.**

NEXT Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 11, 7-9p VMC, 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 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., 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

#### Northeast,

Jessi Kainz, Rep.

TBD

#### Northwest,

Debi Peterson-Ahredt, Rep.

To be held October 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

(RSVP by October 5<sup>th</sup>)

at Ridgewater College

Catered Meal

Speaker: Candi Amundson

Topic: Toxicology

(See page 5, for more.)



## Animals in the News -

### Can-Do-Canines dog, Years of Doubt Leads to a Life Change

*Back and forth.* For years, Amy Falk of North Branch, Minnesota was on the fence about an assistance dog and originally decided against it because she wasn't aware of what was available to her.

Then a friend from high school told Amy about Can Do Canines and how her own Mobility Assist Dog helped change her life. Amy decided to do some research and soon applied for her own Mobility Assist Dog.

Amy was born with cerebral palsy and has been using a wheelchair the majority of her life. She has spastic hands, meaning they are stiff and jerky, which at times can make it difficult to hold things like a tablet for class or her phone. "[Trackr] picks [my phone] up at least six times a day, that poor dog," Amy says with a laugh.

(To read more go to: <https://can-do-canines.org/years-of-doubt-leads-to-a-life-changing-decision/> )



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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  
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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.

**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](mailto:galabeck@msn.com) (507-225-3401).

**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.

**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](mailto:cgahospitaloffice@gmail.com)



## 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 Webinar -**

Title - Pot and Pets: Updates on Marijuana Intoxications in Dogs and Cats

Webinar by Pet Poison Helpline;

Date: September 25, 2018, Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Central (1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Eastern);

Speaker: Ahra Brutlag, DVM, MS, DABT, DABVT This lecture will describe the increased incidence of marijuana exposure in pets, novel formulations pets are being exposed to (medical, foods laced with marijuana, concentrated resins, etc.), the array of clinical signs associated with various formulations, and medical management of these intoxications. Register Now at: <https://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/veterinarians/webinars/september-2018-updates-marijuana-intoxications/>

## 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.

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### Happy Summer MAVT Members

We hope that you all are having a lovely summer. We just wanted to touch base and keep you updated on a few items.

- We have been busy planning this fall's Technician Week Programs. Please continue to check the October calendar for the dates and topics. We will also post updates on Facebook so if you are not following us yet please do in addition to emailing out information as we solidify these events. Remember this is a free CE event for all active current members.
- Our website will soon be getting a new look as we switch over to a different program. We will have some growing pains as we get used to the new site so please bare with us as we learn how to navigate it.
- Reminder we try to post as soon as possible all our monthly board meeting notes (located in the members only section). Please feel free contact us if you have any questions.
- We also post our newsletter monthly which is full of useful information and job postings.

Sincerely-

MAVT Board, Area Representatives and Committee Chairs

Our organization doesn't work without you!

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[www.mavt.net](http://www.mavt.net)

### More Vet Tech Week Events:

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

To be held October 27<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Dakota County Technical College, Lakeville Campus

Speaker: Dr. Daniel Heinrich; Topic: Cytology for Veterinary Technicians

**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, Mankato, Brunch Buffet

Topic: Canine Rehab

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**Horses and Cribbing**

— There is no denying that cribbing can be annoying. The horse places his upper teeth firmly on a hard object---be it a fence, stall door, water trough, or anything he can reach---pulls back, arches his neck, and gulps air into the upper part of his esophagus with a distinct grunting sound. What's more, a cribber can damage walls, fences and other structures around a farm.

Also called wind sucking, cribbing is a stereotypy---a repetitive, compulsive activity that seems to serve no purpose---and it poses some health risks. Horses who crib may be at a higher risk for some types of colic, and prolonged cribbing can wear down a horse's upper incisors, lead to overdevelopment of particular neck muscles and cause other physical problems. The pressures of cribbing can lead to osteoarthritis of the hyoid, a small bone in the throat.

(From Equus magazine); to read more, go to:

[https://equusmagazine.com/behavior/thinking-about-cribbing?utm\\_source=EQUUSNL&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletter](https://equusmagazine.com/behavior/thinking-about-cribbing?utm_source=EQUUSNL&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter)

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