

May 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.

- June Newsletter deadline, May 26th.

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MAVT: Business Meeting

Check the MAVT calendar for upcoming meeting details.

Contact President Kristi if you wish to attend.



Vet Tech Certification & Recertification -

Veterinary Technician Certification Requirements (new technicians)

To become a Certified Veterinary Technician in Minnesota as a new technician, candidates must

- submit an application for Minnesota Certification,

There is a \$60.00 Application fee.

Please note: passing the VTNE does not automatically grant you certification in the state of Minnesota; an application is required. To certify or for more information, go to MVMA (NOT MAVT); at <https://www.mvma.org/certification-information>

Recertification

10 Continuing education credits are required per 2 year cycle of renewal (Certifications are based on odd & even year schedules.)

If you have questions regarding your expiration date, you may reference your Certification card or contact us at:

651-645-7533, or melissat@mvma.org

2018 Renewals: July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2018

NOTE: Recertify through MVMA, **NOT** MAVT; make copies of your CE's, keep originals for your records! MVMA website for more information:

<https://www.mvma.org/recertification-information>

Animals in the News -



Karen and her Diabetes Assist Dog, Tavi



Tavi helps Karen by alerting her to low blood sugar levels so that she doesn't suffer from the effects of hypoglycemia (shakiness, confusion, fainting, or even seizures).

Before Tavi, Karen had an assistance dog named Joy. Karen came to rely on Joy's help to stay safe, so Karen went straight to the top of our waiting list for her second dog.

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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
 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
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charge. If you
 don't specify a specific
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Or, phone #612-756-3326
 (this is also the phone
 number if you have
 questions).



Job Opportunities:

Banfield Pet Hospitals - We have increased the starting wage for technicians at many of our locations, and, are also offering a lot of great benefits. I am looking for 3 - 4 experienced technicians for my hospital specifically (other Banfield's are looking as well).

Keenan Henkelman, Practice Manager at Banfield Pet Hospital, Location 5037 at 10538 France Ave S
Bloomington MN 55431 Phone: 952-888-1586

Companion Veterinarian Hospital in Blaine – ISO PT
Approx 30hrs/week. Afternoons and 2-3 Saturdays/month. 2-3years experience preferred. Familiar with Avimark a plus. Long standing clinic in Blaine with 1.5 doctors looking for somebody to join our fast paced family. Looking for somebody who can be independent but also works well in a group. Email Tracy at companionvetblaine@gmail.com

MINNETONKA ANIMAL HOSPITAL (AAHA):
Integrating the Best of Western and Eastern Medicine. Hiring FT CVT committed to excellence in patient care, client communication & teamwork. Required skills: phlebotomy, catheter placement, anesthetic induction & monitoring, digital dental radiology, dental treatment, client intake & discharge, laboratory, in hospital patient care. Benefits: CE, health, dental, STD/LTD, life insurance, SIMPLE IRA, PTO, pet care. Email cover letter, resume, and references to Kaaren.howe@gmail.com.

Vet Start-Up - LOOKING FOR WORK/LIFE BALANCE?
We will be open M-F with no weekend hours! Looking for a PT or FT CVT to join me in the NE Twin Cities Metro. Top pay for a motivated person. Compassionate DVM. NO CAT DECLAWS. Please send resumes to vetstartup18@gmail.com.

Bush Lake or France Avenue Pet Hospitals - Our small animal practice located in Bloomington, MN is seeking a Full Time Veterinary Technician, certification is preferred but not necessarily required depending on the candidate and experience. Newly certified technicians strongly encouraged to apply. Looking for a detail oriented, team player, willingness to learn, ability to multi-task when pace is fast. Responsibilities will include all aspects of veterinary medicine, including receptionist and cleaning duties. Must have some computerized clients records experience. We offer a competitive hourly wage with a raise after the probationary time. Benefits after probationary period include health insurance, vacation pay, simple IRA, employee pet discount. E-mail cover letter, resume and phone number to: csorvari@franceavepethospital.com

Douglas Animal Hospital – in search of a Veterinary Technician who delights in walking through EVERY aisle at Target, spending hours binge watching Netflix, and completely caught up on “Stranger Things”. Flexible scheduling, generous paid time off, and a commitment to your work-life balance. Opportunity for one part-time and one full-time team member. Willing to provide training/mentorship for new grads. E-mail cover letter and resume to: info@douglasanimalhospital.com NOTE: Employer will assist with relocation costs.

Access Veterinary Care - Hiring awesome CVTs for a new clinic in the Crystal/Minneapolis area with an affordable focus. Looking for CVTs that want to maximize their skills, take leadership, have a voice, be treated with respect and enjoy a diverse client base. Come join our walk-in and urgent care center. No two days will be the same! More info is available at www.MyAccessVetCare.com/employment. Please send a cover letter and resume to info@MyAccessVetCare.com.

If you 're looking for a Tech job - Bismarck's the Bomb!

If you are a Vet Technician (LVT/CVT) looking for a great job and a great place to live, come work with us at the **Lewis & Clark Animal Hospital** in Bismarck, ND! State of the Art - Laser surgery, Healing Laser, Ultrasound, Digital Dental X-rays, Acupuncture, with Idexx Lab Suite. Our 3.5 vets keep our techs hopping in a great team environment and provide great medicine to our grateful small animal clients. You don't have to worry about clock watching here! We take great care of our team with benefits - include competitive wage, health/life insurance, SIMPLE IRA plan, CE, a veterinary discount, paid holidays/PTO. Contact Emily at 701-751-2501 or email your resume to: lewisclarkanimalhospital@yahoo.com. We need you right now to be part of the fun so pick up the phone or boot up that computer and find out if we're what you're looking for!

Hudson Pet Hospital is a fast-paced small animal practice in Hudson, WI. We are looking for an experienced Veterinary Technician (but will consider all applicants). The position is full-time with the possibility of part-time. Job responsibilities include: great communication skills; ability to multi-task; blood draws/IV catheter placement; urinalysis and cytology; anesthesia and surgical monitoring; dental cleanings; animal restraint; and the ability to work independently or in a team environment. Contact: jenny@hudsonpethospital.com



More Job Opportunities:

Buckingham Equine - We need a Veterinary Technician for a mixed equine/small animal practice in rural Minnesota. Fast learner, self motivated, unique skills, hard worker, team player. FT with benefits PT available too, salary is dependent on experience. **Small Animal** Medicine, Surgery, limited Reproduction services, Acupuncture & TCVM, Laser Therapy, Laser Surgery, Dentals, Ultrasound, Digital X-ray, Endoscopy limited, In-house Cultures, Lab Diagnostics. **Equine** experience is not a requirement but our Equine services include Reproduction, Dental with mixed power & hand floats, Digital X-ray, Ultrasound, Acupuncture with TCVM, Laser therapy, Endoscopy limited, Lameness exams, Coggins in house, and Annual Medical check ups and Vaccination protocols. The person I am looking for needs to be able to perform all CVT duties and have surgery and lab experience and the personality and drive to learning those skills and be a wearer of many hats to participate in team services to the animals in our care. The more experience will aid salary potential, a CVT will also increase salary. Benefits for FT long term include health and IRA benefits. Wage will vary from \$12-14.50/hr. Please send resume to buckinghamequine@gmail May also call: 1-320-967-4412

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.



CEs:

[MVMA](#) CE Calendar

[VetFolio](#) - CE Resources

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

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/>

[VetMedTeam](#)- Click on CE Catalog for listing of courses

[MAVT](#) Calendar

NEWS from NAVTA: The WVC Veterinary Technician's Symposium (VTS) was a sell-out event for the last three years with participants not only accelerating their careers but also having a great time and making valuable connections. Due to popular demand, WVC is hosting two Veterinary Technician Symposia in 2018: June 25-27: **Behavior, Anesthesia and Diagnostics**; August 6-8: **Surgery, Pain Management, Rehabilitation**

The VTS is a unique event for Veterinary Technicians to increase knowledge and sharpen skills in just three days. Offered at the world-famous Oquendo Center in Las Vegas, NV, expert instructors - using today's most innovative instructional approaches and technology - present skill-based training in critical practice areas.

For more information and to register visit <https://www.wvc.org/vts/>

**CE's: The Minnesota Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps and
Minnesota Board of Animal Health
Present**

**Foreign Animal Disease Training Wednesday, May 23, 2018
from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Riverland Community College Room 140 965 Alexander Dr. SW Owatonna, MN

Please join us for an informative conference on how veterinary, agriculture and emergency professionals can be an asset in these responses. Topics include:

- Incident Command System review
- Foreign Animal Disease Response Overview
- Personal Protective Equipment

4 hours of continuing education. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend this course. Please preregister - contact coordinator.mnvmrc@gmail.com



THEY HAVE IT! A new study revealed that horseback riding may improve your child's intelligence. Scientific researchers from the Tokyo University of Agriculture have discovered that the vibrations created by horses while being ridden activates the area of the brain known as the sympathetic nervous system. The study, published in *Frontiers in Public Health*, involved asking children to complete simple response and mathematical tests, before and after taking part in horse riding.

The University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine offers ONLINE VET-TECH BIOMED courses for veterinary technicians who have graduated from accredited 2- or 3-year programs. Take the courses individually or earn 15 hours for a Certificate of Achievement; you also can work toward your bachelor's or master's degree online with Mizzou. RACE-approved CE credits. Scholarships available.

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