

February 2016



The Voice

Membership Meetings:

- Next Meeting: Saturday, February 6th. You need to pre-register for this Convention Meeting.
- Check the MAVT calendar on the website for meeting dates, times & location.
- March Newsletter deadline, February 25th.

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MAVT: Upcoming Business Meeting

Join us for the MAVT Business Meeting at the MAVT Convention on Saturday, February 6th, at noon; please, pre-register.



ALL Members are welcome!

MAVT Convention Time! February 5 – 6, 2016

A letter from our MAVT President

Three Presidents? What's That All About?

A letter From the (soon to be Past-) President

Drama! Intrigue! Excitement! Donald Trump and the 2016 Presidential Election? Nope - just another year on the board at MAVT.

For years our MAVT has suffered bumpy transitions with little interaction between the outgoing President and the incoming President. The position can be overwhelming, the burnout rate is high and there is no "training" that can really prepare you for the challenges faced by an entirely volunteer-run organization the size of MAVT. *(Continued on page 5)*



More MAVT Convention:

Parking:

There is plenty of parking near by the Hilton, that is easily accessible and some lots offer lower rates: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/parking/ramps/index.htm>

Nearby ramps include: Lexington and the 11th and Marquette Ramps. Please plan accordingly by carpooling or taking the bus

Online convention proceedings are now available at:

Website: mavt2016.conferencespot.org

Login: MAVT2016

Password: Hilton!

You can then browse speaker materials by proceedings or author index. Additional questions please email: convention@mavt.net.

Please consider becoming a part of our Team! Go to the MAVT Booth to find out what positions are up for re-election this year.

- ALL Committees are open for recruitment.
- Nominate a fellow Veterinary Technician for one of the positions, or consider one for yourself!
- President Elect and Secretary positions are open.
- Consider being an Area Rep. – Northwest Rep is open.

MAVT Scholarships:

Information has been sent out to Program Directors at the area colleges. There will be five (5) \$1,000 scholarships up for award. Look for further announcements on our MAVT website: www.mavt.net and/or in future editions of the newsletter.



Special Thank-you to Julie Legred and Jessica Towley who helped with sponsorship!

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knowledge and
competence...”



Job Opportunities:

**AEVS, Affiliated
Emergency Veterinary
Service and Animal
Emergency and Referral
Center, Twin Cities** have
ongoing openings in: Triage
Technician, Veterinary
Technician and Customer
Service Representative. For
more information and
application download, please
check out their website:
www.aevs.com and
[http://aercmn.com/about-
us/employment/](http://aercmn.com/about-us/employment/)

For more Job Opportunities
see page 3.

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 back cover 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 – 9535
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aerobic_debi@yahoo.com

Or, phone #952-443-3019
(this is also the phone
number if you have
questions).



Job Opportunities:

Lakes Veterinary Hospital is a small animal practice looking for a part-full time VetTech, who is self-motivated and punctual. Applicants should have good communication and phone skills, detailed orientated, computer competent, and a team player. Tech must be able to work some Saturdays and some Wednesday evenings. They must also be able to remain calm in a fast paced environment. Familiarity with Cornerstone and inventory management a plus but not required. Salary based on experience; benefits; for further information or to submit a resume with cover letter email naddersamaridvm@gmail.com.

Growing, newer Metro Pet Hospital, small animal practice seeks a PT veterinary technician potentially transitioning to FT in the spring. CVT or vet assistant with surgery experience (convenient Minneapolis location). Send resume to metropetah@gmail.com



Minnesota Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps

Greetings-

The registration for the 2016 Governor's Homeland Security Emergency Management Conference is now open on the HSEM webpage. See the link below.

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem>

This conference has a wide variety of topics that may be of interest to members. The cost of the conference is \$325.

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From BART – www.basicanimalrescuetraining.org



BART happenings:

Minnesota Chapter:

Wednesday, January 6th - Jack met with the Washington County Fire Chiefs.

January 7th - the Marketing and Fundraising Committee met at 6:30 pm at the New Brighton Fire Station.

Thursday the 7th and the 21st - we will be training the Prior Lake Fire Department in our Small Animal Rescue Course.

Monday, January 11th - we will be training the Cambridge Fire Department in Small Animal Rescue.

Wednesday, January 13th - the Executive Committee meets at 6:30 pm and the Finance Committee meets at 7:30 pm at the New Brighton Fire Station.

January 24th - we will have our Large Animal Train the Trainer instructors' course.

Wednesday, January 26th - we will be training Worthington Fire Department in Large Animal Rescue and the Falcon Heights Fire Department in Small Animal Rescue.

Saturday, January 30th - we will be training the St. Francis Fire Department in Small Animal Rescue.

Sunday, February 28th, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. –

For all those interested in becoming a small animal instructor we would like to invite you to attend our Small Animal Train the Trainer course on Sunday February 28th. This course will likely be the only one of 2016. The Train the Trainer course will take place at the New Brighton Fire Station - the classroom is just off the back of the building.

The first half of class will be the lecture portion; we will then go apply what we've learned in the afternoon.

Please let me know if you plan on attending.
Thank you!

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Can Do Canines trainer trains her own Assist Dog – I (Debi, “The Voice” Newsletter Editor) was eating out with my two daughters just days ago, when I met a woman at the restaurant with a dog wearing her Can-Do-Canine vest. That woman was Terrie Schrank, of Webster, Minn., who has fostered three Labrador Retrievers and was a Puppy Raiser for another Lab through Can-Do-Canines. She had done this to help others, since 2005. After fostering and training the last Lab, the day came when Terrie decided she needed to train one more dog – a dog for herself, for her medical condition, Multiple Sclerosis. That dog came in the shape of a Springer Spaniel named “Willow”. Willow had already been a fur-member of the Schrank household, one of a litter of pups Terrie and her husband, Jerry, had bred (they have bred Springer Spaniels for many years). Willow was nearing the end of the age limit set by Can-Do-Canines training requirement. Not only did Willow make that requirement, she surpassed one of the needed training requirements in a big way! Given six weeks to learn the task of bringing a ringing telephone to Terrie, Willow learned it in a mere three hours! What a pleasure to meet a real-life “Animal in the News”! Did you know Can Do Canines is one of only a few organizations that will train a person’s pet dog? Check out their website: www.Can-do-canines.org and read more about Willow and Terrie.

Another passion of mine, Debi, Newsletter Editor, a volunteer for 12+ years:

Horses are a Friend to Freedom Farm

Riders, by Susie Bjorklund, Founder/Exec.Direc.

During this season of HOPE, we have 6 at-risk teens participating in the ‘Hope With Horses’ program. The goal is for each student to graduate and to graduate with hope in their future. While partnering with the horse, the students work on skills such as respect, choices and teamwork. The last 4 weeks the students work as a team and assist the school’s special education elementary students during their therapeutic riding lessons. When you help

SAVE THE DATE! VETERINARY TRAINING & CONSULTING, INC. WEBINAR SCHEDULE FOR 2016!

NEW DRUGS & OLD TRICKS: UPDATES TO ANESTHETIC & ANALGESIA OPTIONS!

Instructor: Tasha McNerney, BS, CVT.

CE: 1 hour RACE CE

March 7, 2016, 6pm Pacific

NEW DRUGS AND OLD TRICKS: AN UPDATE ON ANESTHETIC AND ANALGESIC OPTIONS

Join Tasha McNerney BS, CVT for this 60 minute interactive webinar! The objective of this webinar will be to introduce veterinary technicians to new anesthetic and analgesic drug options: Dexdomitor, Recuvyra, Simbadol and Alfaxalone. We will discuss proper patient selection, mechanism of action, and practicality of use.

Get your tickets! This course has been APPROVED for 1 hour of continuing education credit for veterinary technicians and veterinary assistants by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) in jurisdictions that accept AAVSB RACE credit. *Participants should be aware that certain states have limits on the number of continuing education hours that can be claimed from certain types of programs and/or methods of delivery.* Course #883-1797_4__VTAC, Inc, supports local, state, and national technician organizations. Please check with the organization you are a member of for a special discount code for VTAC, Inc Webinars sponsored by David Liss, RVT. *Copyright ©2016 Veterinary Training and Consulting, Inc; All rights reserved.*

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someone else, you start to help yourself.

In the video, [This Place Saved My Life](#), you see 2 teens who participated in the 'Hope With Horses' program and how it helped them. Please share this video with anyone you know. If you wish to know more, and to view the video visit:

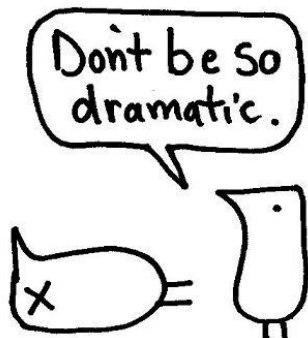
www.freedomfarmMN.org.



A Letter From our MAVT President – (from page 1)



Those who have been members of MAVT for a long time are familiar with the silence that often follows a call for volunteers to run for president.



Many organizations, including MVMA and NAVTA, use a system of President Elect/President/Past President. The President Elect has the opportunity to observe the current President for a year prior to assuming the position of President. The President serves for one year and then serves for a year as Past President. Under this structure no one person is ever alone in the President position and elections are held annually for President Elect.

In 2013 I was voted in as the first President Elect for MAVT. Unfortunately in April of that same year, then President Missy Greer was forced to resign due to health concerns. In the struggle to maintain order for the remainder of the year (while being short one board member) we set aside the idea of President Elect for the 2014 convention. Immediately after the 2014 convention our Vice President stepped down with a year left in his term, and by the time the 2015 convention rolled around we still weren't 100% sure what the heck we were doing. The Vice President was up for election but the position would essentially be eliminated if MAVT moved forward with a President Elect system. Thankfully, interim Vice President Sarah Lemm stepped up to run for the position not knowing whether she would be Vice President or President Elect but willing to fulfill the term either way.

Over the course of 2015, the board revisited several times our current President/Vice President system versus the idea of President Elect/President/Past President. A three year commitment instead of just two, but with two additional people to support you. More people, more experience, more collaboration to accomplish more goals. So at this year's business meeting we will again be calling for volunteers and nominees for the position of President Elect.

In my own experience as President, we have built a great team of board and committee members. I have learned that you surround yourself with people you can count on and this is a group I have grown to trust and truly enjoy. We have people from a variety of careers: from the university to specialty practice to private practice, vet tech instructors and stay-at-home moms. It's the most diverse group we've seen in a long time and hopefully it will continue to grow.

I won't lie - there have been times over the past three years I have felt burnt out. And, days I don't even want to peek at my email. But I am the last of the "two-year" presidents and that's encouraging because I know that no one else will have to experience the abrupt presidential hand-off that I did...at least not on their own. With the new system I am looking forward to supporting Sarah as well as welcoming our next President Elect. Will it be you?
President Darcy Mattson

Thank-you to our MAVT Convention sponsors: *MWI Animal Health AmerisourceBergen, Care Credit Making Care Possible Today, Boehringer Ingelheim*



Steve Dale, Pet Journalist

NAVTA News:

Help us understand what is going on in our profession!

For many years the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) has been conducting demographic surveys every 4 years to gather opinions regarding issues and challenges veterinary technicians face in their careers and to enable NAVTA to develop effective programs and services to better meet the needs of veterinary technicians.

It is time once again, to ask you for your help in these efforts by taking about 30 minutes to participate and let your voice be heard. We ask that veterinary technicians and veterinary assistants participate, as our two roles within veterinary medicine are essential in the utmost highest standards of care for the animals and patients, and for the sake of our own well being.

Thank you in advance for participating and we appreciate your time in doing so! We value your input into our future! Go to www.navta.net and click on '2016 Demographic Survey'.

All the best!

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