

July 2016



The Voice

Membership Meetings:

- Next Meeting: Saturday, July 16th; 10 a.m.
- Please contact President Sarah Lemm if you wish to attend the meetings.

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

- August Newsletter deadline, July 25th.

Individual Highlights:

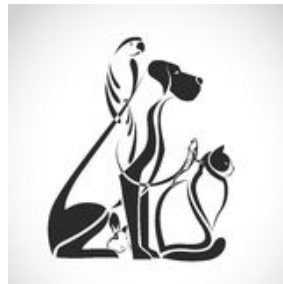
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MAVT: Business Meeting

The next MAVT Business Meeting is Saturday, July 16th, 10:00 a.m., Area: NE, Location: TBD.



ALL Members are welcome!

Vet Tech Week Our Area Reps are planning

Vet Tech Week is October 16 - 22, 2016

Mark the date on your calendar! Our Area Reps and MAVT are working hard on putting together quality events for you!

on Vet Tech Week. Speakers, venues, and possibly worth more CE's are beings discussed. Stay tuned to "The Voice" and our MAVT website for further news.

The planning stage is here for our Area Reps

MAVT Convention 2017:

MAVT Convention will be held at the Hyatt –

Convention planning 2017 is on its way. From your feedback, being looked at is a "hybrid schedule", where Friday's speakers will speak for 1.25 hours with longer breaks. Saturday's speakers will speak for an hour, as has been in the near past. Also, being looked at is bringing in an extra type of lab on Thursday evening, based on your feedback! The tracks include - Small Animal, Small Animal Advance, Large Animal and ECC/Lab Exotic and Bonus.

What does the MAVT Board do during the summer months?



This year, we are Reviewing Bylaws – from May's meeting: Article I - no changes, Article II - mostly typographical changes. June meeting: reviewed the next two Articles (III and IV). The suggestions will be brought to our members at the Annual Membership Meeting.

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Job Opportunities:

**AEVS, Affiliated
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ongoing openings in: Triage
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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

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words, and may be edited
for length or clarity. Email
addresses count as three
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after deadline will be held
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Or, phone #612-756-3326
(this is also the phone
number if you have
questions).



Job Opportunities:

Duluth Veterinary Hospital, We are currently looking for a full-time veterinary technician to work in a fast-paced, 3-doctor, small animal practice. Your skills will be highly utilized in radiology, anesthesia, surgical assistance, dentistry, lab, client interaction/education and animal handling. Please contact Joanne or Denise or send resume' and cover letter to: Duluth Veterinary Hospital 2015 London Rd. Duluth, MN 55812; phone #218-728-3616.

Heritage Animal Hospital, in Maple Grove, is looking for 2 FT or PT CVTs. We are a 3-doctor, small animal practice that specializes in cats, dogs and pocket pets. We are looking for someone who is self-motivated works well alone as well as with others, has a positive attitude, and has client/patient well being in their best interest. We offer medicine, surgery, boarding and grooming. Duties include in-patient and out-patient appointments, anesthesia, surgery dentistry, lab and pharmacy skills. Benefits include paid CE, uniform allowance, 401K and vacation. Salary depends on qualifications. Contact: Katrina Craidon, CVT - Heritage Animal Hospital, 12624 Bass Lake Road, Maple Grove, MN 55369; phone #763-559-7387, email: Katrina@heritageanimalhospital.com

Bluffs Pet Clinic, in Red Wing, MN, is looking for a Full time Veterinary Technician. We are a busy AAHA Accredited, small animal, 3 doctor practice that provides traditional medicine as well as eastern medicine and acupuncture. Ideal candidate will be energetic, outgoing, and have excellent customer service skills. Schedule consists of 4 day work weeks and rotating Saturdays. Benefits include medical, 401K, vacation, holiday, and more. Please email resume to kaya@bluffspetclinic.com.

Crow-Goebel Veterinary Clinic, Cloquet, MN Busy dog/cat practice with 4+ doctors seeking a motivated, dependable, creative and skilled CVT with strong multi-tasking ability to join our fun-loving team. Looking for someone with outstanding client communication skills and the ability to perform all the duties of a CVT. Clinical experience is preferred, however, not required. No nights. No weekends. Full time consists of 9.5 hour shifts 4 days per week (preferred). Or, part time position possible, 9.5 hour shifts 3 days per week. Day off varies. Benefits: Paid vacation and personal time, retirement benefit with company match, uniform allowance, continuing education allowance, pet services and product discount. Wage is dependent on experience. Submit resumes by mail, fax or email. Crow-Goebel

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Fairview Animal Medical Center, Owatonna, "Live in small town peace with all the amenities, no traffic but easy access to the Twin Cities! Small animal practice in Owatonna looking for energetic, friendly, qualified CVTs. Duties include client education, patient charting, technical and laboratory work, X-rays, and good nursing care. Full or part time position, Monday-Friday with some Saturday hours; no evenings. Please send resume with references to email: docmattb@hotmail.com."

Hutchinson Veterinary, Hutchinson, MN, FT CVT desired for our expanding practice. 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, bonus incentives and signing bonus! Send resume to animaldr@hutchtel.net or call Katie at 320-587-4044.

South 71 Veterinary Clinic, hiring CVT. We are a mixed animal practice with 8 veterinarians, 10 FT technicians, 1 part time technician, 1 office manager, and several part time employees. We are located in central Minnesota. Willmar is our main location with satellite clinics in Benson and Granite Falls. We currently have 2 FT openings. Must have a good work ethic and be able to work weekends and on call on a rotating schedule. Most of the hands on work with the animals is on the small animal side but large animal product knowledge and skills are a must. Job skills: Laboratory, Surgical, Nursing, Client Communications, Radiology, etc. Must be able to handle pressure due to our very busy schedule. Salary: Negotiable. If chosen for an interview, we do working interviews to make sure the candidate will be a good fit for us as well as for the candidate. Contact Information: A resume is required – email, fax or mail – no phone calls, please. South 71 Veterinary Clinic, Laurel DuVall – Office Manager, 4119 Abbott Drive, Willmar, MN 56201; FAX #:320-235-0115.



Animal in the News – Eden Prairie girl bakes dog biscuits to help police dogs

By Patty Dexter pdexter@swpub.com SWNewsMedia.com



Submitted photo: *Alyssa, Scott, Riggs*

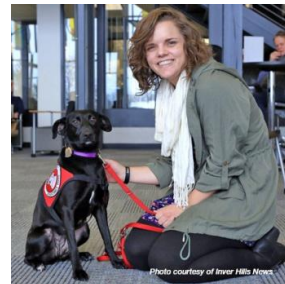
Alyssa Hodo, 7, of Eden Prairie poses for a photo with Officer Scott Mittelstadt and his K-9 partner Riggs during a visit to the Eden Prairie Police Department on June 22. Alyssa donated \$200 to the Eden Prairie Crime Prevention Fund and requested that the funds be used to help the department’s K-9 unit.

Alyssa, 7, of Eden Prairie and her family dropped off a \$200 Donation for the Eden Prairie Crime Prevention Fund at the police Department on June 22. She raised the money by baking homemade dog biscuits. They sold some biscuits to family and friends, but they got a boost when in March, the Valley West Sewing Center in Bloomington offered to sell them. Alyssa raised \$100 from selling bags of peanut butter and chicken-flavored biscuits for \$5 a bag.

Her family matched that and contributed the other \$100, Nicole said. “She did not keep any of the money for herself,” she said. Nicole said while she buys the ingredients and helps Alyssa with measurements, Alyssa bakes and cuts the biscuits on her own. Her daughter has been passionate about the project because she loves dogs and she trusts police officers. Alyssa’s goal is to continue raising \$200, make another donation when she hits that level and repeat the process, Nicole said.



Hearing Help Comes in Many Shapes and Sizes *Megan Schmidt & Hearing Assist Dog Lila*



No one is quite sure why Megan Schmidt started losing her hearing when she was just three years old. But throughout the years she has managed to find ways to compensate and pursue an independent life. First, her parents got her a hearing aid. As she got older and her hearing loss progressed, she received a cochlear implant. Years later, she received a second implant. These tools are certainly helpful, but they don’t fully remedy her situation.

In the past, Megan lived with her family, which provided a certain level of comfort and security. Now, as a 22 year old graphic designer living on her own in Hampton, Minn., she realized she needed more help.

This is where Lila, a two-year-old terrier mix, comes in. To read more, go to: <http://can-do-canines.org/hearing-help-comes-in-many-shapes-and-sizes/>



Upcoming CE: MVMA Academy Seminar

Nutrition and Internal Medicine

September 15, 2016 • 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Seminars

8:00 – 9:00 am - Registration and Continental breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 am **What Foods These Morsels be –
Nutritional Assessment**

This presentation will summarize the AAHA Nutritional Assessment Guidelines and the ACVN iterative process for nutritional assessment of patients. The first phase of nutritional assessment is an assessment of the patient, diet, and feeding practices. The second phase is initiation of nutritional recommendations with reevaluation and modification of the recommendations.

10:00 – 10:15 - Break

10:15 – 11:15 **Phood for Nephrons –
Nutrition and More for CKD**

Nutrition is an important part of management of patients with chronic kidney disease. This presentation will focus on nutritional management of patients with chronic kidney disease including dietary strategies and pharmacologic therapy aimed at maintaining nutritional condition, modifying progression of kidney disease, managing uremic gastroenteritis, modifying metabolic derangements, treating neuroendocrine imbalances, and managing comorbidities.

11:15 – 12:15 **Meals for Wheels - Nutrition and Osteoarthritis**

This presentation will present information on preventing and treating osteoarthritis in dogs with some information in cats. Prevention of osteoarthritis involves decreasing risk of developmental orthopedic disease.

Management of osteoarthritis in adult patients includes managing obesity, providing omega3 fatty acids, cartilage modifying agents, and other supplements, which will be discussed.

12:15 – 1:15 pm - Lunch

1:15 - 2:15 pm **Reactions by Consumers -
Adverse Food Reactions**

Pet owners are more aware of adverse food reactions since the melamine/cyanuric acid associated renal failure issue. This presentation will discuss adverse food reactions including immunological and nonimmunological causes with emphasis on managing inflammatory bowel disease.

2:15 - 3:15 pm **IBD Integrative Therapies**

Reactions by consumers: Integrative therapy for IBD. Diet and pharmacological therapy are the mainstay of treating dogs and cats with inflammatory bowel disease. There is a growing body of evidence for complementary and integrative medicine therapies in treating inflammatory bowel disease. This presentation will focus on these therapies.

3:15 – 3:30 - Break

3:30 - 4:30 pm **RAW or WAR - Homemade and
Raw Food Diets**

This presentation will discuss potential advantages and disadvantages of homemade diets including raw food diets and handling pet owners that wish to feed homemade and raw food diets

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From NAVTA's website: www.NAVTA.net

Due to a growing interest among veterinary technicians to attain a higher level of recognition for advanced knowledge and skills in specific disciplines, NAVTA developed the **Committee on Veterinary Technician Specialties (CVTS)**. The Committee provides a standardized list of criteria and assistance for societies interested in attaining Academy status.

The NAVTA Committee on Veterinary Technicians Specialties (CVTS) was formed in 1994 and is recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association. The CVTS provides guidelines to veterinary technician organizations to facilitate the formation of a specialty organization. Academies develop advanced pathways, which a candidate must follow and complete in order to be awarded the designation of VTS (Veterinary Technician Specialist) in their specific discipline.

Download the [CVTS Guidelines](#) for more information. Academies must file an annual report. Download the [Annual Report Guidelines for Specialties](#) and file by January 31st.

Up next month: What's the difference between a Society and an Academy?

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