

October 2016



# The Voice

## Membership Meetings:

- Next Meeting: Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>; 7:00 p.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.
- November Newsletter deadline, October 25<sup>h</sup>.

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## MAVT: Business Meeting VET TECH Week Events

The next MAVT Business Meeting Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Area: Metro, Location: Green Mill Restaurant, Rosedale Mall. Contact President Sarah Lemm at: president@mavt.net by Sunday if you wish to attend. *November Board Meeting: Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, Area: SE Location: TBD.* ALL Members are welcome!



### Vet Tech Appreciation Week is here!

Check out the Events near you, or the topic of interest.

Minneapolis area is being held on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Globe University, 10 a.m.

Saint Paul area is being held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m., at Old Chicago in the Apple Valley Conference Center.

South East area is being held on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 p.m., at LTS Brewery, Rochester.

South West area is held on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11 am - 3 pm (eating at 11, with the presentation starting at noon)

Location: Best Western Conference Center, New Ulm;

See page 5 for more details.



## MVMA Fall Staff Seminar Thursday, November 17, 2016

### Up Your Pain Management Game: Beyond Opioids and NSAIDs

Bonnie L. Hay Kraus, DVM, DACVS, DACVAA

#### Seminar Day

8:00 - 9:00 - Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 12:15 - Seminar

12:15 - 1:15 - Lunch (included)

1:15 - 4:30 - Seminar

Coffee breaks are scheduled mid-morning and mid-afternoon--breaks, proceedings and lunch are included in the price of registration

#### Seminar Location

Continuing Education & Conference Center  
1890 Buford Avenue Room 135AC  
St. Paul, MN 55108

Go to MVMA's website for full details:  
<http://www.mvma.org/2016fallstaffseminar>



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## Job Opportunities:

### TLC Veterinary Hospital

– CVT Full-time or Part-time position available. Come and join our fast paced and quickly growing Veterinary hospital in the East Metro. Qualified applicants will hold a current Certification on Veterinary Technology. Applicants must be respectful, dependable and hardworking. Please email resumes to:  
[tlc@tlcveterinaryhospital.com](mailto:tlc@tlcveterinaryhospital.com)

## 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 – 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).

See page 3 for more Job Opportunities.



## Job Opportunities:

**New Richmond Veterinary Clinic, WI**, a Technician needed for busy 2 doctor small animal practice in New Richmond, WI. FT or PT available; experience preferred but willing to train the right individual. New grads encouraged to apply. Send resume to [nrvetclinic@gmail.com](mailto:nrvetclinic@gmail.com) subject: RESUME. [www.nrvetclinic.com](http://www.nrvetclinic.com)

**NW MINNESOTA (THIEF RIVER FALLS)**: Full-time, Part-time CVT needed immediately for exclusive small animal clinic in NW Minnesota. Clients receive quality but gentle care for their companion animals and enjoy engaging with staff. No evenings or weekends. Experience preferred and technical skills eagerly utilized but confident new grads considered. Salary with benefits based on experience. Call Paul Burnett at 218-681-6511 or e-mail resume to [paul.burnett.1234@gmail.com](mailto:paul.burnett.1234@gmail.com).

**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.

The **St. James Veterinary Clinic** in St. James, MN is expanding and has a need for a full time C.V.T. for our 2 Doctor mixed animal practice. Responsibilities will include all aspects of veterinary medicine including some receptionist and cleaning duties; hourly wage, with a raise after the probationary time, a discount on vet work for your pets. Some Saturdays required. Please send resume via email: [stjamesvet@centurylink.net](mailto:stjamesvet@centurylink.net) or mail: 33 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. St. James, MN 56081. Phone: 507-375-4441.

**Heritage Animal Hospital**, 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 and with others, a positive attitude, and has client/patient well being in their best interest. We offer medicine, surgery, boarding and grooming. Duties: 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](mailto:Katrina@heritageanimalhospital.com).

**Crow-Goebel Veterinary Clinic**, Cloquet, MN Busy dog/cat practice with 5+ 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 Veterinary Clinic, 1108 Scanlon Way Cloquet, MN 55720/ Ph: (218) 879-5356; Fax: (218) 879-1874 Email: [cgvcresumes@gmail.com](mailto:cgvcresumes@gmail.com)

**South 71 Veterinary Clinic**, a mixed animal practice with 8 veterinarians, 10 FT technicians, 1 part time technician, 1 office manager, and several part time employees; located in central Minnesota. Willmar is our main location with satellite clinics in Benson and Granite Falls. We currently have 2 FT CVT openings. Must have a good work ethic, be able to work weekends and on call on a rotating schedule. Most of the hands on work with the animals is small animal; large animal product knowledge and skills are a must; and must be able to handle pressure due to our very busy schedule. Job skills: Laboratory, Surgical, Nursing, Client Communications, Radiology, etc. Salary: Negotiable. We do working interviews. 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.

**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. We are an 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](mailto:animaldr@hutchtel.net) or call Katie at 320-587-4044.

**Stone Mountain Pet Lodge** is a full service pet care facility in Blaine (2 locations) and Brooklyn Park (opening Dec. 2016). We are accepting application now for Pet Care Technicians. We invite and encourage Vet Techs to apply for these positions. We currently employ 6 CVT's as Pet Technicians and Lead Pet Care Technicians. Full-time and Part-time position available. Health insurance, vision and dental insurance, Simple IRA and PTO available for Full-time positions. Vet Techs are a valuable part of our pet care team. You can find more information at: <http://10.0.0.124:8888/stonemountainpetlodge.com/employment/index.php>



## News from NAVTA

### Societies:

**Society of Veterinary Behavior Technicians**- enriches human animal interactions by promoting scientifically based techniques of training, management, and behavior modification. SVBT provides a forum for discussion and continuing education while working with allied professional organizations to strengthen the veterinary health care profession.

**The American Association of Equine Veterinary Technicians**- a professional Association for equine veterinary technicians, assistants and practice managers, as well as other support staff. Their mission is to promote the health and welfare of the horse through the education and professional enrichment of the equine veterinary technician and assistant.

[The American Association of Rehabilitation Veterinarians \(AARV\)](#) is a national association of veterinarians and veterinary technicians dedicated to improving the quality of life in animals through physical medicine and rehabilitation. Click the following link to learn more:

[a national association of veterinarians and veterinary technicians dedicated to improving the quality of life in animals through physical medicine and rehabilitation.](#)

**Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians**- dedicated to all aspects of quality veterinary technical care in the field of zoo animal medicine.

**Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society** - provides a forum for collaboration of all individuals interested and involved with veterinary emergency and critical care medicine and surgery. Their mission is to promote the advancement of knowledge and high standards of practice in veterinary emergency medicine and critical patient care.

**The Society of Laboratory Animal Veterinary Technicians** - formed to develop a network of professional veterinary technicians dedicated to the advancement of responsible and humane laboratory animal care and use to benefit humans and animals, to exchange of information and expertise in the care and use of laboratory animal and to advance by actively seeking continuing education opportunities for the members.

**To learn more about Veterinary Technician Specialties and Societies,  
Contact CVTS Committee Chair [Ann Wortinger](#).**



### Veterinary Technician Week Events:

#### St. Paul Area Veterinary Technician Week Event

**Speaker:** Sarah Lindeman, CVT from Veterinary Behavior Specialties of Minnesota

**Topic:** "Everyday Behavior Concepts and Solutions for Veterinary Technicians"

**CE Credits:** 3

**Date:** Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>; **Time:** Registration 9:00 - 9:30 Lecture 9:30 - 12:45 (with a 15 minute break)

**Venue:** Old Chicago in Apple Valley Conference Center  
14998 Glazier Ave., Apple Valley, MN 55124

**Lunch:** Served after Lecture

**Meal:** Pizza Pasta Buffet (ask about our Gluten Free options when registering)



**RSVP HERE By October 7th** <http://goo.gl/AJ0nHc>

This event is FREE for MAVT Members. Non-Member fee is \$35 paid at the door by cash or check.

Any questions please contact Danielle at [stpaularea@mavt.net](mailto:stpaularea@mavt.net)



## Veterinary Technician Week October 2016 Events:

### Minneapolis Area Veterinary Technician Week Event

**Speaker:** Heather Holmgren has been a CVT for 18 years and has earned VTS in both Emergency and Critical Care and in Clinical management. She has had many years' experience in emergency medicine and has a passion for teaching.

**Topic:** CPR: A Team Approach, Respiratory Distress

**CE Credits:** 3 hours of Interactive CE, Sponsored by MAVT

**Date:** Saturday, October 22nd; **Time:** 10:00 a.m., CPR: A Team Approach; 12:00 p.m. Respiratory Distress

**Lunch:** 11:30 a.m., provided (and included) by Jimmy Johns

**Location:** Globe University 8089 Globe Dr, Woodbury, MN 55125

**Please RSVP** to [Minneapolisarea@mavt.net](mailto:Minneapolisarea@mavt.net)

For questions or concerns please contact Lyn (612)306-0200

Free to MAVT members and \$30 for non-members. Well worth the drive!!! See you there!

### Southeast Area Tech Week Event

Please join MAVT in celebrating veterinary technicians!!!

**Speaker:** Maria Nellessen

**Topic:** Practical Uses of Dentistry in Veterinary Clinics

**CE:** 2 credits

**Date:** Sunday, October 23rd; **Time:** 1pm

**Location:** LTS Brewery 2001 32nd Ave NW, Rochester, MN, 55901

**Food and Beverages** will be provided.

**RSVP** by Thursday 10/20, to Tracey Kitching at [tkitching@argosy.edu](mailto:tkitching@argosy.edu) or 651-846-3420

This event is FREE for MAVT Members. Non-Members \$35

### Southwest Area Tech Week Event

**Speaker:** Julie Legred, CVT will be our presenter.

**Topic:** She will be talking about the state of veterinary technology with a NAVTA update.

**CE:** 3 hours of CE is available.

**Date:** Sunday October 23rd

**Location:** New Ulm Conference Center/Best Western in the Schell's room.

**Time:** 11am - 3pm. Registration starts at 10:45. We will be eating a buffet brunch at 11am.

**RSVP** by October 15<sup>th</sup>, to Casey Prochniak at [caseyahlbrecht@hotmail.com](mailto:caseyahlbrecht@hotmail.com) or 507-217-7229 (call or text).

All MAVT members are welcome to attend for FREE (non-members will need to pay \$35 cash/check only)

### NORTHERN AREA TECHNICIANS

Due to multiple resignations MAVT was unable to plan a CE event for our northern Minnesota members in time for National Veterinary Technician Week. We are still trying to put something together for you! If you have interest in becoming an area representative to make sure your area has a voice please contact Meri DuRand at [StateRep@mavt.net](mailto:StateRep@mavt.net)



Check out NAVTA's website: [www.NAVTA.net](http://www.NAVTA.net)

From our MAVT website: [www.mavt.net](http://www.mavt.net)

**Continuing Education Information**

[MVMA](#) CE Calendar

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

[Vet Learn](#)

From MVMA: A Reminder ODD year technicians due to recertify:  
Recertification will be due by June 30, 2017.

Online Recertification information and link can be found here,  
<http://www.mvma.org/recertification-information>.

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

[www.MAVT.NET](http://www.MAVT.NET)

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