



# OAVT NEWSLETTER

*Dedicated to promoting Veterinary Technicians and quality animal healthcare through: Education, Legislation and High Ethical Standards*

<http://www.ohiorvt.org>

Fall / Winter 2018

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello all,

Welcome to Winter and the final days of 2018. I would like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season. Your OAVT board has been busy and believe me not just coasting through the end of the year.

Thanks to the leadership of program chairman Christie Myers, the annual Discovery program and annual business meeting went off with minimal problems.

The board of trustees met for the first meeting of the new membership year on November 4th.

The board reviewed several aspects of the Discovery meeting and begin preparations for the 2019 meeting. The next meeting of the board will be January 13 2019 via phone conference.

The deadline of December 31st for Technician of the Year nominations is fast approaching there is still time to submit your nomination. Just jump on the OAVT website for the forms and instructions. I know there are many fantastic technicians out there that deserving of this recognition and it is the membership's job to bring them to the committee's attention.

As you all now know the VNI bill has passed through the Ohio House Of Representatives. Next step the Senate. Keep a watch on Facebook for the most current updates.

Soon the Midwest Veterinary Conference will be here. Don't forget to save time to stop by the OAVT booth. This is a great opportunity to meet board members, learn more about the association, ask questions, or just hang out and have a good time.

Lastly, as I reflect on the 25 years that I have been active board member, the things I have learned, the mistakes I have made, the long lasting friendships, acquaintances of those I see year after year at professional events, it truly warms my heart to be a part of this wonderful professional association.

You never know where life will lead you but the core values that I believe every veterinary technician possesses will take you where you need to be.

Best Wishes to all for a Happy New Year

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## THE OAVT IS ON FACEBOOK



[Check out our Facebook page](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/ohiorvt?fref=ts>

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians is dedicated to promoting Veterinary Technicians and quality animal healthcare through education, legislation and high ethical standards.

The goals of the Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians:

1. To promote the professional and educational advancement of Ohio's Veterinary Technicians
2. To enlarge the technician's knowledge of necessary skills through continuing education programs and sponsored seminars
3. To provide information on job opportunities
4. To maintain and improve the professional standards of technician's practice
5. To foster high ethical standards within our profession
6. To promote the interest of Veterinary Technicians through state and federal legislation
7. To create and maintain a professional image of the Veterinary Technician
8. To provide for better and more humane veterinary medical care

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

### Online Membership Application Form

<http://goo.gl/uOaXcE>

This form is used to register those persons that are interested in becoming an active member, an affiliate member or an associate member of our organization. Becoming a member couldn't be any easier.

Download the .PDF Membership Form at:

[http://www.ohiorvt.org/download/form\\_membership.pdf](http://www.ohiorvt.org/download/form_membership.pdf)

Dues paid to the OAVT are for membership to the OAVT only and does not mean technicians are registered with the state of Ohio.

You need to contact the OVMLB (Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board) if you have any questions about your status. The link to the OVMLB website is listed below.

<http://www.ovmlb.ohio.gov/>

## CINCINNATI VETERINARY TECHNICIANS ASSOCIATION (CVTA)

Visit their website at: [www.cincyrvt.org](http://www.cincyrvt.org)

Phone (614) 436-0700

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**President: Cindy Curto, RVT**

**Vice President: Christie Myers, RVT, VTS**

**Secretary: Lauren Krohn**

**Treasurer: Peggy Dahlhausen, RVT**

**Immediate Past President:**

**Earl Harrison, RVT**

**Executive Secretary: Janet Buck, RVT**

**OVMLB Liaison: Crystal Sims, RVT**

**NAVTA Liaison: Janet Buck, RVT**

## **OAVT COMMITTEES**

### **The Constitution and By-Laws Committee**

Chairperson: Janet Lazarus

Members: Cindy Curto / Earl Harrison

### **The Discovery Programs Committee**

Chairperson: Christie Myers

Members: Earl Harrison

### **The Finance Committee**

Chairperson: Peggy Dahlhausen

Members: Kim Myers

### **The Membership Committee**

Chairperson: Janet Buck

### **The MVC Committee**

Chairperson: Vicki Riley

Co-Chairperson: Dr. Angela Beal

Members: Kim Myers / Christie Myers / Mackenzie Engel / Kristie Houllès-Burd / Darcy Merrell Skaggs

### **The Newsletter Committee**

Chairperson: Peggy Dahlhausen

### **The Public Relations Committee**

Chairperson: Kim Myers

Members: Peggy Dahlhausen / Christie Myers

### **The Social Media Committee**

Chairperson: Christie Myers

### **The Website Committee**

Chairperson: Peggy Dahlhausen

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

### **MedVet Continuing Education**

MedVet also offers  
Continuing Education courses  
In Columbus.

Technicians click on the link below  
to find the latest seminars available.

[Click here to view MedVet Seminars](#)

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

### **The Ohio State University**

The Office of Veterinary Continuing Education  
offers a wide variety of educational activities for  
veterinarians, veterinary technicians, breeders  
and owners.

<https://vetmedce.osu.edu/ceactivities>

# VETERINARY NURSE INITIATIVE UPDATE

## DECEMBER 2018

BY KINGSLY BERLIN

### Background:

The “Veterinary Nurse Initiative” that NAVTA is working on here in Ohio is on the move again. The initiative’s goal is to create a unified credentialing requirement, title, and scope of practice. This can help with issues from moving state to state, public recognition and other issues.

Here in Ohio we already have the gold standard for credentialing (graduate from AVMA approved school, pass the VTNE, maintain CE, and a Practice Act that defines our scope of practice). So the only thing we did not have was the name. NAVTA did a survey of possible names and registered veterinary nurse (RVN) was voted on and accepted as the name we should have.

Your OAVT board has voted to support of this initiative as well as the OVMA. Other clinics and businesses have also stepped up and shown support.

### Ohio’s VNI Timeline in 2018:

- In February the House Bill 501 (HB 501) was introduced to the House of Representatives and assigned to be presented to the Agricultural Committee. This bill is to only change our name.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – Rep. LaTourette and Huffman are the co-sponsors and presented the bill to the committee
- March 13<sup>th</sup>- A Representative from NAVTA, the President of OVMA, a Veterinarian from a Vet Tech Program in Ohio, an Ohio RVT instructor, and an Ohio RVT Program Director with a RN degree gave testimony on behalf of the veterinary technicians of Ohio.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> –The Ohio Nursing Association (ONA) gave testimony of opposition, an Ohio RVT gave testimony and answered questions after the ONA testimony.

ONA is claiming the “RN” applies to humans only, but we are asking for “RVN” which is not “RN”. They are afraid it will dilute their profession and confuse the public. But RVNs would not work in human hospitals and RN’s would not work in a veterinary clinic.

To see the full testimonies of the supporters and opposition they can be found at:

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-committee-documents?id=GA132-HB-501>

- April 10<sup>th</sup> –The committee voted. 17 members present. 16 voted in favor with 1 against

**Next step:**

The bill was supposed to go the House floor to be voted on by all Representatives but due to change in the House leadership that was out of our control HB 501 has not made it to the floor for a vote.

We are waiting to hear on the date in which it will up for a vote. It is expected to be voted on before the New Year.

We usually only get a couple of days' notice before the vote. Once we receive a date we will once again ask Ohio RVT's for their support in letting their Representatives know that they support this bill.

**SB 337:**

Since the process has been slower than expected, the governmental team and NAVTA have introduced a "companion bill" to the Ohio Senate (same bill as HB 501 but with another bill number) this bill number is SB 337.

- November 21<sup>st</sup> the bill was introduced with Sen. Huffman, Bacon, Coley, and Wilson as co-sponsors of the bill.
- November 28<sup>th</sup> the bill was assigned to the Senate Agriculture Committee
- December 4<sup>th</sup> Sen. Huffman will provide testimony
- Next the committee will hear the same testimony from the veterinarians and veterinary technicians that spoke in support to the House of Representative Agricultural committee.
- Then another possible hearing is usually set for any opposition testimony or more testimony in support of the bill.
- The committee will then vote either that same day or at another meeting.
- If it passes it will go to the Senate floor for all Senators to vote.
- If it passes both the House and the Senate it will then go to the Governor for approval.

**Update:**

- December 10<sup>th</sup> - The Veterinary Nurse Initiative has passed the Ohio House - it now moves on to the Ohio Senate

**2018 OAVT**

**VETERINARY TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR**

**LORI MATTOX**



## FRIEND OF THE OAVT



Dr. Peggy Williams, Vice President and Discovery Program Chair - Christie Myers, President - OAVT, Cindy Curto

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## ONLINE CLASSIFIED AD FORM

You can now submit your employment ad "online" with our Classified Ad Form

<http://goo.gl/38bCNC>

For a fee of \$75.00, please fill out the OAVT Website Classified Ad Form and submit it to the OAVT Treasurer. Your employment posting will remain on the website for a period of 90 days. The ad will also be published in the next available newsletter.

For a fee of \$75.00, an employment posting using your format (which can be accompanied by a photograph of your facility) can be submitted to the OAVT Treasurer. Your posting will remain on the website for a period of 90 days.

All payments should be directed to our Treasurer:

In Care of The OAVT  
107 Browning Road  
Swanton, Ohio 43558

Please make checks payable to: OAVT Treasurer.

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## Experience Veterinary Nurse

- Palm Beach Veterinary Specialists is seeking a full-time Veterinary Nurse to join our team.
- We are a progressive and ever-growing 24-hour emergency and specialty practice located in West Palm Beach, Florida.
- As a nurse, you will be responsible for providing our clients with a top-notch experience as well as responsible for providing exceptional nursing care to our patients.
- On a daily basis, you will triage patients, calculate medical dosages and administer medications, run in-house lab work, place tubes and catheters, monitor and ensure patients' comfort, update clients on their pet's progress, and perform a variety of other tasks.
- This requires solid technical skills.
- Successful candidates will have the ability to handle stressful situations in a fast-paced environment.
- Flexibility is a must.

## Palm Beach Veterinary Specialists

Cheryl Rizzo, Hospital Recruiter

3884 Forest Hill Blvd.

West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Phone: (561) 434-5700

Email: [cheryl@palmbeachvetspecialists.com](mailto:cheryl@palmbeachvetspecialists.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Overnight Veterinary Nurse

- Sign on bonus and relocation allowance!
- Baby's its cold outside.... sick of building snowmen?
- Come build sand castles here in South Florida!
- Palm Beach Veterinary Specialists is seeking a full-time Overnight Veterinary Technician to join our team.
- We are a progressive and ever-growing 24-hour emergency and specialty practice located in West Palm Beach, Florida.
- As a nurse, you will be responsible for providing our clients with a top-notch experience as well as responsible for providing exceptional nursing care to our patients.
- On a daily basis, you will triage patients, calculate medical dosages and administer medications, run in-house lab work, place tubes and catheters, monitor and ensure patients' comfort, update clients on their pet's progress, and perform a variety of other tasks.
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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Licensed Veterinary Technicians - Emergency

- BluePearl is currently seeking full-time and relief Licensed Veterinary Technicians to join our overnight Emergency teams in our Richmond, Virginia Beach and Chesapeake locations.
- Overnight shifts are eligible for shift differential pay.
- This position may be eligible for relocation assistance and license transfer assistance for qualified candidates.
- Are you a night owl and looking for an opportunity to advance your skills in a Specialty and Emergency setting?
- At BluePearl, our Vet Techs get to work in state of the art facilities with some of the best Vet Teams in the nation.
- We also provide monthly CE meetings, associate feedback sessions and opportunities for mentorship and cross training.
- Full-time candidates will ideally have atleast 2 years of experience and the availability to work 3 12 hours shifts per week including rotating weekends and holidays.
- Relief candidates will ideally have at least 2 years of experience and will be offered available shifts for the current month to choose from.

### BluePearl Veterinary Partners

Marybeth Mudrany, Recruiter

Phone: (412) 348-6518

Email: [marybeth.mudrany@bluepearlvet.com](mailto:marybeth.mudrany@bluepearlvet.com)

Website: [www.bluepearljobs.com](http://www.bluepearljobs.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- The Bellevue and Sandusky Animal Hospitals are currently hiring for a full time Registered Veterinary Technician with experience for a progressive, team-oriented practice.
- The job duties include everything from lab work and surgery to dentistry and client education.
- Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday with emergency and weekend/holiday kennel duty.
- We offer a competitive hourly wage (based on your experience) plus a benefit package including a bonus program, Simple IRA, health insurance, paid vacation and paid continuing education.
- If you are an ambitious, detail-oriented team player with excellent people skills, please send your resume to:  
Attn: Office manager  
718 W. Main Street  
Bellevue OH 44811  
or email  
to: [christina@bellevueanimalhosp.com](mailto:christina@bellevueanimalhosp.com).
- Check us out at [bahsah.com](http://bahsah.com)

### Bellevue Animal Hospital

Christina RVT, Office Manager

718 W. Main Street

Bellevue, OH 44811

Phone: (419) 483-6345

Fax: (419) 483-1998

Email: [christina@bellevueanimalhosp.com](mailto:christina@bellevueanimalhosp.com)

Website: [bahsah.com](http://bahsah.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Veterinary Technician

- We are looking for a veterinary technician to join the team in our fast-paced modern veterinary hospital.

### North Fork Animal Clinic

Jerri Ragland, Office Manager

2260 Anderson Station Road

Chillicothe, OH 45601

Phone: (740) 773-7387

Fax: (740) 773-7388

Email: [northforkclinic@gmail.com](mailto:northforkclinic@gmail.com)

Website: [northforkanimalclinic.com](http://northforkanimalclinic.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Part-Time or Full-Time Registered Veterinary Technician

- PT or FT RVT needed for growing, 5-DVM, AAHA accredited small animal, avian and exotic practice open 7 days a week in NW Columbus, OH.
- We are looking for another superstar- if you are the type of person that can find the 'everyday fun' while doing a serious job, loves people, wants to utilize all of the skills you have and eager to learn more, we are the place for you!
- If you are moody, late all of the time, don't like other human beings and have no desire to learn, keep on cruising, because this is not your stop!
- Our practice offers all digital x-ray, therapy laser, general and specialty surgery, ultrasound and complete in-house lab.
- We do not require that you are 100% comfortable with all of those modalities, but you must be willing/able to learn.
- A majority of our staff is Fear Free Certified, so a certification or strong interest in becoming certified is desirable.
- We are also a 'paperless' practice, so reasonable comfort with computers and mobile devices is needed.

### Animal Care Unlimited

Christy Johnson, Hospital Administrator  
2665 Billingsley Road  
Columbus, OH 43235  
Phone: (614) 766-2317  
Fax: (614) 766-4508  
Email: [acumanager@sbcglobal.net](mailto:acumanager@sbcglobal.net)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- We are looking for a RVT or recent graduate, comfortable and experienced with venipuncture, IV catheter placement, preparation of fecal, urine, and cytological samples, performing subcutaneous and intramuscular injections, taking radiographs, expressing anal glands, surgical prep and anesthesia monitoring, properly restraining animals, nail trimming, and client education.
- We are a busy, one doctor practice.
- This is a part time, permanent position, scheduled at approximately 25-30 hours/week.
- Salary dependent upon experience and education, \$13-18/hr.

### Lakeland Animal Clinic

Eliza Welch, Office Manager  
20690 Lakeland Blvd  
Euclid, OH 44119  
Phone: (216) 731-5536  
Fax: (216) 731-5563

Email: [lakelandanimalclinic.manager@gmail.com](mailto:lakelandanimalclinic.manager@gmail.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Manager- Premier Dog Boarding & Daycare

- Technicians looking for a career with a new twist?
- We are looking for a manager to oversee a busy fast paced dog boarding, daycare, training & grooming facility.
- Management experience helpful.
- Must be available weekends and holidays.
- \$12-\$15 and hour.
- Bonus opportunities.
- Paid vacation time.

#### Camp Bow Wow

Roxanne, Owner

14411 Foltz Parkway

Strongsville, OH 44149

Phone: (440) 572-3200

Fax: (440) 572-3202

Email: [Strongsville@campbowwow.com](mailto:Strongsville@campbowwow.com)

Website: [www.campbowwow.com](http://www.campbowwow.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- We are seeking a dynamic registered technician who is looking for a career in a small and wonderful work environment.
- Please be friendly, outgoing, great at multitasking, detail oriented, highly professional in your appearance and dependable.
- Some of your main duties include but are not limited to:
  - Client education
  - Filing prescription
  - Venipuncture
  - Reception duty
  - Running labs
  - Dental prophylaxis and charting
  - All surgical skills
  - Administering medications orally, subcutaneous, intramuscular and intravenous route
- Salary will commensurate with education and experience
- Paid vacation and some holidays after one year of full time service
- Pet care discount
- Please sent your resume to [biz2121@hotmail.com](mailto:biz2121@hotmail.com)

#### Edgetown Veterinary Clinic

Candace Gibney

5398 S SR 49

Greenville, OH 45331

Phone: (937) 548-4049

Fax: (937) 548-8966

Email: [biz2121@hotmail.com](mailto:biz2121@hotmail.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- We are currently looking for a Registered Veterinary Technician. FULL AND PART TIME.
- We are a fast paced 3 doctor veterinary practice looking someone who is a leader, self-motivated, and hard working.
- We highly value each member of our staff and utilize all of their skills. We work as a team to grow personally and as a practice.
- We put our patients first offering the highest quality of care with the latest equipment.
- SEND RESUME, no phone calls accepted.
- Perks:
  - Insurance available to full-time employees
  - Retirement plan
  - Continuing education
  - Discounts for your pets
  - Uniforms
  - Vacation, Personal time, and holidays after first year.
  - Evening (until 8pm) and SATURDAYS (8-5 or 2-5pm) are required.
  - Pay is dependent on experience and skill level.
- We perform back ground checks and drug testing.
- Job Type: FT and PT
- Required license or certification:

### Seven Hills Pet Clinic

Kerri - RVT, Supervisor

1376 St. Rt. 28

Loveland, OH 45140

Phone: (513) 575-9696

Email: [Kerri\\_74\\_4@hotmail.com](mailto:Kerri_74_4@hotmail.com)

Website: [sevenhillspet.com](http://sevenhillspet.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- 2 Dr Practice that handles emergencies along with typical day to day medicine.
- Technicians in this position are at times the difference between a patient surviving or not.
- The position is very rewarding and provides opportunities to bond with pets and their families.
- Do you have the skillset to monitor a critical patient?

### Westerville Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Damian Giancola, Practice Owner

69 Huber Village Blvd

Westerville, OH 43081

Phone: (614) 882-2332

Email: [dogmanosu@yahoo.com](mailto:dogmanosu@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.westervillepets.com](http://www.westervillepets.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Staff Registered Veterinary Technician

- The Spay Neuter Clinic has immediate openings for 2 Registered Veterinary Technicians.
- This is a high volume spay/neuter and wellness clinic.
- Hours are Mon thru Friday 7 a.m. to 3p.m. or 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. no weekends, evenings or holidays.
- Wages are negotiable but commensurate with experience.
- Benefits include paid licensing and continuing education as well as discounts for your pet(s) care.

#### Spay Neuter Clinic

Matthew, Office Manager

3136 S. Hamilton Road

Columbus, OH 43232

Phone: (614) 252-7207

Fax: (614) 252-7210

Email: [dpanimalhospital@gmail.com](mailto:dpanimalhospital@gmail.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- We are accepting applications for a licensed Registered Veterinary Technician!
- This position is available to energetic people who are self-directed and enjoy the rewards of making a difference in the animal community.
- Applicants must be comfortable handling dogs, cats, and rabbits of various temperaments and sizes.
- The ability to multi-task, plan ahead, delegate, and run a surgical and dental schedule of 8 to 15 pets per day efficiently with the assistance of one to two veterinary assistants is imperative.
- The successful applicant will be expected to carry and answer our on-call cell phone to address postoperative client concerns Monday through Saturday 7am to 9pm on a rotating basis.

#### Pets In Stitches

Danielle Rastetter, Dr.

8265 Springboro Pike

Miamisburg, OH 45342

Phone: (937) 630-3320

Fax: (937) 630-3325

Email: [contact@petsinstitches.com](mailto:contact@petsinstitches.com)

Website: [www.petsinstitches.com](http://www.petsinstitches.com)

## ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Visit our Employment web page for a complete listing of Employment Opportunities at:

<http://www.ohiorvt.org/employment.htm>