



# OAVT Newsletter

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

<http://www.ohiorvt.org>

Fall 2014

## President's Corner...

The Discovery 2014 is scheduled for October 11-12 and looks to be a great one. The cost is a little more than in the past because of overall increasing costs and fewer sponsorships, but the OAVT board continues to work hard to bring our members a quality continuing education seminar.

Topics include: Cardiology, Dentistry, Alternative Medicine, Nutrition, a speaker from The Wilds, and current updated information from the OVMLB. Sharing ideas and meeting with technicians from around Ohio at our annual meeting is a great way to get your continuing education.

I look forward to seeing all of you!

Earl Harrison, RVT

## Next Board OAVT Meeting September 21, 2014 - 10:30am

MedVet Columbus Metro Location  
300 East Wilson Bridge Road  
Worthington, Ohio 43085

Members are invited to come to a board meeting if they would like to find out more about OAVT.

The OAVT consists of officers, board members, and district representatives. If anyone is interested in helping with the Discovery short course in October they can contact the OAVT via email on our website.

We are looking for someone to do the newsletter, be involved on a committee, or be a presider at the Discovery short course (introduce a speaker).

## Discovery 2014 October 11 & 12, 2014

Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians  
Holiday Inn  
Holiday Inn Columbus-Worthington  
7007 North High Street  
Worthington, Ohio 43085  
Phone 614-436-0700

Registration packets will be mailed shortly. 2015 is when Ohio veterinary technicians need to register with the OVMLB with continuing education credit hours. Be sure you are prepared!

You need ten (10) continuing education hours by March 1, 2015.

Start checking now! Don't wait until the last minute!

## Elections 2014

President - Earl Harrison  
Vice President - Cindy Curto  
Secretary - Open  
Treasurer - Peggy Dahlhausen

There was only one person running for each office so no ballots were needed.

The secretary position is open if anyone is interested.

Our current Secretary is stepping down - Sandy Matthews stepped up to the plate when our Executive Secretary Barbara Madison passed away last year. She was an enormous help to the Association and helped us continue serving the membership.

We thank her for her service!

## What is the OAVT?

**T**he Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians is the largest organization in the State of Ohio that is concerned solely with the welfare of Ohio's Registered Veterinary Technicians. When you support the OAVT by becoming a member, you benefit by receiving a professional fellowship which stimulates growth as a person and a technician.

You also receive the newsletter which the OAVT publishes quarterly to keep technicians informed of state activities. The OAVT is responsible for promoting and encouraging the upgrading of the professional status of the Registered Veterinary Technician.

The OAVT makes continuing education available and easily accessible to all technicians. The OAVT develops programs to make communities aware of the technician's functions and role in the veterinary profession.

The OAVT is your organization!

## 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/>

## Executive Board

**President: Earl Harrison**

**Vice President: Cindy Curto**

**Treasurer: Peggy Dahlhausen**

**Secretary: *Open***

**Immediate Past President: Janet Buck**

**OVMLB Liaison: Reneé Jessen, RVT**

**NAVTA Liaison: Janet Buck, RVT**

The following offices that are up for election are:

**Secretary**

## OAVT Committees

### **The Student Awards Committee**

Chairperson: Open

Members: Kim Myers / Earl Harrison

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

Chairperson: Janet Lazarus

Members: Cindy Curto / Earl Harrison

### **The Discovery Programs Committee**

Chairperson: Earl Harrison

Members: Leslie Thompson / Bethany Kinner / Sandy Matthews

### **The Finance Committee**

Chairperson: Peggy Dahlhausen

Members: Kim Myers

### **The Legislative Committee**

Chairperson: Janet Lazarus

### **The Membership Committee**

Chairperson: Janet Buck

### **The MVC Committee**

Chairperson: Vicki Riley

Members: Kim Myers / Leslie Thompson / Cindy Curto

### **The Public Relations Committee**

Chairperson: Kim Myers

Members: Peggy Dahlhausen

### **The Website Committee**

Chairperson: Peggy Dahlhausen

## Helping Clients Determine Quality of Life

As RVT's we have many roles. Perhaps one of the most heart wrenching struggles a pet parent faces with a terminally ill pet is determining, "when is it time?" Pet parents often bring that struggle to us, looking for guidance. It is a struggle because there is no definitive, black and white answer to this frequently asked question. It is subjective. But it is more than that. It also stirs up ethical, moral and spiritual questions. It is complex. I've developed a tool to help my clients wrestle with this question in a more structured way. If the question is, "when is it time to send my pet to the rainbow bridge?" the scale uses an easy acronym of RAINBOW to help the pet parent assess quality and better answer the question.

Are there changes in: **R**outine, **A**ttitude, **I**ncontinence, **N**utrition, **B**reathing, **O**bvious Pain, **W**alking? Hospice is a philosophy that embraces the notion of living...really living until you die. That is also the goal of pet hospice. The RAINBOW Scale helps the pet parent assess the quality of their pet's life. Are they really living? They may not be living like they did when they were puppies or kitties, but age is not a disease. With age comes maturity and stability. So when we assess the quality of a pet's life we want to do it an age appropriate way. With age the pet will slow down naturally, and sleep more. Having a safe, secure environment to rest in, is one of the great gifts a pet parent can provide a beloved aging pet. This type of information and encouragement given by the RVT goes a long way to strengthen the relationship with the client.

Tammy Wynn, MHA, LISW, RVT, owner of Cincinnati based Angel's Paws, a complete end of life care service for pets and the people who love them. Tammy invites you to use this tool, with attribution. Copies of the "how do I know when it's time" brochure, featuring the RAINBOW scale, are available for purchase from Angel's Paws.

## Continuing Education Opportunities

MedVet also offers continuing education courses in Columbus.

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

Technicians need to get their CE in by the end of February of next year (a total of 10 CEs) to register with the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board (OVMLB).

<http://www.medvetohio.com/referring-vets/continuing-education>

## National Veterinary Technician Week October 12-18, 2014

## Animals for Life Foundation The Forum 2014

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-forum-registration-8972931279?nomo=1>

## 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 \$50.00, 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 60 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 60 days.

All payments should be directed to our Treasurer:

In Care of The OAVT  
1610 Roxbury Drive  
Xenia, Ohio 45385

Please make checks payable to the OAVT Treasurer.

**Job ads are available to download on the website if "your clinic is hiring".**

Download the classified ad form at:

[www.ohiorvt.org/download/OAVT Website Classified Ad Form.doc](http://www.ohiorvt.org/download/OAVT%20Website%20Classified%20Ad%20Form.doc)

## Employment Opportunities

### Part-time Vet Tech Program Instructor

Vet Tech Institute at Bradford School is looking for an energetic RVT to join our established team of vet tech instructors.

Minimum of two years clinical experience required.

Hours will vary each 8-week school term, so some flexibility will be necessary. Successful candidates for this position will not only have well-developed technical skills, but also a strong desire to foster lasting relationships with our clients and their pets.

Our technicians enjoy challenge and make daily use of their acquired skills and talents.

Candidates must be team-oriented but with confidence in their ability to work independently, as they will be providing evening treatments for hospitalized patients.

#### **Vet Tech Institute at Bradford School**

Angela Beal, DVM, Program Director

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Columbus, Ohio 43219

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## Employment Opportunities

### Registered Veterinary Technician

AAHA - Accredited practice seeking experienced, team-oriented professional veterinary technician.

Duties include: Iv catheter placement on all surgeries, anesthesia monitoring, dental prophylaxis and dental radiography, digital radiography, ekg and blood pressure monitoring, perform ear cytology and prepare skin cytology, run in house blood machines, send out lab work and other diagnostics, help with educating clients and general public.

This job requires weekend and on call duties that are divided amongst all staff members.

#### **The Veterinary Center of Hudson**

Jennifer Hamilton, Office Manager, R.V.T.

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

## Employment Opportunities

**Daytime ICU RVT, Daytime Imaging RVT,  
Daytime Internal Medicine RVT, Emergency RVT**

Satellite location for The OSU Veterinary Medical Center-Columbus located near Tuttle Mall in Dublin.

We opened in April of 2013 and provide specialty surgery, internal medicine, and imaging, along with 24-hour emergency care.

We are seeking RVTs for FT daytime hours for our imaging, internal medicine, and emergency department.

Also seeking ER RVTs for overnights including weekend hours.

Both FT and PT opportunities available on ER.

### . Ohio State Veterinary Medical Center at Dublin

Heidi Shull, Practice Administrator  
5020 Bradenton Ave  
Dublin, Ohio 43017  
Phone: (614) 889-8070  
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Email: <mailto:hshull@vsmso.com>  
Website: [vet.osu.edu/vmc-dublin](http://vet.osu.edu/vmc-dublin)

## Employment Opportunities

**Experienced/Semi-Experienced Registered  
Veterinary Technician**

Full time technician needed for small town, single doctor mixed animal practice.

Must have excellent communication skills as job will require you to help with front desk and scheduling.

Position available immediately.

### **Bliss Veterinary Services**

Dr. Sara M. Bliss, Owner  
488 E. Canal Street  
Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832  
Phone: (330) 663-1935  
Email: [b\\_sarajane@hotmail.com](mailto:b_sarajane@hotmail.com)

## Additional Employment Opportunities

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

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