



OAVT Newsletter

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

<http://www.ohiorvt.org>

Fall 2015

President's Corner...

Discovery 2015, also called the annual meeting of technicians, is over for this year. Good news is Discovery 2016 is in the planning stage for next October 8 & 9, 2016. Discovery this year had good speakers and a gift for members that were at the meeting of over 150 attendees.

Sponsors and exhibitors are always welcome at the annual meeting for our attendees to interact with them and help reduce the cost to be at Discovery.

I will share some information from a survey done by attendees at Discovery 2015.

The results:

- 36.49% veterinarians paid for Discovery 2015
- 63.51% technicians paid for Discovery 2015
- 19% attendees are from Franklin County then Lorain 9%, Medina 6%, Stark and Ross 4%

See you next year at Discovery 2016,
Earl Harrison, RVT

Next Board OAVT Meeting

December 6, 2015 - 10:00am

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 presenter at the Discovery short course (introduce a speaker).

The Midwest Veterinary Convention (MVC) 2016

February 25-28, 2016

The Midwest Veterinary Conference (MVC), hosted by the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association, is a growing, regional veterinary conference packed with opportunities for every aspect of the veterinary profession. From veterinarians to staff and students, there is something for everyone.

OAVT will have a booth at the MVC.

<http://www.mvcinfo.org/index.html>

Greater Columbus Convention Center

The OAVT is now on Facebook



[Check out our Facebook page](#)

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

Images from Discovery 2015



Ohio Loves Their Vet Techs!

We just recently completed a state wide survey in an effort to gauge the state of our profession as well as how far reaching it has become. While the pay scale and benefits vary widely we are also seeing a tremendous opportunity for growth and development.

We have techs working in such a vast dynamic it makes us really excited for our future. Technicians are spreading their expertise into laboratory medicine, pharmaceuticals, medical device research, conservation, private research, specialty hospitals, hospice care, government roles, pet food companies, human medicine, as well as with veterinary help lines in addition to education, private practice, university settings, and corporate practice.

The possibilities are endless and our techs are on the fore front of it! Way to blaze a trail for the future!!!

We just recently completed our yearly CE event, Discovery. We had almost 200 attendees receiving six hours of continuing education. We kicked it off with a dinner presentation sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition. Idexx gave us a tasty start the next day by sponsoring breakfast which was then followed with great lectures from phenomenal speakers covering topics in compassion fatigue, next treatments for mast cell tumors, dental radiography, laboratory medicine, hospice care, surgery preparedness, and anesthesia monitoring including an overview of induction drugs. We had three tracts running simultaneously all day.

Support was generously given to us by our sponsors; Hill's Pet Nutrition, Merial Animal Health, Midwest Veterinary Supply, Vetamac, Idexx, Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital, and MedVet Medical and Cancer Center for Pets who all had representatives present in our exhibit area for additional information and education. In honor of Veterinary Technician Week all technicians received a bonus gift of an Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians t-shirt as well as a lapel pin with the Veterinary Technician logo.

Some very lucky participants won raffle prizes including t-shirts featuring the "I am a Vet Tech" poem, gift cards, free memberships, free admission to next year's Discovery, admission to the Midwest Veterinary Conference, anesthesia equipment, and veterinary themed gift sets. The entire weekend was an amazing time and we truly loved meeting and talking with techs from all over the state. We are so excited to see you all next year.

Lastly, we are busy working on our next event... The Midwest Veterinary Conference in February in conjunction with the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association. We will have a booth set up in the exhibit hall where techs can come for information about our association and learn how they can be a part of it. In addition there will be technician dedicated tracts everyday throughout the four day CE extravaganza.

Come meet the board who represent you, make new friends, and catch-up with old ones. More information will be coming as we get closer to the date. We look forward to seeing you this winter!

What is the OAVT?

The 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!

Join the OAVT Board

If you are interested in being a district representative or joining the board please contact Earl Harrison by email: earl.harrison@sbcglobal.net.

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

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

Immediate Past President: Janet Buck

OVMLB Liaison: Dianne "Annie" Jones, RVT

NAVTA Liaison: Janet Buck, RVT

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: 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.medvetforpets.com/referring-vets/continuing-education>

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.

Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

Want to work at the AAHA Practice of the Year for 2015?

Do you have experience working with animals in a veterinary hospital?

We are looking to add another registered technician to our fabulous staff for 35+hours a week (some weekends and nights on a rotating basis).

Must be knowledgeable about holding animals properly, surgical experience, giving medications and not afraid to speak to people and ability to work on a computer.

Pay contingent upon experience.

Healthcare, Dental, SIRA, Pet Insurance, Vacation, PTO, uniforms and CE allowance available.

Cornerstone knowledge a plus!

North Royalton Animal Hospital

Dr. Jen Business, Manager

9027 Ridge Road

North Royalton, Ohio 44133

Phone: (440) 237-7691

Email: <mailto:mbjeni@aol.com>

Website: www.northroyaltonanimalhospital.com

Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

Do you have great personal skills, communication skills and technical skills?

If so, please contact our hospital to become a new team member!

Our goal is to provide the best care for our patients while supporting and educating our clients.

Job duties include:

- o Checking in patients, surgical prep and monitoring, utilizing our digital radiology, IV catheter placement, blood draws, operating our in-house laboratory, ultrasonic dental unit, therapeutic laser, maintaining inventory management, and assisting with office hours.

Qualifications:

- o Must be registered by the state of Ohio, possess excellent verbal and written communication skills, excellent technical skills, the ability to prioritize and be organized, a good work ethic, a great attitude, self-motivation and a willingness to be part of a team.

If this ad describes you, please fax or email your resume!

Woodside Veterinary Hospital LLC

Melissa LeVan, Practice Administrator

17823 State Route 31

Marysville, Ohio 43040

Phone: (937) 642-3111

Fax: (937) 642-4191

Email: woodsideenterprises@frontier.com

Website: www.woodsideveterinaryhospital.com

Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

REGISTERED VET TECH WANTED - Liberty Vet Hospital, in West Chester/Liberty Twp OH is looking for a detail oriented team player to exceed expectations, not just collect a paycheck.

Position includes mornings, early evenings, rotating weekends.

Competitive pay per experience, benefits available.

Must be licensed in Ohio, or 2nd year RVT student to qualify.

Services include laser surgery, ultrasound, x-ray, dentals, labwork, boarding, grooming.

Fax résumé to Jeff at 513-755-9107, or email manager@libertyvet.net.

Liberty Veterinary Hospital

Jeff Swift, Manager

6823 Yankee Road

Liberty Twp, Ohio 45044

Phone: (513) 755-9700

Fax: (513) 755-9107

Email: manager@libertyvet.net

Website: www.libertyvet.net

Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

Busy 3 doctor Small Animal practice seeking a RVT. Part time or full time available.

Job includes:

- Checking in patients, surgical monitoring and preparing patients, cleaning and stocking hospital, helping in appointments, kennel work.
- Knowledge including but not limited to Dental cleanings, blood draws, reading fecals, Animal Restraint, Radiographs, giving medications.

Qualifications:

- Board certification, good communication skills, multi-task in fast paced environment, maintain clean appearance, lift up to 50lbs, proficient in patient restraint.

Compensation based on skills and experience as well as a very good benefits package.

Lewis Animal Hospital

Dr. Larry Keller, Veterinarian

451 E. Galbraith Road

Cincinnati, Ohio 45215

Phone: (513) 821-1101

Fax: (513) 821-2555

Email: lah@lewisanimalhospital.com

Website: www.lewisanimalhospital.com

Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

We are currently seeking to add a licensed Veterinary Technician to our team.

The successful candidate must be self-motivated, have the capability to multi-task with attention to detail.

Candidate will possess excellent customer service and communication skills and be proficient with technical responsibilities.

We offer premium wages along with paid vacation, medical and dental insurance and 401(k) plan.

Please mail or fax resume to:

Daniel Overmeyer Veterinary Center

Hope Overmeyer, Manager
6625 Sylvania Avenue
Sylvania, Ohio 43560
Phone: (419) 885-1331
Fax: (419) 882-7372

Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

Busy 3-doctor small-animal practice is seeking experienced Veterinary Technicians.

Our mission is to provide the best possible care for our patients, while supporting and educating our clients.

Interested technicians should possess excellent communication skills, leadership qualities, and a great attitude.

Wages and benefits are competitive with larger specialty practices and include 100% paid health care premiums, paid vacation, and uniform and continuing education allowances.

We will also consider paying relocation costs for the ideal candidate.

Poland Veterinary Centre

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Additional Employment Opportunities

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

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