



OAVT Newsletter

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

<http://www.ohiorvt.org>

Fall 2016

President's Corner...

Discovery 2017 will be at a new site. The Holiday Inn will be under construction to build two small hotels in 2017.

The Nationwide Gateway Convention center, just a few miles north on Route 23, will be the new site for the Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians new annual Discovery Program.

The Nationwide convention center has room for many people and state-of-the-art electronic equipment, with a lot of ample parking.

The Search committee examined food, parking, support staff, and expanding needs for space in the future.

See you all at the annual meeting in 2017.

Earl Harrison, RVT

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!

Next OAVT Board Meeting

Sunday, December 4

10:00am

Medvet in Columbus

300 East Wilson Bridge Rd

Worthington, Ohio 43085

The OAVT is on Facebook



[Check out our Facebook page](#)

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

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/>

Southwest Ohio Veterinary Managers Association SOVMA Fall Conference

Managers, doctors and staff members interested in leadership are invited to join us for the Southwest Veterinary Managers Association's first annual Fall Conference.

[Click here for more information](#)

Cincinnati Veterinary Technicians Association (CVTA)

Visit their website at: www.cincyrvt.org

Phone (614) 436-0700

Executive Board

President: Earl Harrison

Vice President: Christie Myers

Secretary: Kristie Houllès-Burd

Treasurer: Peggy Dahlhausen

Immediate Past President: Janet Buck

OVMLB Liaison: Dianne "Annie" Jones, RVT

NAVTA Liaison: Christie Myers, 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: Christie Myers

Members: Earl Harrison

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

The Newsletter Committee

Chairperson: Peggy Dahlhausen

The Public Relations Committee

Chairperson: Kim Myers

Members: Peggy Dahlhausen

The Website Committee

Chairperson: Peggy Dahlhausen

2016 Discovery Recap

The Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians celebrated their fortieth anniversary this year with a bang! We just wrapped up another great CE weekend with Discovery 2016. We were very excited to welcome over 260 attendees, 10 exhibitors (15 exhibitees), and 10 lecturers providing three continuously running education tracts.

With very generous support from Ceva Animal Health, Hill's Veterinary Diets, Merial Animal Health, Idexx Laboratories, Midwest Veterinary Supply, Vetamac, MedVet Medical Centers for Pets, Pfizer Animal Health, Embrace Pet Insurance, ASPCA Pet Health Insurance, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Patterson Veterinary Supply, and The Greyhound Health Initiative we were able to put together amazing CE and a fun time for our awesome technicians.

In honor of our anniversary and National Vet Tech Week we gave every attendee a bandage scissor engraved with our logo and "40 years strong" along with a nice notepad/pen combo, CE flash drive, and some other great gifts donated by our supporters. A nicely diverse selection of topics was offered including reptile health, ultrasonography, acupuncture, laboratory medicine, attaining a specialty, communication skills, and a full day of behavior techniques. To top off the weekend we had the Columbus Zoo give a discussion on zoology and they brought along some beautiful and funky critters for us to appreciate.

It was a fantastic weekend for education, uplifting and empowering the phenomenal veterinary technicians of Ohio, and coming together as one amazing profession. We can't wait for an even bigger and better event next year.

Our 2016 executive board was announced after a recent election. The current board for The Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians is: Earl Harrison RVT- President, Christie Myers RVT, VTS (Clinical Practice- Canine/Feline)- Vice President, Janet Buck RVT- Executive Secretary, Kristie Burd RVT- Secretary, and Peggy Dahlhausen RVT- Treasurer. We look forward to a year full of progress and embrace the changes we hope to see in our veterinary community as well as nationally.

Midwest Veterinary Conference is just around the corner and we are planning some fun surprises there! Hill's Veterinary Diets is graciously helping to sponsor a technician lounge where technicians can relax and take a load off from a busy day and meet with board members.

This is a great place to see how you can impact your fellow critter lovers and find out how to help on a local, regional, state, or national level to bring quality education, programs, benefits, compassion, and a voice to the hard working people of our field.

We will also have a booth set up in the exhibit hall for more information on how you can encourage learning, help foster good will, or become part of our family.

We can't wait to meet you in Ohio! www.OhioRVT.org or on Facebook at The Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians.

Christie Myers RVT, VTS (Clinical Practice- Canine/Feline)
OAVT Vice President, Discovery Chair, NAVTA State Representative

New State-Mandated Pharmacy Laws

There are new state-mandated Pharmacy Laws that will change our verification process when filling medications. Effective today, every filled medication leaving the hospital must be visually verified by a doctor. Zero exceptions.

Basically, there has to be a dispensing log - it can be done in excel, and signed at the end of the day. The prescribing vet has to visually verify the medication before being dispensed to a client (not just 2 employee initials). Log should have the date, patient name, drug name, strength, and amount being dispensed. This has applied to doctors and pharmacists, and now will apply to veterinarians.

(F) A prescriber may designate a health care professional acting within the scope of the professional's practice and, under the supervision of the prescriber, to prepare and package a dangerous drug that will be personally furnished by the prescriber.

(G) A prescriber shall perform the final check of the dangerous drug prior to personally furnishing. The final check shall be documented using positive identification pursuant to rule [4729-5-01](#) of the Administrative Code.

Ohio Administrative Code 4729-5-17. It links to other related codes including [4729-5-01](#) and [4729-9-22](#)

Go to the pharmacy.ohio.gov website for more information.

2016 OAVT OUTSTANDING VETERINARY TECHNICIAN AWARD

CRYSTAL SIMS



Crystal Sims from Columbus, Ohio is the recipient of this year's Outstanding Veterinary Technician Award. Crystal received her Veterinary Technology degree at Columbus State Community College and her Bachelor of Science degree in animal science at The Ohio State University. Crystal is certified as a Laboratory Animal Technician by the American Association of Laboratory Animal Science. She is currently working toward her next certification as a Laboratory Animal Technologist.

Crystal is employed as a Laboratory Animal Technician in the University Laboratory Animal Resources at The Ohio State University. Crystal is a member of the OAVT, the National AALAS, and the Central Ohio Branch of AALAS. She was co-author on an article published in Laboratory Animal Science Professional and a poster which was presented at the 2015 National AALAS Conference. Crystal is a volunteer member of the Medical Reserve Corp of Franklin County and also volunteers as a docent at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.

Crystal has been described as "dedicated, invaluable team member, having a caring and positive nature, selfless, trustworthy, compassionate, and incredibly intelligent".

Crystal will be honored at the OAVT Discovery 2016 Conference in October. Congratulations, Crystal!

Northwest Ohio Veterinary Technician Association (NWOVTA)

District One and the northern part of District Four are once again up and running with the newly formed Northwest Ohio Veterinary Technician Association. For the past year the association has slowly been growing thanks to generous support from area pharmaceutical representatives who contribute speakers and venues for the technicians of the area to come together.

The aim is for at least one CE/dinner every other month. With this great opportunity the chance for learning and developing a tight technician community is available to all technicians and the main goal of the group.

All technicians can benefit from a local association made just for them to encourage growth, uplift spirits, support goals, and offer a place to come together with a common passion for critters. If you would like to be part of the Northwest Ohio Veterinary Technician Association you can become a member of their Facebook page by asking to join (Northwest Ohio Veterinary Technician Association) or send an e-mail to www.nwohvettech@gmail.com.

The Facebook page is a closed group available only to technicians in order to foster support, share stories, and get advice when needed. NWOVTA looks forward to supporting, encouraging, and growing the amazing field of Veterinary Technology.

If you have any questions at the local, state, or national level of vet tech med, please reach out!

Christie Myers RVT, VTS (Clinical Practice- Canine/Feline)

NWOVTA Founder

District Representative to the Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians, Discovery Chair

State Representative to North American Veterinary Technician Association

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>

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](#)

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

Registered Veterinary Technician

- Lifetime Pet Wellness Center is a full service integrative veterinary hospital in North Columbus and we are seeking an experienced registered veterinary technician.
- Must be self-motivated, professional, detail oriented, have excellent communication skills and be a team player.
- Duties include but are not limited to: checking patients in and out, working with clients on patient care, assisting doctors with in-patient care and surgeries along with various shared duties..
- Salary based on experience.
- Medical, dental, and vision benefits after 60 days.
- 120 hours PTO after 1 year.

Lifetime Pet Wellness Center

Laurie Carlson, Accountant

454 Lazelle Road

Columbus, Ohio 43240

Phone: (614) 519-7122

Fax: (614) 888-0622

Email: laurie@lifetimepetwellness.com

Website: www.lifetimepetwellness.com

Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

- Pittsburgh Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center (PVSEC) in Pittsburgh, PA is currently seeking multiple full-time Veterinary Technicians to join its team.
- Our 34,795 square-foot state-of-the-art facility is the most comprehensive multi-specialty hospital in the Western Pennsylvania Area.
- We are currently seeking technicians for our specialty departments.
- These positions will assist with patient care, as well as interact with clients and referring Veterinarians.
- High school diploma required.
- Veterinary Technician degree preferred.

Pittsburgh Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center

Scott Williams

807 Camp Horne Road

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237

Phone: (814) 348-6513

Email: swilliams@pvs-ec.com

Website: www.pvs-ec.com/pvsec-careers

Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

- Agri-Pet Veterinary Service is seeking a full-time registered veterinary technician.
- We provide veterinary care for companion animal and equine patients.
- Technician duties primarily involve working with companion animals, but can involve horses if interested.
- Benefits include paid holidays and vacation, insurance allowance, paid CE and licensure, and profit sharing.
- Interested applicants can contact Dr. Dave Kraushar by phone or e-mail.

Agri-Pet Veterinary Service Inc.

Dr. Dave Kraushar

1447 Millville Shandon Road

Hamilton, Ohio 45013

Phone: (513) 863-2306

Email: agripetvet@yahoo.com

Website: www.agripetvet.com

Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

- Provide professional expertise independently and as part of a team.
- Utilize all skills, including client communications.
- Flexibility with schedule desired, working some evenings & Saturday mornings.
- Interest in providing nursing care and assisting in appointments, anesthesia, dentistry, and surgery.
- Our practice utilizes paperless records, Idexx lab and Dental X-ray.
- Our patients receive lots of TLC, with the goal of fear-free.
- Competitive wages and a benefits package for full time.
- Part-time and Full-time applicants considered.

Perimeter Veterinary Hospital LLC

Dr. Sherrie Ridenour, Owner

6051 Perimeter Drive

Dublin, Ohio 43017

Phone: (614) 791-9191

Fax: (614) 792-9191

Email: dr.ridenour@perimetervet.com

Website: www.perimetervet.com

Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

- The Orrville Veterinary Clinic is seeking a registered veterinary technician to join our newly expanded AAHA accredited practice and satellite offices in northeast Ohio.
- We are seeking individuals that are team oriented, honest, engaged, and hard working.
- We offer vacation, 401K, health insurance, and CE benefits.
- To apply, email your resume to: info@orrvillevetclinic.com.

Orrville Veterinary Clinic

Misty Hostetler, Business Manager

1665 N. Main Street

Orrville, Ohio 44667

Phone: (330) 682-2971

Fax: (330) 682-3627

Email: info@orrvillevetclinic.com

Employment Opportunities

Full-Time RVT

- Looking for a full-time RVT who can thrive our multi DVM practice.
- Experience with pocket pets/ exotics a plus but will train.
- Benefits include health and dental care, IRA, paid vacation and holidays.

Animal and Avian Medical Center

Walter Martin, DVM Owner

4171 Center Road

Brunswick, Ohio 44212

Phone: (330) 225-0095

Fax: (330) 225-8236

Email: ohpetdoc@gmail.com

Employment Opportunities

Veterinary Technician

- We are a brand new hospital seeking a technician who is passionate about helping animals and utilizing their technical skills, like drawing blood, placing IV catheters, inducing anesthesia, assisting in surgeries, microchipping, dental work, taking x-rays, etc.
- We focus on community education and work with local rescues and pet stores.
- We offer a range of benefits, competitive salary, and offer opportunities for growth.

Total Veterinary Care

Hannah Flood, Director of Human Resources

2802 London-Groveport Road

Grove City, Ohio 43123

Phone: (919) 346-0358

Email: Hannah.Flood@TotalVeterinaryCare.com

Additional Employment Opportunities

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

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