



OAVT Newsletter

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

<http://www.ohiorvt.org>

Spring 2015

President's Corner...

Spring is finally here and snow and cold are a thing of the past and for the record books.

Discovery 2015 will be here October 10th & 11th 2015.

Planning for our annual meeting is now moving ahead and keep the dates as a place to be in October.

Also a survey is being drawn up to help develop programs and give information on technicians interests in Ohio.

Information on salaries, starting income, and benefits is not known at this time for technicians in Ohio.

Earl Harrison, RVT

Next Board OAVT Meeting

June 14, 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 presider at the Discovery short course (introduce a speaker).

Discovery 2015 October 10 & 11, 2015

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!

National Veterinary Technician Week

October 11-17, 2015

National Veterinary Technician Week, first celebrated in 1993, takes place in the third week of October each year, and provides an opportunity to recognize veterinary technicians' contributions.

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: Reneé Jessen, 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: 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.medvetforpets.com/referring-vets/continuing-education>

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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

Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

Our AAHA small animal hospital is currently looking for an experienced full/part time licensed technician.

We are looking for a positive, energetic, team player with excellent communication skills and multi-tasking abilities that wants to practice what they were taught in school.

Ideal candidates should be familiar with AAHA standards in animal care/treatment and be willing to practice a higher level of medicine.

Skilled in anesthesia with surgery and dentistry (dental radiography)

Animal handling and restraint

The Veterinary Center of Hudson

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Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

- Assess patient status, review plan and perform patient treatments
- Monitor patients, clean patients and cages as needed
- Recordkeeping in Cornerstone
- Maintain various logs (ex. radiology, controlled substances, surgery, etc)
- Alert Veterinarian of any changes in patient status
- Assist Veterinarian with patient care
- Anticipate needs and set up patient for Veterinarian
- Recognize signs of pain, understand medications and methods used to control pain
- Recognize potentially contagious diseases
- Safely and humanely restrain patients
- Perform nail trims, ear cleaning and anal gland expressions
- Calculate medication volumes and rates of administration
- Administer injectable, topical and oral medication to patient
- Perform venipuncture and place IV catheters and administer IV fluids using an IV pump
- Perform cystocentesis and manage urinary catheters
- Implant microchips
- Apply variety of bandages as needed
- Perform dental scaling, polishing and simple extractions
- Perform dental charting and document in patient file
- Perform radiographs

Fox Veterinary Hospital, Inc.

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Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

Requirements: Compassion for animals, friendly, professional, positive attitude, work in a team environment.

Good at multitasking, proficient with computers, able to work a flexible schedule including Saturdays.

Reliable transportation, excellent communication skills, problem solving abilities, and work independently.

Duties include: venipuncture, administering vaccines and medications, placing IV catheters, restraining patients, radiology, surgery prep, monitoring anesthetized patients, complete dental prophylaxis, dispensing medications, care of hospitalized patients, maintaining a clean/organized treatment area and hospital, etc.

. Animal Hospital of Worthington

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Email: ngunderson@nvanet.com
Website: www.animalhospitalofworthington.com

Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

Agri-Pet Veterinary Service is a companion animal and equine mixed practice and is in search of a full or part-time registered technician.

Candidate must have good communication and technical skills.

Equine interest is desirable but not required.

Agri-Pet Veterinary Service Inc.

Dr. Dave Kraushar, Owner
1447 Millville Shandon Road
Hamilton, Ohio 45013
Phone: (513) 863-2306
Fax: (513) 863-0045
Email: agripetvet@yahoo.com

Additional Employment Opportunities

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

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