



OAVT Newsletter

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

<http://www.ohiorvt.org>

Spring 2016

President's Corner...

Warm weather and plants coming to life to say spring is coming to over 3,000 veterinary technicians in Ohio.

Also coming **October 8 & 9, 2016** is the time for **Discovery**. To network or to see other technicians from all over Ohio is great to do in October.

Plans for our annual meeting of technicians are in the works.

The Columbus Zoo will be at lunch and you need to come to see and learn about the creatures visiting with all of us at the annual meeting.

The Technician of The Year will be honored at this meeting and hoping someone you recommend is honored in the future.

I would like to remind technicians that many continuing education hours are available to you.

All technicians should know this annual meeting is planned and labored over to give members a return on their dues.

I will be at Discovery 2016 and want to see you at this annual meeting too.

Earl Harrison, RVT

Next Board OAVT Meeting

April 3, 2016 - 10:30am

Holiday Inn
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).

The OAVT is now on Facebook



[Check out our Facebook page](#)

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

Discovery 2016 October 8 & 9, 2016

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

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: Christie Myers, RVT

Offices up for Election

- **Vice President**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**

Anyone interested in running for office can contact Earl at: earl.harrison@sbcglobal.net

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 / Christie Myers

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 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!

National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA)

Ohio vet techs are amazing and diverse. Midwest Veterinary Conference just wrapped up with a record 6,228 attendees this year. Of that number; 1,406 were veterinary technicians and 582 were support staff. That is an amazing turnout given the pull of national conferences these days. The Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians had a great booth set up in the exhibit hall where we had the pleasure of meeting and talking with so many fantastic technicians and students in a wide variety of professional fields. We were very fortunate in having more than forty techs join or renew membership in the association and show dedication to the profession and its growth. The whole event was a huge success from all possible viewpoints... meet awesome people, learn new things, support and grow our passion. WIN, WIN!

We have also started planning our next Discovery Symposium. We hope to make this the best year yet with new and innovative lectures and a big celebration for the 40th Anniversary of The Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians. Please visit our Facebook page, The Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians, and leave suggestions on what you would love to learn more about at Discovery.

Our Immediate past president will again be visiting all the technician programs in Ohio to grow awareness of our organization and the benefits of being a part of the veterinary community. Our future is looking very bright and promising with the number of graduating technicians and opportunities available to them.

Do you know or work with a complete super hero of a tech?! We are currently accepting nominations for The Ohio Veterinary Technician of the Year, check out our website for information on how to nominate and honor an exceptional technician.

Please check out our website for up to the minute information, www.ohiorvt.org. If you ever considered growing your profession and want to be a bigger part of the association we have several districts that do not currently have representation. We would love for you to fill that spot! Join us at one of our meetings held at MedVet Columbus to offer your insights and opinions to make Ohio's association the best it can be. We also post continuing education opportunities, job listings, results for our state wide technician survey, and board meetings dates. We are for you, about you, and celebrate you- come help us grow!

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

District Representative and Discovery Chair

Ohio representative to NAVTA

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

Behavior Advocate Program by Ceva Animal Health

Understand WHY pets do what they do and how you can reduce their fear and stress in the veterinary hospital.

Earn 6 continuing education credits

**Saturday May 14, 2016
9am-4pm**

Registration starts at 8:30am

Breakfast and lunch included

DoubleTree

175 Hutchinson Avenue

Columbus, OH 43235

614.885.3334

[Click here to view the event brochure](#)

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

**American Holistic Veterinary
Medical Association**

2016 Annual Conference

September 10-13, 2016

Hyatt Regency Columbus & the Greater Columbus
Convention Center

Columbus, Ohio

[Click here to view the American Holistic Veterinary
Medical Association website](#)

Continuing Education Opportunities

David  LISS, RVT
Training. Educating. Empowering.

Dental Radiology: What lies beneath!

We are really excited to announce that this webinar is now RACE approved for 1.5 hours for both DVMS and Veterinary Technicians!

During this 90 minute interactive webinar, spend time with Mary L. Berg, BS, LATG, RVT, VTS(Dentistry) exploring Veterinary Dental Radiology - What Lies Beneath!

What should you expect to learn?

Understand dental radiograph positioning in the dog and cat.

Understand what makes a diagnostic image.

Learn to troubleshoot common positioning errors.

Learn basic dental radiograph anatomical landmarks and correct positioning for interpretation.

April 11, 2016 6pm to 730pm, Pacific

Only \$30!

[Click here to Register now!](#)

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
107 Browning Road
Swanton, Ohio 43558

Please make checks payable to: OAVT Treasurer.

Employment Opportunities

Veterinary Technician

- Assists with preparing and participating in procedures, compounding medications, performing treatments at the direction of the veterinary staff, restraining animals, performing diagnostic radiographs, cleaning up after procedures and preparing and sterilizing surgical packs.
- Performs laboratory work on hospital and research samples.
- Responsible for maintaining records and entering data into the ZIMS system.
- Responsible for clinic management including scheduling equipment maintenance and renewing all vendor and clinic licenses.
- Handles all POs, invoices, logs and tracks expenses.

The Wilds

Laura Reierison, HR Specialist
9990 Riverside Drive
Powell, Ohio 43065
Phone: (614) 724-3589
Fax: (614) 645-3599

Email: <mailto:laura.reierison@columbuszoo.org>

Website: thewilds.columbuszoo.org

Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

- The Veterinary Wellness Center of North Canton is a progressive, full service veterinary clinic located in downtown North Canton.
- We have the latest in chemistry and complete blood count machines, as well as direct digital radiography.
- We are seeking to hire a currently licensed and experienced veterinary technician who enjoys life and wants to work with people who do too.
- At your new job, you will be assisting in surgery, anesthesia, monitoring, performing dental prophylaxis, and technician wellness examinations.
- Pay is commensurate with experience.
- Please *do not apply if you are not a currently licensed technician*.
- This is a full-time position.

Veterinary Wellness Center of North Canton

Dr. Troy Larson, Owner - VWC
517 North Main Street
North Canton, Ohio 44720
Phone: (330) 966-5569
Fax: (330) 966-5382
Email: tlarson77@gmail.com
Website: www.vetwellnesscenter.com

Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

- Looking for an experienced RVT to join a busy, AAHA accredited, progressive small animal practice.
- Strong dental interest is highly preferred.
- You must be friendly, reliable, flexible with scheduling, and team oriented.
- Must be proficient in all technical skills and client education.
- We offer competitive pay as well as health/dental/vision insurance, life & disability insurance, 401K, paid holidays, vacation/sick pay, and a generous employee pet discount.

Animal Hospital of Worthington

Natalie Gunderson, Hospital Administrator
5756 N High Street
Worthington, Ohio 43085
Phone: (614) 885-0333
Fax: (614) 885-9449
Email: ngunderson@nvanet.com
Website: www.animalhospitalofworthington.com

Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

- I am looking for 1-2 RVT's for my very busy, predominantly small animal practice in rural southern Ohio.
- We are very busy and would keep a RVT very busy.

Scioto Trail Animal Clinic
Jillian Salisbury, DVM/Owner

2710 Scioto Trail

Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

Phone: (740) 353-2280

Fax: (740) 353-9083

Email: sciototrail@yahoo.com

Employment Opportunities

Registered Veterinary Technician

- Must have passed V.T.N.E., no experience required.
- We are looking for a skilled and fun team member with a great attitude and sense of humor for our 3 1/2 doctor, fast pace facility.
- We see lots of internal medicine and ortho cases.
- Surgery, lab, radiology, nursing, a client communication skills a must.
- Check us out today!

Fountain City Veterinary Hospital

Callie Britton R.V.T., Practice Manager

1202 S. Main Street

Bryan, Ohio 43506

Phone: (419) 636-5081

Fax: (419) 636-1412

Email: fountaincityvet@live.com

Additional Employment Opportunities

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

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