



# OAVT NEWSLETTER

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

<http://www.ohiorvt.org>

Summer 2017

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This will be my final message to our members of the O.A. V.T.

Another great **Discovery 2017** will be happening on **October 14 and 15, 2017**.

The program is in the final stage and will be sent to everyone, soon. New home for Discovery 2017 is the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center at 100 Green Meadow Drive South, Lewis Center, Ohio.

Education, networking can happen, meet friends, and prizes are possible for anyone registered for the annual meeting at Discovery 2017.

The Columbus Zoo will lecture and amaze us at lunch.

Be sure to put October 14 & 15, 2017 on your to do list and come with a technician that is new to Discovery 2017 or to our profession.

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, September 17

10:00am

Medvet in Columbus

300 East Wilson Bridge Rd

Worthington, Ohio 43085

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## **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](mailto:earl.harrison@sbcglobal.net).

## **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

### **Online Membership Application Form**

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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/>

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# DISCOVERY 2017 HAS A NEW VENUE!

As was announced at Discovery 2016, the OAVT will be leaving the Holiday Inn and joining

## **Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in Lewis Center**

(just north on US 23 from where we were at the Holiday Inn).

This location is within close proximity of Polaris Fashion Place and Highbanks Metro Park.

It is a beautiful area with 15 acres of well landscaped grounds.

We are sure you will be pleased with the conference rooms and the view over-looking the grounds.

They have an adjacent Hotel where we have secured 30 rooms for those that need lodging.

Google their website and get a sneak peek at what they have to offer.

Watch your mail during the first week in August for the Discovery 2017 packet

and as always we will have information on our website at <http://www.ohiorvt.org>

## NOMINATIONS

It is that time of year again for election of officers for OAVT Executive Board.

We have 2 offices that are open for nominations: President and Secretary.

At this time we have Cindy Curto running for the office of President and Kristie Burd running for Secretary.

We have seen new faces on the Board this year and are very excited for their dedication and input.

Ballots will be mailed in August and the officers will be installed at the Discovery 2017 Conference.

# DISCOVERY 2017

Your board has been working very hard this past year to bring you a bigger, better, and brighter Discovery 2017 and we think you will be very impressed.

This year's symposium will be Saturday, October 14th- Sunday, October 15th 2017 at our new venue

[Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center.](#)

Nationwide offers spacious amenities along with plenty of room to spread out and grow comfortably.

This year's program will also be amazing!

We have been fortunate, through generous support from many wonderful companies, to be able to put together an awesome educational program including a total of five different tract options.

Within these options we will have three wet labs available for a small additional fee (limited to the first 25 paid attendee requests).

These wet labs will cover hematology, urinalysis, and dental procedures including nerve blocks.

Lecture topics will include great information on behavior (an entire tract), ticks and Lyme disease, nutrition, wildlife, dental procedures, greyhound health, hematology, and more exciting offerings.

The Columbus Zoo will again be bringing fun critters to help educate on zoology and conservation during our lunchtime get together.

Our exhibitor showcase will also be bigger with more dedicated companies here to support you, the veterinary technician.

As always, each attendee will receive a great swag bag filled with goodies to enjoy.

We are so delighted and eager for this year's Discovery and hope you are too!

Mailers will be going out soon so please join us in our new home for networking, learning, camaraderie, and great times (free stuff never hurts either)!

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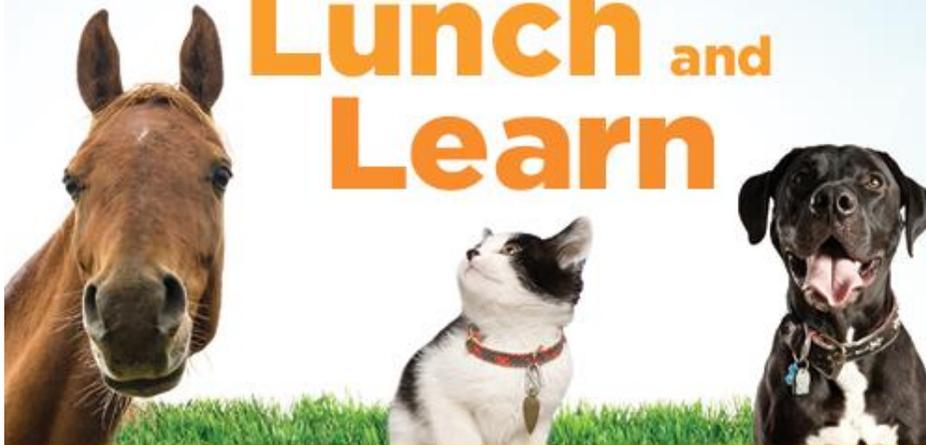
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# NAVTA AND THE REGISTERED VETERINARY NURSE INITIATIVE

NAVTA (the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America) has recently launched a nationwide push to unify the profession with standardized education and one title/credential. In this effort they are hoping to bring a bigger spotlight to our profession to help educate the public on all the amazing things we do in a given day ("the hats we wear") as well as show the many career options veterinary technicians can fill.

With this recognition, the hope is to uplift the profession and protect the title from allowing veterinarians or owners to train people on the job as technicians rather than utilizing those trained and educated in all aspects of veterinary nursing medicine.

NAVTA has created several committees to help accomplish this lofty goal knowing this is only the first steps in a lengthy process (it will likely take many years).

One of these committees is a group of eleven district reps that will be the go between for information spread from NAVTA directly to each state association.

Ohio is in District Five which includes Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

During this process NAVTA has done exhaustive research into each state including the veterinary technician title, state laws around it, nursing title protection, and legislation requirements to name a few. With this being said, NAVTA has selected Ohio as one of the initial states to help grow the initiative.

We have a large network of amazing technicians, several technician schools, and an active legislature including both the veterinary and technician boards.

If you would like more information on this very important and crucial national unification topic please check out the [NAVTA Veterinary Nurse Initiative link](#) or watch the [informational video with many of the NAVTA leaders](#).

The first step is making sure technicians are educated on the process and to answer any questions or concerns that may arise. If you would like to help spread the word by joining our state campaign please contact us at [OhioRVT@yahoo.org](mailto:OhioRVT@yahoo.org).

This would entail a grass roots effort of letter writing or calling local, district, and/or state representatives to educate them on this initiative.

We will also be offering a get together with NAVTA representatives and their legislative lobbyist at Discovery 2017.

You can always reach out to us or [NAVTA](#) if you have any questions.

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

Vice President of the Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians

State Representative to NAVTA, District V Representative to NAVTA

# PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOODWORK: WHO, WHAT, AND WHY?

BY KRISTIE HOULLES-BURD, RVT, LVT, AAS

## **WHO really needs bloodwork?**

As we discussed in the previous article, successful surgery depends on successful anesthesia. And successful anesthesia depends on the health status of your pet- this is where bloodwork comes in. There are many reasons the doctor may want bloodwork done, such as screening for certain diseases, distinguishing between differential diagnoses, assessing the severity of an existing disease, monitoring the progression or response to therapies, or identifying patterns that may suggest dysfunction. In the case of surgery and anesthesia, pre-, intra-, and post-operative anesthetic protocols are utilized to make sure your pet is comfortable and pain-free before, during, and after the procedure. The pre-anesthetic assessment should always include blood testing for the safety of your pet.

## **WHAT types of testing are needed?**

The type of test(s) needed will depend on what type of procedure your pet is undergoing and why. Additional items that the veterinarian takes into consideration when choosing the appropriate test(s) include the patient's species, age, breed, and known preexisting conditions. Some common types of pre-anesthetic labwork ordered include the following:

**Pre-Op Panel:** Most labs have several types of bloodwork assessments labeled as "Pre-op" with various choices of included tests. Variations include pre-op chemistries (ALT, Alk Phos, GGT, BUN, Creat, Glucose) with a complete blood count (CBC), plus or minus electrolytes, urinalysis, PT/PTT testing (for blood coagulation), and T4 analysis.

**Superchem/CBC:** This is an expanded version of a pre-op panel which includes more blood chemistries for a more-inclusive look into your pet's health status and organ function. Just as with the pre-op panel, there are many variations of panels that can include additional diagnostic testing.

**Electrolytes:** This test may play a significant role in anesthetic protocols for the safety of your pet. Electrolytes are found in all body fluids and serve to maintain water balance and fluid osmotic pressure, as well as maintain normal muscular and nervous system functions. They also play a role in maintaining your pet's acid-base balance.

**T4:** Proper thyroid function plays an integral role in anesthetic safety. As a part of the endocrine system (along with the pituitary and adrenal glands) their function plays a direct role in proper metabolism, which ensures your pet can use and excrete the medications and anesthetics that may be utilized for surgery. Endocrine disease conditions such as hyper- or hypoadrenocorticism, hyper- or hypothyroidism, and diabetes will all affect anesthetic protocols assigned to your pet to mitigate the physiologic changes associated with these various diseases.

**Urinalysis:** While the blood chemistry analysis does give insight into kidney function, a urinalysis is another great screening tool, and will often catch kidney issues before levels raise high enough to be detected on blood chemistry analysis.

Utilizing these types of tests gives the medical team an "inside view" of how well your pet may respond to the medications, anesthesia, and procedures that will be administered to your pet.

### **WHAT do all those letters mean?**

CBC, ALT, GGT, BUN, GLU...so many letters with so many numbers! All of these letters and numbers make up the chemistry analysis, but what do they mean for your pet? Blood chemistry results allow the veterinary team insight to the functional status of your pet's organ functions and metabolic status. Once the lab work is processed, the veterinarian will review the results and will then be in a better position to develop the safest and most effective anesthesia protocol for your pet. Here is a brief insight of what all those letters and numbers mean in a chemistry assay, grouped by the organs or functions they represent:

**Kidney function:** The kidneys play a key role on maintaining homeostasis in your pet, such as conserving or excreting water and electrolytes as needed, conserving nutrients, and removing end products of metabolism (urea and creatinine). Urea is the product of protein metabolism and is excreted primarily by the kidneys. **Blood Urea Nitrogen (BUN)** evaluates glomerular (kidney) filtration and function. **Creatinine** is another byproduct that is produced at a consistent rate and filtered by the kidney. However, 75% of the kidneys must be non-functional before increased values are seen. Other tests that might be considered by your veterinarian if kidney issues are a concern include blood pressure measurement and urinalysis.

**Liver function:** The liver is the largest internal organ. It is a complex organ in terms of structure, function, and pathology. It has a multitude of functions, including metabolism, synthesis of protein and clotting factors, digestion and absorption of nutrients, secretion of bilirubin (bile), and elimination of toxins and drugs. These functions are run by enzymatic reactions, and there is no single test that superior to any other for detecting hepatic disease. Tests can help identify damage to the liver include **ALT, AST, and SGOT**. Test associated with biliary obstruction or a metabolic defect in the liver cells include **Alk Phos and GGT**. Other tests of liver function include **bilirubin, cholesterol, and ammonia** levels. **Bile acids** are produced by the liver and aid in fat absorption as well as help to modulate cholesterol levels.

**Pancreatic function:** The pancreas has two separate and distinct functions, one called exocrine and one termed as endocrine. The endocrine part of pancreas is involved with carbohydrate metabolism through secretion insulin and glucagon, which help to regulate your pet's **glucose** levels. The exocrine part to the pancreas secretes an enzyme-rich juice into the small intestine that contains enzymes necessary for digestion. The three primary enzymes are **trypsin, amylase, and lipase**.

**Complete blood count (CBC):** This type of test gives the veterinarian valuable insight into whether your pet is anemic, dehydrated, able to stop bleeding, or even fighting an unknown infection or allergy. This test looks at your pet's white blood cells, red blood cells, platelets, protein levels, and other factors and gives important insight into their health and organ function.

### **WHY is the veterinarian insistent that bloodwork be done?**

Pre-anesthetic testing is one of the many tools we utilize to mitigate as much risk as we can prior to your pet undergoing anesthesia. While anesthesia protocols and drug safety have continued to make positive strides, veterinary professionals know that anesthesia and surgery will be putting strain on the patient's body. From changes in anesthetic protocols, discovery of previously unsuspected illness/injury, or even delaying elective surgery, utilizing the information obtained from pre-anesthetic testing is vital in guiding the veterinarian as to the best course of action for your pet. Like Sasha and Sebastian showed us in the last article, an ounce of pre-anesthetic was worth the pound (or, since we're not in England, the dollars)!

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# SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE INFORMATION STATION

When thinking about safety in the workplace, most of us in the veterinary profession look first towards avoiding injuries in our patient- sometimes to our own detriment.

We readily recognized accepted protocols and procedures to minimize risks to our patients, such as proper restraint and support during therapies, lab testing to avoid or mitigate injury to patients due to disease, illness, or medications, vaccines and cleaning protocols to prevent disease transmission...the list goes on. But who is looking out for you and your safety?

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) was developed and designed to help alert and protect workers from dangers that may be present in the workplace. The following is a direct quote from OSHA's website regarding workplace safety:

" In the four decades since the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act) was signed into law, workplace deaths and reported occupational injuries have dropped by more than 60 percent. Yet the nation's workers continue to face an unacceptable number of work-related deaths, injuries and illnesses, most of them preventable:

- Every day, more than 12 workers die on the job – over 4,500 a year.
- Every year, more than 4.1 million workers suffer a serious job-related injury or illness."

There are many ways that you and your employer can help protect you from becoming one of those 4.1 million workers. Having and utilizing a comprehensive Hospital Safety Program in your hospital or clinic is not just a good idea-it's good medicine! There are many facets to a comprehensive safety program; this article will address the importance of ergonomics in the workplace.

## **Ergonomics and Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSD's)**

Ergonomics is the science of fitting jobs to the people who work in them. The goal of an ergonomics program is to reduce work-related musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) developed by workers when a major part of their jobs involve reaching, bending over, lifting heavy objects, using continuous force, working with vibrating equipment and doing repetitive motions.

What are signs and symptoms of MSDs that you should watch out for?

Workers suffering from MSDs may experience less strength for gripping, less range of motion, loss of muscle function and inability to do everyday tasks.

### **Common symptoms include:**

- Painful joints
- Pain tingling or numbness in hands or feet
- Shooting or stabbing pains in arms or legs
- Swelling or inflammation
- Pain in wrists, shoulders, forearms, knees
- Fingers or toes turning white
- Back or neck pain
- Stiffness
- Burning sensation

The types of Repetitive Motion Disorder (RMD) injuries occurring in the veterinary practice are often different from ones occurring in the meatpacking industry or in supermarket checkouts. Although tendinitis is the most common form of RMD for assembly line workers, painters and others with limited, repeated movements of the hands, “trigger finger,” “Raynaud’s syndrome” and back disorders are the most common RMDs for veterinary workers.

- “Trigger finger” is a tendon disorder where a groove in the flexing tendon of the finger develops from long-term use of tools or instruments that have handles with hard or sharp edges - like grooming scissors. In this condition, the tendon becomes “locked” in the sheath and attempts to move the finger will cause snapping and jerking movements. Using tools or scissors with larger, rounder handles will often prevent this condition.
- “Raynaud’s syndrome” or white finger, occurs when the blood vessels of the hand are damaged from repeated exposure to vibration for long periods of time - as when using electric clippers for five or six hours per day. The skin and muscles are unable to get the necessary oxygen and eventually die. Common symptoms include intermittent numbness and tingling in the fingers; skin that turns pale, ashen and cold; and eventual loss of sensation and control in the fingers and hand. This condition seems to intensify when the hands are exposed to extremely cold temperatures. There is no medical remedy for this condition except elimination or reduction of the vibrations before permanent damage occurs.
- Back disorders account for a significant loss of productivity as well as large compensation costs for the business. They are also the source of a great deal of discomfort for the staff member who is injured. Back disorders are categorized as RMDs because the majority of workplace back injuries are the result of chronic, long-term trauma to the back muscles, ligaments, tendons and disks rather than from one specific incident. When back muscles or ligaments are injured from repetitive pulling and straining, the weakening of all the back structures makes additional injuries more likely. Although any staff member can injure their back, housekeepers and stock workers are most at risk for these injuries because of the constant repetitive nature of their work. Things like mopping floors, lifting trash cans or handling large numbers of boxes or goods can all cause injury unless they are done properly.

Additionally, if you must sit or stand in a stationary position for long periods of time, you may be likely to suffer from a back injury, particularly if there is inadequate support in the lumbar area. Prolonged sitting stresses such as these can cause the lumbar region to bow outward; this abnormal curvature (called kyphosis) can lead to painful lower back problems that are a leading complaint among office workers.

The best relief for this condition is frequently changing positions and taking breaks (like doing a different chore) frequently. Developing and following a Back Safety Plan, such as what follows, can help reduce this type of worker injury.

## **Back Safety Plan Example**

### **Purpose**

This veterinary practice requires the procedures in this plan to be followed to provide a safe working environment.

The practice has implemented these procedures on safe lifting practices to ensure that employees are trained to protect themselves from the hazards of improper lifting.

It is the responsibility of management at this practice to ensure that these policies are implemented. It is the responsibility of management to ensure that these policies and the information necessary to carry out these policies is communicated to employees. It is the responsibility of all employees to follow safe work practices and comply with these rules regarding work practices.

The effectiveness of the back safety plan depends upon the active support and involvement of all affected employees.

This practice's written back safety plan addresses relevant factors in this workplace that can contribute to back injury.

The following factors can contribute to this problem:

- Improper Lifting Techniques
- Poor Physical Condition
- Repetitive Trauma
- Tension and Stress
- Falls
- Work in Uncomfortable Environments
- Poor Posture
- Inattention to Work Environment

### **Lifting Techniques**

Aside from bite and scratch wounds, back injuries are the most common complaint amongst veterinary professionals. Most injuries are sustained from improper lifting techniques: bending at the waist, lifting more than can be safely handled, and carrying heavy items for too far a distance. By using proper lifting techniques, you may help avoid injuries to yourself. These techniques apply to both inanimate objects and animal handling. A more detailed training session specific to proper animal handling and restraint will be given at orientation, and reviewed periodically during your employment.

#### **Proper lifting technique:**

- Bring the load as close as possible to yourself before you lift
- Minimize the distance you need to carry the load. Engage the use of gurneys, hand-carts, or other aids to move heavy items longer distances.
- Ensure that you have a properly balanced load and are able to visualize your walking path while carrying it.
- Do not be afraid to ask for help if it is too heavy! Employees are not to lift more than 40 pounds (this number may vary from hospital to hospital) without assistance.
- Use good posture:
  - Separate your feet for good balance
  - Bend at the knees, not the waist
  - Keep your back straight
  - Lift the load straight up in a steady, slower motion. Do not use fast, jerky motions.
- While carrying, do not bend or twist your torso. Turn with your entire body rather than your waist. Always keep the item(s) close to your chest as possible to keep your center of gravity above your legs.
- Keep your back straight and bend with your knees when setting down your load. Use a steady, smooth motion. This is just as important as when you lifted!

### **Repetitive Trauma**

Things like mopping floors, lifting trash cans or handling large numbers of boxes or goods can all cause injury unless they are done properly. The constant, repetitive nature of this work can lead to muscle strain. When back muscles or ligaments are injured from repetitive pulling and straining, the weakening of all the back structures makes additional injuries more likely. Proper posture and frequent changes in tasks can help to minimize these risks.

### **Slips, Trips, and Falls**

These types of traumatic injuries can have long-lasting effects. Most slips, trips, and falls can be attributed to poor walking surfaces. In the veterinary field, flooring can become hazardous from wetness attributed to mopping, spillage, bodily fluids, environmental factors such as rain being tracked in, and numerous other hazards.

There are “caution: wet floor” signs located throughout the hospital. If you notice a slip hazard, you are to immediately find a sign and use it to mark the area of wetness to alert others, then proceed to proper cleaning procedures.

Other things such as improperly placed or flipped rugs, boxed supplies, carriers, equipment, etc. may all become potential hazards that could lead to a fall. It is imperative that we keep our flooring, especially all walkways, clean and free from slip/trip hazards.

Client service staff is primarily responsible for monitoring and maintaining public areas of the hospital. Technical staff is responsible for monitoring and maintaining the treatment areas of the hospital. However, the entire staff should work together to ensure a safe environment.

If you or a co-worker should slip, trip, or fall, you should always inform management and seek medical treatment.

### **Poor Posture**

If you must sit or stand in a stationary position for long periods of time, you may be likely to suffer from a back injury, particularly if there is inadequate support in the lumbar area.

Prolonged sitting stresses such as these can cause the lumbar region to bow outward; this abnormal curvature (called kyphosis) can lead to painful lower back problems that are a leading complaint among office workers.

The best relief for this condition is frequently changing positions and taking breaks (like doing a different chore) frequently.

### **Inattention to Work Environments**

The veterinary field is a virtual playground for injuries to occur. The best defense, therefore, is often a good offense.

Staff members can't avoid every situation where you will lift, pull, or drag objects, nor will we work in an environment where the floors are always clean and devoid of trip and slip hazards.

However, by increasing your awareness of the hazard and recognizing your limitations in each situation, you will significantly decrease your chances at a back injury.

### **What to do if you experience back pain**

If you ever have back pain when working, inform your supervisor immediately with a description of the task you were performing before and during the occurrence of pain.

If you receive medical treatment of any kind for back pain or injury, let your supervisor know that as well.

If MSD signs and symptoms are not reported early, permanent disability may result.

It is important that you report MSD signs and symptoms right away to avoid long-lasting problems.

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### Registered Veterinarian Technician

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- The position consists of 12 hours shifts, scheduling is flexible.
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- If you have any inquires or would like to email [Jess.voto@gmail.com](mailto:Jess.voto@gmail.com)

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Experienced Registered Veterinarian Technician

- Looking to add to our team!
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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- Northstar Animal Care & Upper Arlington Veterinary Hospital is seeking a Registered Veterinary Technicians to join our AAHA accredited team.
- We are seeking individuals that are team oriented and have excellent communication skills with fellow colleagues, clients and the community.
- The ideal RVT is a reliable, compassionate and empathic professional who brings peace of mind.
- This detailed and thorough hard worker is clear with expectations, skilled and does not have tunnel-vision.
- The right candidate is smart, fun to work with and strong.
- Seeing him/herself as the go-to person, this self-motivated leader is helpful and aware.
- Northstar Animal Care & Upper Arlington Veterinary hospital is a fun and enjoyable place to work.
- You will find our family oriented management team to be generous and strong and a medical team that stays on the cutting edge of Veterinary Medicine.

#### Northstar Animal Care

#### Upper Arlington Vet. Hospital

Mandi Justus, Manager

1600 West 5th Ave

Columbus, Ohio 43212

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

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinarian Technician

- Small feline only veterinary hospital in Grandview is seeking a Registered Veterinary Technician to fill a full-time position.
- We maintain a very high standard of patient care.
- Our technicians are accustomed to the best and are used to their fullest potential.
- Duties include but are not limited to IV catheter placement, surgery prep, monitoring, and recovery, dental prophylaxis, digital radiology and utilizing a full in house laboratory.
- Must have good communication skills and the ability to multi-task.
- Also must love cats! We offer a competitive salary based on experience, PTO, CE allowance, generous employee discounts, pet insurance plans for employee pets plus much more!

### Purrfect Care Feline Medical Center

Tina Green, Office Manager

1609 Northwest Blvd.

Columbus, Ohio 43212

Phone: (614) 486-7877

Fax: (614) 750-1414

Email: [staff@purrfectcarevet.com](mailto:staff@purrfectcarevet.com)

Website: [purrfectcarevet.com](http://purrfectcarevet.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Veterinary Technician

- Assist Veterinarians with pre and post-surgery care of dogs and cats including administering medications, preparing surgical instruments and packs, operative site pre surgery prep, post-surgical observation.
- Some appointment scheduling, intake and preparation of go-home instructions.
- Mostly what you would expect of a high volume surgery situation.

### HOPE low-cost Spay/Neuter Program

David Balz, Director

9640 County Hwy 330

Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351

Phone: (419) 294-4477

Email: [wyhumaneone@cs.com](mailto:wyhumaneone@cs.com)

Website: [www.wyhumane.org](http://www.wyhumane.org)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Equine Registered Veterinary Technician

- Equine veterinary technicians are under the direct guidance and supervision of the equine veterinarians and Hospital Administrator.
- Incumbents of this position are required to assist the veterinarians to the fullest possible extent, to help improve the quality of care given to the patients of Valley View Animal Hospital and to aid the veterinarians in achieving greater efficiency by relieving them of technical and administrative detail.
- Primary responsibilities are patient care and treatment, monitor hospitalized horses, maintain inventory, prepare prescriptions, perform routine in-house lab work, educate clients regarding veterinary care and procedures and assist with surgical procedures.

### Valley View Animal Hospital

Linda Hutras, Hospital Administrator

2167 Progress Street

Dover, Ohio 44622

Phone: (330) 364-2552

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Email: [lindah@valleyviewvets.com](mailto:lindah@valleyviewvets.com)

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

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- MedVet is currently seeking a Registered Veterinary Technician to join our team in our Columbus hospital.
- We are seeking an individual that is team oriented; thrives in a fast paced environment; and is dedicated to practicing the highest quality of veterinary care.
- The position provides an opportunity to work with board certified specialists and the ability to learn about cutting-edge veterinary medicine.
- MedVet offers a competitive compensation and full benefits package, including paid time off, health insurance, dental, vision, uniform allowance and 401K.
- All candidates must complete an acceptable background check, including references and a pre-employment drug test.

#### Medvet

300 E Wilson Bridge Road

Columbus, Ohio 43085

Website: [medvetchicago.applytojob.com](http://medvetchicago.applytojob.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- We are looking for a enthusiastic veterinary technician to join our team.
- We are a busy two doctor practice that is well equipped and offers high quality and compassionate care.
- Join our team and use your skills to their full potential.
- Please submit a resume and cover letter to [mazzei.2@juno.com](mailto:mazzei.2@juno.com) or send to: Shiloh Animal Hospital  
5321 N. Main Street  
Dayton, Ohio 45415

#### Shiloh Animal Hospital

Mark Mazzei, Business Manager

5321 N. Main Street

Dayton, Ohio 45415

Phone: (937) 278-3484

Fax: (937) 278-0719

Email: [mazzei.2@juno.com](mailto:mazzei.2@juno.com)

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

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- Registered Veterinary Technician needed for four doctor small animal hospital in West Toledo.
- Must be registered in Ohio.
- Must have dependable transportation.
- Must be able to work flexible hours and Saturdays.
- New graduate considered.

#### Graber's Animal Hospital

Cathy Graber, DVM  
3311 West Laskey Road  
Toledo, Ohio 43623  
Phone: (419) 475-3456  
Fax: (419) 475-5513  
Email: [cgraberdvm@aol.com](mailto:cgraberdvm@aol.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- Ohio Registered Veterinary Technician - Hillside Veterinary Clinic has an immediate opening for a registered veterinary technician!
- Full-time position.
- 2+ years of experience preferred.
- Candidate must represent Loving, Expert Care.
- E-mail resume and cover letter to [hvc@hillsidevetclinic.net](mailto:hvc@hillsidevetclinic.net)

#### Hillside Veterinary Clinic

Nancy Johnson, Office Manager  
1475 Yauger Road  
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050  
Phone: (740) 392-6891  
Fax: (740) 392-2145  
Email: [hvc@hillsidevetclinic.net](mailto:hvc@hillsidevetclinic.net)  
Website: [www.hillsidevetclinic.net](http://www.hillsidevetclinic.net)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- Experienced (1 year or greater) licensed Vet. Tech. needed.
- People skills a must.
- We are a rural practice with all in house diagnostics minimal hospitalization and no weekends or holidays.
- Submit resume via email as an attachment.
- Email is [pauldinganimalclinic@gmail.com](mailto:pauldinganimalclinic@gmail.com)

### Animal Clinic of Paulding

Audrey Hanenkraat, Office Manager

1030 W Wayne Street

Paulding, Ohio 45879

Phone: (419) 399-2871

Fax: (419) 399-3079

Email: [pauldinganimalclinic@gmail.com](mailto:pauldinganimalclinic@gmail.com)

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

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Full-Time or Part-Time Ohio Licensed Veterinary Technician

- Desire an individual who likes to be busy, work as part of a team and work independently, as well as to utilize all skills including client communications.
- Enjoy learning with fellow experienced technicians and doctors.
- Support our mission of providing exceptional patient care with TLC that includes attentive pain management fear-free consideration.
- Beautiful facility in a great practice area includes IDEXX Lab, Digital Dental X-rays and more.

### Perimeter Veterinary Hospital LLC

Dr. Sherrie Ridenour, Owner

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Dublin, Ohio 43017

Phone: (614) 791-9191

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

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Experienced Registered Veterinarian Technician

- Experienced RVT needed for busy high quality two doctor practice.
- Our technicians are used to the best of their potential including in house blood work, surgery prep, anesthesia, catheter placement, digital rads, patient history and communication.
- We accept emergencies and attempt to work in all sick pets daily
- Benefits include CE, staff spa day twice a year, 401 k, insurance, paid vacation and paid personal days, scrubs included.
- Salary above average for our area...heavily involved in community projects as well as care for severely ill humane society pets.

#### For Paws Animal Hospital

Andrea Dedmon, Head RVT

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North Canton, Ohio 44720

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Email: [jriflatearth@yahoo.com](mailto:jriflatearth@yahoo.com)

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

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- We are an AAHA Accredited, Fear Free and Cat Friendly Certified Small Animal Practice with 5 DVMs.
- Together, our team is committed to open communication, learning, growing, and providing the best experience possible for both our patients and clients.
- We are committed to providing a healthy work environment and recognizing the need for work-life balance.
- The ideal candidate would not just be an "awesome" tech, but also a person that is willing to contribute ideas, welcomes change, and possesses a high degree of emotional intelligence.

#### Animal Clinic of Chardon

Wendy Frankmann, DVM/Owner

656 Water Street

Chardon, Ohio 44024

Phone: (440) 382-1899

Email: [wfrankmann@acocvet.com](mailto:wfrankmann@acocvet.com)

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

## ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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