



OAVT NEWSLETTER

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

<http://www.ohiorvt.org>

Summer 2022

DISCOVERY 2022

OCTOBER 16

The Discovery meeting will here before you know it. The Discovery committee has finalized arrangements with The Renaissance Hotel and are just down to just a few smaller tasks.

One of these tasks is obtaining members to assist with introducing speakers. If you are planning on attending the conference this is a simple thing that you can do to assist in keeping this conference running smoothly.

[Click here to Register Online](#)

[OAVT Discovery 2022 Program](#)

[OAVT Discovery 2022 Registration](#)

[OAVT Discovery 2022 Sponsors](#)

Renaissance Hotel (<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/cmhbw-renaissance-columbus-westerville-polaris-hotel/>) is a beautiful new venue we have chosen that will cater to us and make Discovery a weekend to remember.

Stays tuned to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ohiorvt/>) for the latest information and check our website or look in the mail for your registration.

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/>

CHECK THIS OUT!

The OAVT is currently looking for an Executive Secretary.

This position is open to an individual or a management company.

The basic function of the position is to serve as the Executive Secretary and work at the discretion of the Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians (OAVT) Board of Trustees.

He/she shall recommend and participate in the formulation of policies and make decisions within existing policies as they have been approved by the Board of Trustees.

He/she shall help plan, organize, direct and coordinate programs and activities of the Association to assure that objectives are attained, plans fulfilled, and member needs are met.

He/she shall maintain effective relationships with other organizations, both public and private, and see that the position of the Association and its members is enhanced in accordance with the policies and objectives of the organization.

Please reply to:
executivesecretary.oavt@gmail.com

COME JOIN US!!!

The Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians needs YOU! That's right YOU!

During the course of this past year, we have navigated so much as Veterinary Technicians/Nurses. Some of us have traveled through some of the highest points of our careers and some of us through the lowest of lows.

We went from interacting with our clients face to face to telephone and zoom consultations, from greeting our clients in the exam room to searching for which car our next patient would be picked up from.

We went from having the "normal" number of patients a day to seeing an overwhelming need of patients that needed our care.

Some of us lost jobs that we loved as clinics had to close their doors. Lastly, we have all felt the empty space of colleagues that are no longer with us.

What we must realize is that these things occur even outside of a global pandemic.

This is why we need each other!

The Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians serves to promote Veterinary Technicians and quality animal healthcare through education, legislation, and high ethical standards. In doing these things we create a community where Veterinary Technicians/Nurses can grow their knowledge, skills, and professional network throughout Ohio and on the national level.

The OAVT exists because YOU matter! What YOU do matters!

How do I get involved?

1. Be an OAVT member!
 - If you already are a member, thank you! We see you!
 - If you are not a member, consider joining us. It's easy! Go to our website and apply. If you are an RVT, you will not be denied membership. Dues are only \$25/ year.
2. Get involved with the executive board!
 - Our board consists of Veterinary Technicians/Nurses just like you that want to make a difference and be a voice for their colleagues.
 - Our officers consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Executive Secretary.
 - Volunteer to be a District Representative or serve on one of our many committees that help make the organization run.
3. Attend a meeting!
 - Meetings of the executive board occur once a quarter, with the occasional outlier.
 - Everyone is invited!!! It is not just for board members!
 - All meetings are virtual right now, so reach out to get placed on the email list.

4. Gather with us at Discovery!!!

- Discovery is an amazing annual event that the OAVT organizes every year just for Veterinary Technicians/Nurses.
- With help from our sponsors, there will be incredible CE geared just toward technicians, great food, network opportunities, and of course, some pretty cool swag!
- Register on our website for this year's Discovery on October 16th.

Come join us! Be a part of the Veterinary Technician/nurse community right here in Ohio! There is always space for you!

Rachel McGinty RVT

OAVT Executive Board Member

OAVT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

The Finishing Touch: Suture Techniques for the Veterinary Technician. Lecture and Guided Practice

Amanda Farnsworth, RVT

This session will provide a comprehensive review of suture materials, characteristics, and basic suture patterns. The review session is followed by a hands-on guided suture practice using suture and patterns Veterinary Technicians commonly use in practice. This two-hour CE will be offered in the morning and afternoon at Discovery 2022. Seating is limited to 30 participants in each offering with an additional fee to reserve seating. All materials for the guided practice will be provided by the OAVT.

Cloud Software for Veterinary Practices. Rainbows and Blue Skies or Lightning and Thunder?

Alicia Stephanovich, RVT

With an increase of new practice software, what questions should you be asking to compare our options? Why is cloud software so popular? What are the drivers that are pulling Veterinary Medicine to a shift in software focus? In this presentation we will run through details that will help you understand software trends and if they could benefit your practice. With the rise in compassion fatigue, short staffing, and client demand, is software the answer to change Veterinary Medicine for the better?

Photobiomodulation: Laser Therapy in Veterinary Medicine, more than Physiotherapy.

Ashton Thompson

In this lecture, the science behind photobiomodulation (laser therapy) will be discussed. Principles of how this non-invasive modality can decrease inflammation, treat pain, and benefit healing in a variety of conditions in veterinary medicine will be covered. Recent research will be presented alongside real-world cases treated by veterinarians world-wide. The attendee will have an understanding of the science of photobiomodulation and examples of cases which will apply to their own daily veterinary practice.

Urinalysis: Taking the Next Evolutionary Step Forward.

Jessica Williamson, DVM

Complete urinalysis is a key part of the minimum database. This CE event focuses on understanding the science behind the importance of the physical, chemical, and sediment portions of a complete urinalysis. As well as clinical techniques to help maximize the diagnostic yield.

Specimen Preparation: How to Get the Most Accurate Results.

Jessica Williamson, DVM

Learn how to determine the specimen type needed for specific-in-house or reference lab testing, select the most appropriate collection device and tubes, handle and store specimens, assess specimen quality, and understand the impact specimen quality and handling have on your results.

Large and Small – Enrich Them All.

Tiffany Johnson RVT, KPA CTP

During this session, we will be reviewing the different categories of enrichment – what they mean and how to apply it to all of our patients. This will also give you tools to help clients enrich their pet's life.

Understanding Your Dog.**Tiffany Johnson RVT, KPA CTP**

This session is all about canine body language. We will take a look at individual body parts, along with the whole picture to understand what our patients are trying to communicate.

Don't Blame the Surgical Instruments Part 1**Rick Shultz**

This session will discuss why cold soak is not sterile and how to properly clean a sterilizer. We will explain how to prevent instruments from rusting and show the difference between Pakistan and German instruments. We will also learn how to test the ultrasonic cleaner and how to load peel pouches correctly.

Don't Blame the Surgical Instruments Part 2**Rick Shultz**

This session will discuss how to test the sharpness of scissors and orthopedic instruments, how to test needle holders and how to test, inspect and clean your surgical instruments. Learn how to properly lubricate instruments and what is so special about gold ring and black ring instruments.

Brachycephalic Anesthesia "Just Give Me the Tube"**Chloe Alexander, RVT**

Admit it, brachycephalic patients can be pretty cute. Their squishy faces and snorts are adorable when they're within our hospitals. Despite this cuteness overload, they come with specific anatomical abnormalities that may negatively affect anesthetic pre-medication, induction, maintenance, and recovery that the veterinary technician must be prepared for. Join us for this session where we break down Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS), how it affects each anesthetic period, tips, and tricks to make their surgery visits a little easier, and how to troubleshoot adverse events.

Anesthetic Machine Overview for the Veterinary Technician.**Chloe Alexander, RVT**

"I've gone most of my adult life not knowing how to troubleshoot my computer when something goes wrong. I frequently call my friend when the "turn it off and back on" trick doesn't work". The same cannot be said for use of an anesthetic machine. The anesthetist should know the ins and outs of this important piece of equipment to reduce risks to both the patient and nearby personnel. This session focuses on an overview of anesthetic machines, circuits, complications that may arise, and how to troubleshoot.

TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominations for this award will be accepted
until December 31, 2022.

Please refer to website for instructions and
form to nominate your technician of the year!

THE OAVT IS ON FACEBOOK



[Check out our Facebook page](#)

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

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians is dedicated to promoting Veterinary Technicians and quality animal healthcare through education, legislation and high ethical standards.

The goals of the Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians:

1. To promote the professional and educational advancement of Ohio's Veterinary Technicians
2. To enlarge the technician's knowledge of necessary skills through continuing education programs and sponsored seminars
3. To provide information on job opportunities
4. To maintain and improve the professional standards of technician's practice
5. To foster high ethical standards within our profession
6. To promote the interest of Veterinary Technicians through state and federal legislation
7. To create and maintain a professional image of the Veterinary Technician
8. To provide for better and more humane veterinary medical care

CINCINNATI VETERINARY TECHNICIANS ASSOCIATION (CVTA)

Visit their website at: www.cincyrvt.org

Phone (614) 436-0700

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Kingsly Berlin, RVT

Secretary: Lauren Krohn

Treasurer: Peggy Dahlhausen, RVT

**Immediate Past President:
Cindy Curto, RVT**

Executive Secretary: Janet Buck, RVT

OAVT COMMITTEES

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee
Chairperson: Kingsly Berlin

The Discovery Programs Committee
Chairperson: Open

The Facebook Committee
Chairperson: Kingsly Berlin

The Finance Committee
Chairperson: Peggy Dahlhausen

The Membership Committee
Members: Ashley Jenkins, Lauren Krohn & Peggy Dahlhausen

The MVC Committee
Chairperson: Open
Co-Chairperson: Dr. Angela Beal
Members: Mackenzie Engel, Kristie Houles-Burd & Darcy Merrell Skaggs

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Chairperson: Peggy Dahlhausen
Members: Cindy Curto

The Nominating Committee
Chairperson: Cindy Curto

The Public Relations Committee
Chairperson: Open
Members: Peggy Dahlhausen

The Social Media Committee
Chairperson: Open

The VNI Update Committee
Chairperson: Rachel McGinty

The Website Committee
Members: Rachel McGinty & Ashley Jenkins

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](#)

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://vet.osu.edu/alumni/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 \$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
P.O. Box 62
Swanton, Ohio 43558

Please make checks payable to: OAVT Treasurer.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Work From Home Veterinary Technician

- Our Vet Techs take calls regarding potential toxic exposures and other adverse events/questions from pet owners.
- Schedule:
 - Full & Part available! Shift times/days vary depending on position and often include every other weekend and rotating holidays.
- Requirements:
 - Active CVT/LVT/RVT License with 1+years' experience OR 3+ years' work experience as a Non-Credentialed Veterinary Support Staff performing technician duties.
- Learn more and apply at <https://safetycall.com/about/careers/>.

Pet Poison Helpline / SafetyCall International

Julie R, HR Generalist/Recruiter

3600 American Boulevard W.

Suite 725

Bloomington, MN 55431

Phone: (952) 838-7158

Email: careers@safetycall.com

Website: <https://safetycall.com/about/careers/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Registered Veterinary Technician

- We oversee 4 small animal veterinarians.
- As an RVT, your daily challenges will include but not limited to overseeing patient appointments, client communication, restraining small animals for exams, preparing lab samples, equipment preparations and surgery assistance.
- No experience is required but applicant must be a licensed RVT or license candidate.
- Compensation is based on experience.
- Some Saturdays are required.

Kessen Veterinary Clinic

Stephanie Naveau, Office Manager/ RVT

11058 Elida Road

Delphos, Ohio 45833

Phone: (419) 692-5946

Email: kessensmallanimal@gmail.com

Website: Kessenvetclinic.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Registered Veterinary Technician

- Big Creek Veterinary Hospital is ready to hire a Veterinary Technician to join our growing hospital!
- Now offering up to \$5000 Sign-on Bonus for eligible applicants (RVT/LVT)!!
- We offer an amazing culture, family-style environment, a supportive management team, consistent schedules, and opportunities for advancement!
- Our robust benefits package includes: competitive wages, generous paid-time-off, medical, dental, vision, employer-funded HSA, paid family leave, 401k + generous company match, continuing education allowance, pet care benefits, and more!
- If you have been looking for your dream hospital and team, don't wait and apply today!
- Send your resume to kelli.ready@encorevet.com to connect with us!

Big Creek Veterinary Hospital

Kelli Ready, Talent Acquisition Partner

11743 Girdled Road

Concord, Ohio 44077

Phone: (440) 639-8585

Email: kelli.ready@encorevet.com

Website: <https://www.bigcreekvet.com/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Registered Veterinary Technicians/Vet Tech Students

- As an RVT/LVT, you will take part in a wide range of procedures and services from routine wellness checks to life-saving surgeries.
- Every member of our team has been hand-picked for their compassion to all creatures great and small, their dedication to their patients, and their ability to work diligently as a part of our fantastic team of like-minded individuals.
- Our three-veterinarian hospital has been providing quality and uncompromising care for our community of pets and their parents since 1986.
- While the majority of our patients are dogs and cats, we are one of the few veterinary practices in central Ohio that also work extensively with reptiles, amphibians, birds/poultry, pocket pets, mammalian exotics, and small farm animals.

Sunbury Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Ann Mandic, DVM

491 W. Cherry St

P.O. Box 433

Sunbury, Ohio 43074

Phone: (740) 965-4577

Email: frontdesk@mysunburyvetclinic.com

Website: www.mysunburyvetclinic.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Registered Veterinary Technician

- Licensed Veterinary Technician needed for full-time or part-time position in a three doctor, AHAA accredited veterinary practice.
- Competitive compensation package available including SIRA retirement plan, medical, dental, vision, and supplemental insurance.
- We work hard but we also value a work life balance.
- The right person for this position will be an energetic, self-motivated animal advocate with good team participation/communication skills.
- Call or email Michele at 513-662-0224, mmescher@glenwayanimalhospital.com

Glenway Animal Hospital

Michele Mescher, Hospital Administrator

6272 Glenway Ave

Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Phone: (513) 662-0224

Fax: (513) 662-1010

Email: mmescher@glenwayanimalhospital.com

Website: <https://www.glenwayanimalhospital.com/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Veterinary Technician

- VCA Morris Animal Hospital is seeking an experienced Credentialed Veterinary Technician to join our team in Lancaster, OH.
- Established in 1964, we have a great team - most having been with the hospital for 15+ years. We are always upgrading our services to provide the latest technology and offer our clients the highest veterinary care.
- Pay: \$18-\$25/hour
- Competitive compensation & full benefits package: paid time off, medical insurance, dental, vision, 401K, and much more.
- Please apply online at <http://50.73.55.13/counter.php?id=236802>

VCA Morris Animal Hospital

Kim Oliver, Hospital Manager

1610 Sheridan Drive

Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Phone: (740) 653-4084

Email: Kim.Oliver@vca.com

Website: <https://www.vcacareers.com>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Veterinary Technician

- Technician needed for our new start up in Galena!
- Full Time employment, hours of business are 8-530 M-F, NO WEEKENDS, NO HOLIDAYS, paid time off!

Galena Veterinary Care

Michael Coppel, Owner

51 Middle Street

Galena, Ohio 43021

Phone: (614) 321-9199

Email: michael@galenvetcare.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT)

- Building relationships with our clients and their pets is a key part of our mission!
- We offer competitive wages, amazing benefits, paid uniforms, 401k, an awesome Pet Benefits package, and flexible scheduling.
- We also offer anniversary bonuses up to \$50K!!!
- To learn more about us, visit our website at: <https://lyndhurstanimal.com/>

Lyndhurst Animal Clinic

Human Resources

Lyndhurst, Ohio 44124

Website: <https://www.click2apply.net/wyj4NxD4E>

[bMpiJ44Fgg4o](https://www.click2apply.net/wyj4NxD4EbMpiJ44Fgg4o)

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

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