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## **\*\* New Communication Direction**

CACVT has gone to publishing the *Techniques* every other month. So look for another one in April. If you are a CACVT member, you can view back issues in the members-only section:

[www.cacvt.com/monthlynewsletter](http://www.cacvt.com/monthlynewsletter)

## **\*\* Looking for Executive Board Members**

It's that time of year!!

CACVT is looking for people to step up and get involved in the association.

There are guidelines into place to assist you in your efforts (view them at <http://www.cacvt.com/node/863>). However, if you don't currently meet all the guidelines, you may still be eligible. The main criterion is that you are dedicated to make a positive difference. CACVT has initiated Board training as well to help.

To find out more information, come to the March 3, 2009 Board meeting if you would like to meet the current members.

Time: 7 pm

Location: CACVT Office (view map at [www.cacvt.com/location](http://www.cacvt.com/location))

## **\*\* Veterinarian and Technician of the Year Awards**

**March 31, 2009 deadline**

To see last year's winners, visit [www.cacvt.com/awards](http://www.cacvt.com/awards)

### **Recognizing an Outstanding CVT**

Do you know a CVT with EYE-CATCHING ENTHUSIASM? Or one who has MAGNIFICENT METHODS? How about someone who displays STELLAR PERFORMANCE?

Then let's recognize this person!! If you know of a Certified Veterinarian Technician who has gone above and beyond the call of duty, the awards committee wishes to acknowledge this individual.

This award is not based on technical skills. It's not how well someone can place a catheter, but in the overall attitude that the person has while doing so. It's about loving what you do and showing it every day. It's about people skills and animal magnetism (literally). Give your fellow technician a boost and show them that you recognize and appreciate their enthusiasm. We have a stressful job and anyone who helps minimize the tension deserves a pat on the back.

The applicant **must** be a CACVT member.

### **Recognizing Veterinarians Who recognize Technicians**

The awards committee wishes to acknowledge an outstanding veterinarian who recognizes and utilizes technicians.

If you know of an exceptional veterinarian, please send in your nomination. The criteria is based on 1) promotion of the technician field through proper utilization, 2) encouragement of technicians through CE / memberships and 3) acknowledge of technician work through, incentive/bonus programs.

Please give a brief summary of why your veterinarian deserves to be recognized by the technician organization. He/she should be a CVMA or DAVMS member, but this will not be a limiting criteria but will be highly valued.

Please submit your nomination (in the form of an essay, no more than 1 page in length) to the CACVT Awards Committee by either mail, fax, or e-mail.

All nominations must be received in the CACVT office ( [info@cacvt.com](mailto:info@cacvt.com) ) by **March 31, 2009**.

The committee will choose from the best overall applicant and recognize these individuals at the Annual CACVT Spring Conference during the membership meeting on Saturday, April 25, 2009.

Please contact the CACVT office with any questions or comments.

Thank you.

CACVT Awards Committee

### **\*\*Meetings in March/April**

For event details, visit the CACVT Web site [calendar](#).

NOTE: The State Board of Veterinary Medicine will NOT meet in April. This is due to budget cuts at the state level. Their next meeting will be June 11, 2009.

**March 25, 2009**

The 2009 District 51 career exploration fair will be March 25, 2009 at Mesa State College, Grand Junction, from 8:30 am to 12 pm. CACVT will be there with the booth visiting high school students. Last year was a great success as there were around 900 students in attendance.

For more information, or to participate, please contact Buffy Smith at [Buffysmith10@msn.com](mailto:Buffysmith10@msn.com).

**March 26-29, 2009:** AAHA Annual Conference: Phoenix, Arizona

For details, visit [www.aahanet.org/aahaphoenix2009](http://www.aahanet.org/aahaphoenix2009) or call 800-883-6301

**April 21, 2009:** Bel-Rea Job Fair.

Bel-Rea Institute (1681 S. Dayton St, Denver) will host their annual job fair from 8:30 am to 11 am. All are welcome. Call 303-751-8700 for more information or visit [www.bel-rea.com](http://www.bel-rea.com).

## **\*\* Continuing Education**

**April 25, 2009.** Upcoming CACVT Spring Conference. Visit [www.cacvt.com/cacvtceprograms](http://www.cacvt.com/cacvtceprograms) - brochures were mailed to you. Contact the office if you didn't receive one.

Early bird rate ends March 21, 2009.

**March 3, 2009:** special program for those interested in Equine! See it now at [www.cacvt.com/otherprograms](http://www.cacvt.com/otherprograms)!

For more details and more CE classes, view the "[Other Programs](#)" under the Continuing Education section.

For information on CE guidelines, submitting CE, or for more CE listings, please visit [www.cacvt.com/ContinuingEducation](http://www.cacvt.com/ContinuingEducation).

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## **\*\* Small Bites**

### **Pet Overpopulation Fund**

Don't forget to let your Colorado clients know about this tax checkoff, which is working to save animals' lives.

Please visit [www.SaveColoradoPets.org](http://www.SaveColoradoPets.org) or call 303-722-6435 for more information. Thank you for your help!

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