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Mission Statement

The Mission of CACVT is to

- Govern and certify veterinary technicians
- Champion animal health and welfare
- Promote professionalism
- Advocate for the veterinary healthcare team
- Provide educational opportunities
- Collaborate with the veterinary community and allied groups

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As the snow falls in Colorado!

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Colorado Association of Certified Veterinary Technicians

Techniques

Animal Emergency Management Program

The Animal Emergency Management Program (AEMP) is the overall umbrella group of many programs such as the CO State Animal Response Team (SART) and the CO Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps (CO VRMC).

The program, with Deborah Colburn as director, is housed at CVMF-HCA. Updates can be viewed at www.cvmf.org, under the "what we do" tab.

CACVT has an Emergency Preparedness Committee headed by Chuck Cubbison, CVT. We work with the AEMP in order to provide opportunities without overlapping. For more information on CACVT's committee, visit www.cacvt.com/committees.

Animal Emergency Management Program (AEMP) is CVMF's program that helps protect both animal and public health safety in our state.

The Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation has made great strides in helping our state become better prepared to deal with animal issues in disasters through the CVMF Animal Emergency Management Program, which includes:

1. The Colorado State Animal Response Team and Community Animal Response Team programs developing across our state.
2. Unit coordination for the Colorado Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps.
3. Support of animal resource issues through Emergency Support Function #11 (Agriculture and Natural Resources) at the Colorado Emergency Operations Center.

Under the overall authority of the Colorado Department of Agriculture, AEMP provides staff to lead support efforts related to companion animal and non-commercial livestock issues during disasters.

For more information, contact Deborah Colburn, AEMP Director, Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation 191 Yuma Street, Denver, CO 80223 303.539.7633 (office) DeborahColburn@cvmf.org

Other links available on the site:

- Colorado Resources
- Federal Government Resources
- Livestock Resources
- Other National Resources

Office Paw Prints

Denise Mikita, MS, CVT, Executive Director



CACVT Survey

Not another thing to do!! I realize you're a busy person so this request is not made lightly.

Every 2 years CACVT does a survey. The survey is very similar to the previous one, so comparisons can be made over the years. It is available to all—not just CACVT members, so please pass the word and have ALL your co-workers fill one out!

This is one way we can track changes in CO. To my knowledge, this is the only CO-based survey that focuses directly on the technical staff to identify demographic information and obtain input that will directly benefit you.

Surveys are only as good as the input. An electronic version is available on the www.cacvt.com home page, or contact the office to have one e-mailed to you.

Plus you have an opportunity to win a Focus Conference registration! Just return the survey to the office by **December 11, 2009**.

Thank you to those who have already replied. Thanks in advance to everyone else.

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Occasionally, the CACVT mailing list is sold to appropriate partners. If you do not wish to receive information from outside sources, please contact the CACVT office to opt out.

CACVT will provide certification status to any inquiring party. This will be limited to date joined, current status, and number of CE hours obtained. Personal information will not be given out.

December 2009

Visit www.cacvt.com/calendar for details on events.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 CACVT Conf. meet	3	4	5
6	7	8 CLSD meeting	9 DAVMS holiday social	10 MDSA meeting	11	12 Hanukkah
13	14	15 HOPE CE program	16	17 CO State Bd Vet Med	18 news deadline	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Holiday Week! Office closed from Dec. 24 until Jan. 4, 2010


Meeting Updates and General Information

Past Meetings

A synopsis of meeting minutes for members in good standing is available at www.cacvt.com, under the "members only" area, "association meetings," or by contacting the CACVT office.

Thank you.

Scheduled Meetings

 Please visit the Web site calendar for an up-to-date listing of meetings.

CACVT members can contact the Committee Chair or the office for an agenda.

Exec. Bd Meeting	Nov 3 Jan 5
CE / Conference	Dec 2
PR	Nov 17
Volunteer Social	TBD

Planning your Calendar:

Dec 8: Coalition Living Safely with Dogs (CLSD) meeting. This will be held at the CVMF-HCA. Visit www.cacvt.com/location for directions or contact the CACVT office for more information.

Dec 10: Metro Denver Shelter Alliance meeting. This will be held at the CVMF-HCA. Visit www.cacvt.com/location for directions or contact the CACVT office for more information.

Dec 17: State Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting. CACVT gives supportive CE to CVTs who attend. For more information, visit www.cacvt.com. If you are uncomfortable driving in downtown Denver, Denise will meet you at the CACVT office and she will drive. Please contact Denise in the CACVT office to make arrangements.

Dec 24&25: Office closed to celebrate Christmas. In addition, we will "power down" for the rest of the year and start fresh on January 4, 2010.

Jan 10: CSU Technician Conf, Fort Collins. Please contact them directly as CACVT has no direct involvement with this program.

Jan 15: VTNE - see updated information page 3

Jan 16-20: NAVC in Orlando, FL. Both Denise Mikita and Roxane Rocks will be present as NAVTA board members.

Jan 18: Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday observed

Jan 24: CACVT Focus Conference. See pg 9 for details.

Feb 14-18: Western Veterinary Conf, Las Vegas



President's Point

Cecilia Garza, CVT, RVT

Your association has been very busy the last couple of months. Every committee has been hard at work to provide you, our member, with the best support possible.

CACVT is an association which will only continue to thrive because of the dedication and commitment of our volunteers. This means that you play an important part in our commitment, because you are the source of our inspiration.

For example, I had the opportunity to read all the input from the Spotlight Conference evaluation forms. I am truly impressed with all the ideas, suggestions, and improvements that you have recommended to us. These ideas will now be taken into account and will be used by the Conference Committee to finalize the Focus and Spring Conferences.

The Membership Committee is another source that connects everyone together. This committee, which is constantly growing, is dedicated to you. We want to provide you with as many resources, events, and support as you require. For example, the committee is currently working on a new membership form which will make it easier for you during the upcoming re-certification period.

Our Ethics Committee and its task force and sub-committee are working hard. The Sunset Review Task force is advocating for us as professionals and will continue to do so until the review of the practice act is closed.

The Public Relations Committee is our voice in the community. This committee educates the public on the importance of the entire ancillary team. The committee also represents you at national veterinary events, such as Western States Veterinary Conference, and here locally during the CVMA Conference.

Remember, this is YOUR association. We are your voice, your vision, your mission, and the support that you will need as our profession changes. The Executive Board is always here to listen to your suggestions. Please get to know us! We are a group of eight people who, like you, work in the veterinary field. We understand your struggles and your successes.

On behalf of the CACVT executive board, leadership, and staff we would like to wish you a prosperous 2010. May this year, bring you the professional growth you have worked hard to achieve. Thank you, for your continuing support of YOUR association.

Best Wishes,

Cecilia Garza, CVT, RVT
CACVT President



Major Changes to the Veterinary Technician National Exam

The January 2010 Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) will be the last paper and pencil test. In 2010, the exam will be given 3 times a year at Prometric Testing Centers. American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) will handle all the online registration and payment for the VTNE, each state can either do their own eligibility review or have AAVSB review the transcripts, then the state would be involved after the candidate passes and applies for state credentialing.

Candidates will get an immediate provisional pass/fail at the Prometric testing center. Then about three weeks later they will receive an official letter confirming the results. At this time the state boards will be notified of the scores as well.

Right now, the 2010 schedule is:

Summer testing window **July 15-Aug 15**

Deadline for applications and documents : June 1, 2010
There will be 4 testing centers in CO (2 in Denver, Colorado Springs, and Grand Junction)

Fall testing window: **Nov -15-Dec 15**

Deadline for applications and documents : Oct 1, 2010

In 2011, the first exam window will be **Feb 15-March 15**.

Deadline for applications and documents: Jan 1, 2011.

New for Application

In addition, all candidates will have to provide proof of program completion by the application deadline (not the testing deadline or up to 6 months post as has been the previous policy).

Visit www.aavsb.org for more information. Any questions should be directed to AAVSB.

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Colorado Veterinary
Medical Association

Bits and Pieces condensed from the
CVMA eNews Digest, November 2009
Thanks to Cami Cacciatore, Director of
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Bits and Pieces of Medical News

FDA-CVM Alert: Problems with Vetsulin® Porcine Insulin Zinc Suspension

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine, in cooperation with Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health, has announced that Vetsulin® may have varying amounts of crystalline zinc insulin, the active ingredient, in the formula. As a result, use of the product could result in a delay in action of the drug as well as prolonged action, which could cause difficulty in managing diabetic pets.
www.avma.org/aa/vetsulin_091102.asp.

Three More Ferrets Diagnosed with Pandemic Influenza H1N1

A total of four ferrets in Oregon have tested positive for the 2009 pandemic influenza H1N1 virus. There are no indications that the ferrets passed the virus on to people or any other species of animal. All of the sick ferrets have recovered. The AVMA is monitoring reports of pandemic influenza H1N1 in animals and posting updates to its website at www.avma.org/public_health/influenza/new_virus.

CSU-VDL Tests Pets for H1N1, Offers Health Tips to Pet Owners

Colorado State University's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory will begin testing samples from pets submitted by veterinarians for H1N1 after a small number of companion animals have tested positive for the flu. The laboratory is also offering tips to pet owners about keeping their pets healthy this flu season.

New Import Requirements for Horses Coming into CO from Texas

Colorado Department of Agriculture has announced movement restrictions or additional entry requirements for horses from Texas due to the detection of equine piroplasmiasis in South Texas.

Equine piroplasmiasis is a serious tick-transmitted blood disease of equine animals, such as horses, donkeys, mules, and zebras; the disease may be carried and transmitted by as many as 15 species of ticks. Although ticks have been collected from the South Texas ranch for testing, final results are not complete, and it is not known whether any of the ticks can serve as a host for the disease.

For updated information refer to www.tahc.state.tx.us/ or www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/Agriculture-Main/CDAG/1183672504470 or call 303.239.4161.

Update to CDPHE Rabies Prevention and Control Policy

Due to the spread of skunk rabies in Colorado, the CDPHE "[Rabies Prevention and Control Policy; Management of Domestic Animals Exposed to Rabies](#)" and accompanying algorithm have been updated. The previous version of the policy regarding 45, 90, or 180 day quarantines of pets exposed to rabies primarily applied to pets exposed to bats.

The presence of rabies in terrestrial mammals (non-bat mammals such as skunks, foxes, raccoons, and other carnivores) in Colorado has led to the need for a stricter policy. Please visit the CDPHE rabies webpage for the updated version, which is provided under the section titled "Exposure Policies and Procedures for Colorado" at www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/zoonosis/rabies.

Please help to widely distribute this updated policy to animal control officers, animal shelters, veterinary staff, and wildlife professionals. View articles on www.cacvt.com under the "News Section" on the home page.

FDA Health Alert for Certain Pet Treats Made by Pet Carousel

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is issuing a health alert to warn consumers not to use Pig Ears and Beef Hooves pet treats manufactured by Pet Carousel because the products may be contaminated with Salmonella. The products were distributed nationwide in both bulk and retail packaging for sale in pet food and retail chain stores.

Drug for Cushing Disease

Federal drug authorities are providing guidance for veterinarians on the use and compounding of a drug used in the treatment of hyperadrenocorticism (Cushing disease) in dogs.

The FDA states Vetoryl is the only FDA-approved animal drug containing trilostane as the active ingredient. The letter also states the drug should not be imported from other countries, should not be compounded in bulk, and can be legally compounded only if Vetoryl is used as the starting material. The drug is produced by Penn Pharma in South Wales, U.K., and distributed by Dechra Veterinary Products of Overland Park, Kansas.

Information: www.fda.gov. Click on the "Animals and Veterinary" tab, then on "Safety and Health," and "Letters to Veterinary Professionals."

CSU Expands Neurological Unit and Services

Animals suffering from brain, spinal cord, nerve, and muscle injuries and illnesses can receive expert treatment at the Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital, which is expanding its ability to treat such injuries. Dr. Liran Tzipory, a veterinary neurosurgeon, has joined the faculty at the hospital to provide these services.

CACVT 2009 Survey

Please take a few moments to fill out this valuable survey. Please make copies of this survey and pass out to all hospital team members or interested parties (also available electronically at www.cacvt.com/2009survey).

Remember, this survey is only as good as the input. The more people that participate, the better the results. You will have access to the complete survey results once tabulated.

All individual information will be kept confidential. All surveys returned by **December 11, 2009**, will be entered in a drawing for a free registration to the January 2010 Focus Conference. Please mail your completed survey to CACVT, 191 Yuma Street, Denver, CO 80223, fax 303-318-0651 (cover page is not needed), or e-mail to info@cacvt.com. Please call 303-318-0652 with questions.

Please place an X in the blank before the appropriate response for each category below.

Thank you for your time, the CACVT Executive Board.

Current Status

Colorado Certified Veterinary Technician VTS or other credentialing (please list) _____
 Credentialed Veterinary Technician in another state Non-credentialed Veterinary Technician
 Student attending an AVMA accredited school Veterinary Assistant
 Other, please specify _____

Demographics

Age 18 – 24 25 – 30 31 – 35 36 – 40
 41 – 45 46 – 50 51 – 55 > 56

Gender Female Male

Employment Location Denver/Metro Other (please list city, state) _____

Primary Role Technician Practice/Office Manager Assistant Front Staff/Recept.
 Tech / Recept. Tech / Office Mngr. Lab Tech/Research Self-employed Instructor
 Industry Representative unemployed Other (specify) _____

Hourly wage N/A <\$8.00/hr \$8.00-10.00/hr \$10.01-12.00/hr \$12.01-14.00/hr \$14.01-16.00/hr
 \$16.01-18.00/hr \$18.01-20.00/hr \$20.01-22.00/hr \$22.01-24.00/hr >\$24.01/hr

Years in the veterinary field

<1 year 1 – 3 yrs 3.1 – 5 yrs 5.1 – 7 yrs 7.1 – 10 yrs
 10.1 – 13 yrs 13.1 – 15 yrs 15.1 – 17 yrs 17.1 – 20 yrs > 20 years

Type of employment (mark all that apply): Small Animal Large Animal Food Animal Exotics
 Pocket Pets Equine Avian Emergency Specialty Industry Education
 Research Association Other (specify) _____

Practice Management and Career Satisfaction

Benefits offered by the employer (check all that apply) N/A
 Health Ins. Dental Ins. Paid Vacations Paid CACVT dues
 Reduced-Cost Pet Food Paid CE Paid Allied Association dues (e.g., NAVTA or AAHA)
 Reduced-Cost Medicine Uniforms Retirement
 Reduced-Cost Vet Services Pet Insurance Profit Sharing Other _____

Staff at my hospital/clinic including myself – leave blank if you don't work in a hospital/clinic setting

(fill in a number for each slot, zero is acceptable. FT =full time =32-40 hrs/wk; PT=part time= <32 hrs/wk)

FT doctor PT doctor FT CVT PT CVT FT non-cert VT PT non-cert VT
 FT assistant PT assistant FT receptionist PT receptionist FT office/practice manager
 PT office/practice manager FT groomer PT groomer other (specify) _____

Which best describes your utilization within your position on a scale of 1 to 5?

5 (Well utilized) 4 3 2 1 (Under utilized)

Which best describes your current job satisfaction on a scale of 1 to 5?

5 (Very satisfied) 4 3 2 1 (Unsatisfied)

Additional comments _____

We currently have an Employee Handbook/Office Policy Manual. Yes No
 If yes, how well is it utilized / updated? 5 (Well utilized) 4 3 2 1 (Under utilized)
 If yes, do you feel it is beneficial to your employment (answers job-related questions): Yes No
 If no, is your facility considering one? Yes No

CACVT Membership

Are you a current CACVT member? Yes No If yes, for approx. how many years? _____
 Does your veterinarian/employer belong to either DAVMS or CVMA? Yes No Unknown
 Which CACVT benefits are you utilizing? (check all that apply)
 CE Classes Website Job Placement Insurance(s) Office Assistance
 Newsletter Chapters Transfer assistance NAVTA information None
 E-nformation Other (specify) _____

CACVT Newsletter / E-nformation

Overall Rating Excellent Good OK Poor Don't Read
 If you don't read it, why? Too Busy Not Interested Other _____
 Any comments about the newsletter/e-newsletter? _____

CACVT Executive Board

Overall Rating Excellent Good Poor Unfamiliar with the Board
 The Executive Board wishes to increase its effectiveness. What do you suggest they do? What would you like to see implemented?

Web Site

On average, how often do you visit the CACVT Web site? never once/month few times/month once/week
 several times/week other (specify): _____
 On average, how often do you visit other veterinary-related Web sites? never once/month few times/month
 once/week several times/week other (specify): _____
 What are your top 2 or 3 primary reasons for visiting CACVT.com or any veterinary-related Web site (check all that apply)?
 CE classes Product info Medical updates (e.g., K9 Flu or rabies) Latest technology Personal assistance
 Jobs Other (specify): _____
 What would you like to see on either the CACVT Web site or Web sites in general that would make it more appealing to visit?

Continuing Education

Where do you obtain your Continuing Education credits? (check all that apply.)
 CACVT Conf. CVMA Sponsored Events CVMA Fall Convention CSU
 Internet National Conferences DAVMS Classes Bel-Rea
 Clinic/Hospital Industry Reps Vet Tech or NAVTA Magazine Other

What CE topics are you interested in? (Please be specific.)
 a. _____ b. _____

What 3 items best describe the way you choose CE? (select your top 3 choices)
 Variety of topics Small animal Food available Exotics Large animal
 Reception skills Emergency Location Under 6 hours at a time
 Practice management Cost Day of the week Over 6 hours at one time
 Alternative medicine Other _____

Top locations for attending a conference: (select up to 3 cities) Boulder Canon City Colo Springs Copper Mt
 Denver Durango Estes Park Ft Collins Glenwood Spgs Grand Jct Greeley Keystone
 Loveland Pueblo Steamboat Spgs Winter Park Other _____ (must be in CO)

optional: Please fill in your name to be eligible for the drawing for the free conference registration. Thank you for your time! We greatly appreciate your participation in this survey. ~CACVT Executive Board

First Name: _____ Contact (how we can reach you if you win the drawing): _____

Small Bites - News You Can Chew



HOPE CE Program

"Special Skills for Dealing with Special Clients"

December 15, 2009
6:00 to 8:00 PM

CVMF Harrison Center for Animals
191 Yuma Street, Denver, CO 80223

The entire veterinary team is invited to this complimentary seminar to learn more effective communication skills when interacting with seniors and people with disabilities. This program is brought to you by Home Outreach Pet Exams (HOPE), a program of the Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation.

You will learn how to:

- Increase the comfort level for you and your team when talking with special needs clients.
- Help your clients feel more comfortable when communicating with you and your team.
- Identify resources for your clients through HOPE partners such as the Senior Resource Center and the Colorado Fund for People with Disabilities.

Approved for 2 CE hours by the Colorado State Board of Veterinary Medicine and CACVT.

Enrollment is limited – register by **December 8, 2009!**

Contact: Lisa Shuman at 303-539-7638 or LisaShuman@cvmf.org.



"Fleas Navidog"

program sponsored by:



Microchipping for Technicians

There is a new program on microchipping that focuses on the people who do it: the technical staff! Bayer Animal HealthCare team, in association with www.VetLearn.com, bring a new CE course, **Microchipping for Technicians**, worth 1 CE credit. Become a microchip specialist today!

Visit www.vetlearn.com and click on the "Veterinary Technician" tab. Or go to www.cacvt.com/otherprograms - scroll down to "Website Programs" and look for "Bayer."

From the Web site:

- Module 1: Overview of Microchipping
- Module 2: Implanting and Registering the Chip
- Module 3: Business Practices



Paws to Give
FUND DRIVE

You can help homeless pets for the holidays

Our Paws to Give Fund Drive begins on November 23. Your monetary gifts are put to use where the need is the greatest, and supplies are also useful.

On January 31, it's the 12th Annual Pledges-for-Pets Telethon. Visit www.ddfl.org for details.



Morris Animal Foundation Update

What is the latest in animal health research on cats, dogs, horses, and wildlife?

For more information, visit www.cacvt.com/Morris (a news item from our CACVT home page). Or visit their Web site directly at www.morrisanimalfoundation.org.



First impressions

Long gone are the days of resumes printed on fancy paper sent in the mail with a fashionable stamp. In today's job market, many employers are asking for applications online and/or via e-mail. So when you have a less-than-ideal e-mail address, what is the first impression you are giving to the potential employer?

It's hard for recruiters to take someone seriously when they send an e-mail with an address like buttgorillastuff, hotchick99, or mama_smurf_rocks.

With many free internet services such as Yahoo!, Hotmail, Gmail, and more, it is easy to create an email account just for business purposes. You can have multiple e-mail accounts: a fun one for friends, one for potential junk mail, and, most importantly, one for sending out your resume and talking to your professional associations (like CACVT).

So before you email your cover letter and resume, take a look from the other side of the computer and think about the impression you are sending to the hiring manager. Is it really the one that says "I am a professional?" Or will they be tempted to hit the delete button?

Suzanne Crest, PHR

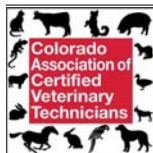
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CO Veterinary Hospital Managers Group (VHMG)

There is a group of hospital managers that meet every month. If you are working in a manager capacity, and would like to learn more about this group, please contact the CACVT office.

Or come to the next organizational meeting on January 13, 2010, noon at the CVMA-HCA – 191 Yuma St, Denver 80223. Visit www.cacvt.com/location for directions.



CACVT News

Staff Update

Unfortunately for us, CACVT's Administrator, Ms. Troy Bowman, has decided to move and pursue a business adventure with her husband. She has been a great member of the CACVT team and will be missed. We certainly appreciate her contributions to the association.

At the time of printing, the candidate search was going well. As you read this, we should have a new administrator in place. Visit www.cacvt.com/rosters to view the new information.

One of the primary functions of the new administrator will be volunteer coordination. We are actively seeking ways to make your volunteer experience with CACVT a prosperous one for both you and the association. Look for exiting opportunities in the very near future.

Committees and Chapters

Our Executive Board, Committees, and Chapters are moving ahead with various goals for the year. Our certification year is half way over (July to June) so it's a great time

to re-evaluate our direction and keep it on track. Our next big event is our Focus CE Conference on January 24, 2010. The topic will be on renal issues thanks to sponsorship by Pfizer.

Partnership with DAVMS



DAVMS has provided quality CE programs throughout the years, and their 2010 Professional Development Series is no exception. Due to a special promotion, CACVT will receive a portion of all CACVT-member registrations from DAVMS. So for a low price, you can receive top-notch CE and help CACVT as well. What a deal!

There are three great programs to attend. See page 9 for the listing. Or visit www.cacvt.com/otherCEprograms for detailed information and a special registration form.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

If anyone has any questions or comments about Colorado, please either visit the web site www.cacvt.com or contact the office at info@cacvt.com or 303-318-0652. Thank you, have a safe and happy holiday season, and a very happy 2010!



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Continuing Education

For information on CE guidelines, submitting CE, or for more CE listings, please visit www.cacvt.com/ContinuingEducation.

For more details and more CE classes, view the "Other Programs" under the Continuing Education section.

CACVT accepts RACE credits. CACVT accepts more classes than is listed on our Web site. These are just the ones we know about.

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A posting of continuing education across the United States can be found on the Veterinary Learning Systems Website: www.vetlearn.com, click on the "Veterinary Technician" tab, then click on "conference calendar" on the left hand column (towards bottom of page).

December 6, 2009

DAVMS Staff Training - visit www.davms.org to see a preview video of this event
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM 4 supportive CE

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Natl Assn of Vet Technicians in America -
NAVTA 703-740-8737 / www.navta.net
CO State Board of Veterinary Medicine
www.dora.state.co.us/veterinarians
Colorado Veterinary Medical Association
303-318-0447 / www.colovma.org
Denver Area Veterinary Medical Society
303-318-0447 / www.davms.org
American Animal Hospital Association.
800-252-2242 / www.aahanet.org
State Animal Response Team (SART)
303-539-7633 / www.coloradosart.org
Peer Assistance Services
866-369-0039 / www.peerassist.org
Benefits & Incentives Group, Inc.
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www.livingsafelywithdogs.org
Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital
303-722-5800 / www.hmah.org
Academy of Vet. Dental Techs (AVDT)
www.avdt.us / DBLTRBSLS@aol.com
Academy of Veterinary Emerg & Critical Care
www.avecct.org
Academy of Veterinary Tech. Anesthetists
www.avta-vts.org
Academy of Internal Medicine Vet. Tech.
www.aimvt.org
Academy of Veterinary Behavior Technicians
www.svbt.org

Location: DAVMS, 191 Yuma Street, Denver 80223. Entire team is invited! Cost: \$99/person (includes lunch). Presenter: Wendy S. Myers. Space is limited. Visit <http://www.davms.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=55> or call 303.318.0447

December 15, 2009

HOPE CE Program
See details on page 7 of this newsletter

December 17, 2009

CO State Board of Veterinary Medicine Meeting. Earn supportive credit for attending. Contact the CACVT office for details or visit www.cacvt.com/governance.

January 10, 2010

CSU Annual Conference for Technicians, Fort Collins, CO. Info: 970-297-1273 or www.cvms.colostate.edu/clinsci/ce

January 24, 2010

CACVT Focus Conference see below
Topic: Renal Issues
Brochures to be mailed to your home.

February 10, 2010 **

Vomiting/Regurgitation, Diarrhea, and "Ain't Doing Right" - Some diagnostic and therapeutic strategies. Speaker: Michael Willard, DVM, DACVIM. 5 technical CE: 1-6 PM
DAVMS Veterinary Learning Institute
\$80/veterinary technician/student **
www.davms.org or 303-318-0447

February 24, 2010

Use of Molecular Assays for Diagnosis of Infectious Diseases in Dogs and Cats: are they worth the money? Mike Lappin, DVM
3 technical CE: 3-6 PM. DAVMS
\$40/veterinary technician/student
Visit www.davms.org or 303-318-0447

March 17, 2010 **

Thoracic & Abdominal Imaging
Mark Saunders, VMD, MS, DACVR
5 technical CE: 1-6 PM
DAVMS Veterinary Learning Institute
\$80/veterinary technician/student **
Visit www.davms.org or 303-318-0447

April 7, 2010 **

Latest Update on Liver Disease
David Twedt, DVM, DACVIM
5 technical CE: 1-6 PM
DAVMS Veterinary Learning Institute
\$80/veterinary technician/student **
Catalog available at www.davms.org or 303-318-0447

SAVE the DATE!

April 16-18, 2010

CACVT Annual Spring Conference
Multiple Topics
Grand Junction, CO

** When a CACVT member signs up, a portion of the proceeds of these classes will be given back to CACVT. Find a special CACVT application on the CACVT Web site.

CACVT Focus Conference Sunday, January 24, 2010

Diagnostics & Management of the Chronic Kidney Disease Patient

Subtopic titles (Each subtopic to be discussed for 1 hour):

- ♦ Diagnostics for chronic kidney disease
- ♦ Leptospirosis: Its connection to kidney disease
- ♦ Old & new therapies for chronic kidney disease
- ♦ Fear factor: Managing the peri-operative kidney disease patient

Speaker: Matthew Krecic, DVM, MS, MBA, Diplomate ACVIM (Internal Medicine)

We will once again use the Turning Point software that was popular last year (lets the audience respond to specific questions).

Thanks to Pfizer for their generous support.

Location: PPA Building, Denver (immediately north of Invesco Field at Mile High)

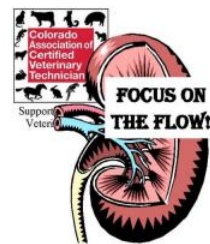
Time: 1-5 pm (4 technical CE)



Watch for brochure mid-December with registration details.



Animal Health

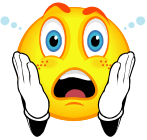




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NOT
ANOTHER
SURVEY!! :))

Yes, they take time. But they are also used. If you haven't already done so, please take a few moments to fill ours out (see pg 5).

Relief Veterinary Technicians & Pet Sitters

For a copy of the current relief technician list or pet sitter list, or to be placed on either of these lists, please contact the CACVT office.

Both lists can also be found at www.cacvt.com under "Job Postings."

For Job Listings:

- www.cacvt.com
- select "Job Postings"
- select "Find a Job"

www.Bel-Rea.com
www.coloradomtn.edu
www.ccd.edu/careerconnections
www.WhereTechsConnect.com
<http://careers.navta.net>

Post Your Resume

Now you can post your resume directly to the CACVT Web Site. You must be a CACVT member and signed into the members-only area.

Visit www.cacvt.com and view "post resume" under the "job" tab.



NEW on WWW.CACVT.COM!

Our Web Site has recently undergone a small face lift. Some areas are evident, others are not. A few of the bigger changes are listed here. We continue to work diligently to provide this resource for you.

Updates:

Members-only Directory

- View the number of CE hours recorded for 2008-2010
- Double check to make sure your information is correct
- Find your CO membership number

Volunteer Form (listed under "contact us")

More complete so we have a better idea of what you are looking for.

Web Page for Web Pages (under "related links")

Need a handy list of Web sites? Visit here first to see if it's there.

New:

Resume Posting Area! (listed under "job postings")

- Now you can post your resume for potential employers to view.
- You must be a CACVT member and signed into the members-only area.
- It will automatically be removed after 30 days. (However, you are welcome to re-post it if needed.)

If there is anything you think should be changed, please contact the CACVT office. Thank you.

