

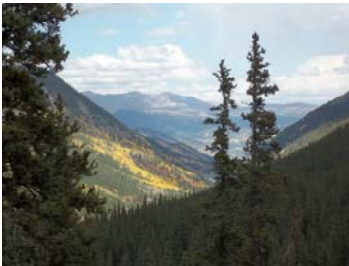


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Mission Statement

The mission of the Colorado Association of Certified Veterinary Technicians (CACVT) is to advocate for, govern, and certify veterinary technicians; promote professionalism & career advancement through educational opportunities; and collaborate with the veterinary community and allied groups.

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Colorado in the Fall 2011

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Colorado Association of Certified Veterinary Technicians

Techniques

A Day in the Life of a Canine Rehabilitation Technician



By: Elizabeth Mia Reed, RVT, CVT, CCRA

Scrubs, check. Shorts, check. Water shoes, check. These are just a few of the things I pack to go to work as a Canine Rehabilitation Technician.

Expanding my career as a RVT by becoming certified in Canine Rehabilitation (CCRA) was one of the best career choices I have made. Not only is it extremely rewarding to be able to help dogs walk again, but also increases my practice's standard of care.

Being a RVT for six years, and in the veterinary field for ten years, I continued to see an increasing need for rehabilitation after orthopedic surgeries, strokes, agility injuries, and also for general wellness and fitness. If people need to go through rehabilitation and see the benefits of going to the gym, why should our canine companions be any different? Rehabilitation has been proven to increase recovery time after surgery, halt muscle mass loss after injury, strengthen and retrain muscles, provide pain relief, and the list goes on. I saw a lack of this type of care in the area where I worked, and wanted to provide clients another avenue to care for their pets.

First, I researched where a credentialed technician can get training in Canine Physical Rehabilitation. Currently, there are only two places in the United States: The University of Tennessee and Canine Rehabilitation Institute. I completed CRI's program of over 120 continuing education hours on canine physical rehabilitation. Their hands-on approach, small class size, and collaboration amongst veterinarians, technicians, and physical therapists is what attracted me to their program.

To be accepted to their program, you must be any of those three professionals to

obtain certification in Canine Rehabilitation. You complete a week-long module each in Introduction to Rehabilitation, Canine Rehabilitation, and an elective. Then you take a test along with hands-on assignments. After completing all three sessions, you must write up a case-study. Going through the program was intense, yet necessary for me to become the best in my profession.

Now, my days are filled with rehabilitation consultations, standing in the underwater treadmill assisting a dog walking, making a few house-calls, and instructing owners on how to perform certain exercises with their pet. Just like anything in veterinary medicine, there is never a dull moment. Sometimes it can be stressful such as assisting a patient with walking while he is trying to bite your hand off. Other days, you feel like everyone loves you, especially when a dog just lies down in front of you, waiting for his massage and laser treatment.

When developing a treatment plan for a client and their patient, it is a lot different than what most veterinary professionals are used to. One exercise may work well for one dog, but not another. For every muscle group area, I have to come up with several exercises to try. Creativity is the key.

Lastly, one of the most challenging aspects of being a veterinary rehabilitation technician is becoming well acquainted with your patients. It can be such a joy to work with them for a long time, and see the looks on owner's faces when their dog is finally able to stand up and walk again after being told by many that they never will. However, it can also be sad to see the inevitable; slowly declining from a debilitating disease. For the most part, I love my job as a rehabilitation technician as it is extremely rewarding and challenging. I hope many more credentialed technicians join me in their pursuit of offering a new standard of care in their practices, by getting certified in Canine Physical Rehabilitation.

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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 2011

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Conference Comm Meeting	15 SBVM Meeting	16	17
18	19	20 Executive Bd Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Office Closed				Office Closed	
					Office Closed- Happy New Year!	
Next newsletter (February) deadline is Jan. 16, 2012						

Meeting Updates and General Information

Past Meetings

A synopsis of meeting minutes for members in good standing is available 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.

Rather than having set dates for many of our committee meetings, we try to adjust the dates for people's personal schedules. Thus, if you're interested in one of the committees, it's best to contact either the Chair or the office. Thank you.

Planning your Calendar:

Unsure of all the acronyms?

Visit www.cacvt.com/acronym for a complete list. Other events in the community, such as through humane shelters and other partners, are posted on the calendar (www.cacvt.com/calendar) as the information is made available to the office. CE events are posted at www.cacvt.com/otherprograms.

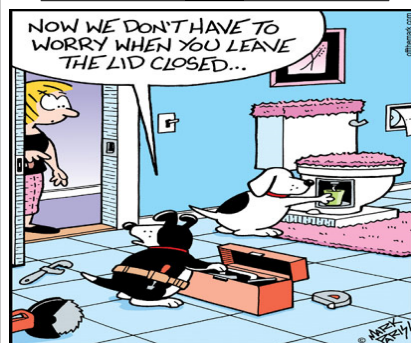
Dec 14: CACVT Conference Committee Meeting 6:30 pm at the CACVT office.

Dec 15: CO State Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting: Learn about governance. From 8:30am to around noon. You may now obtain up to 4 technical credits for attending this meeting. Information: www.cacvt.com/governance. It includes directions, parking information, code of conduct, agenda, etc.

Dec 20: Executive Board meeting at the CACVT office. 6:30pm

Jan 14-18: NAVC in Orlando, Florida.

Jan 28: CACVT Focus Conference, 1-5 pm at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. See page 6 of this newsletter for details.



“No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich.”
Louis Sabin



President's Point

Michele Laughlin, AAS, CVT

This is the time of year when we all reflect on the year, count our blessings, and look to the year ahead. The CACVT is no different! This year, 2011 brought us so much. We experienced some amazing conferences, saw growth and change, and helped to educate our members and the public. We are so blessed to have such a large membership, an amazingly active volunteer base, and work in an industry where we get to use our skills on a daily basis. I believe 2012 will be even better!

We also wanted to take a moment to let you, our members, know how much we appreciate each and every one of you. Your commitment to the field of veterinary technology now and in the future makes our job worth it.

Many of you have attended our two licensure education events and have asked some very important, pertinent questions. The Executive Board of the CACVT has taken a neutral stance on this topic, but we will continue to bring you these educational events as this topic continues to take our attention. We encourage ALL of you to attend these events,

educate yourself and your co-workers with the FACTS, get involved in your local government, attend a State Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting, and continue to be part of the process.

As this discussion continues, please know that the CACVT will continue to exist no matter what happens with licensure. We are passionate about this profession and about our members and we will continue to grow with and support you. If you have questions or just want to discuss this topic or any other topic, please contact the office or ANY Executive Board member.

All of us at the CACVT wish you the best as 2011 comes to a close. May 2012 be filled with love, peace, joy, and the knowledge that the job you have is one of the best in the world!

Warmest wishes for the season....

Michele Laughlin, AAS, CVT

Holiday pet tips to keep your holiday merry and bright

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season in full swing, there can be lots of extra temptations around the house for curious cats and dogs. Fortunately, with a few extra steps, you can help keep your pet safe and enjoy a holiday full of cheer.

Here are some general tips when it comes to decorating your home:

- Make sure to pick up ornament hooks, tinsel, and ribbons.
- Keep lit candles out of your pet's reach, high on a counter or table so they cannot be knocked over.
- Popular holiday plants and flowers, including poinsettias and mistletoe berries, are poisonous to pets.
- Keep pets in a quiet room when having guests over, especially if your animals get nervous around strangers or crowds.

ALWAYS make sure that your pets have proper identification—such as a collar/ID tag and a microchip ID implant—in case they do escape or become lost.

Thanks to the Dumb Friends League. Visit www.ddfl.org for great holiday gifts for every pet and pet lover on your list!

Did You Know...



That city dwellers who raise chickens are springing up around the country? But why? What is making chickens so attractive?

Well, they will give you fresh eggs, do pest control, process your compost and give you hours of entertainment. Sometimes they even let you cuddle them!

Truth be told, most people who own backyard chickens are in love with them and consider owning them as a rewarding experience.

However, before you jump on the chicken bandwagon, do your homework! As with anything, you must consider your lifestyle, cost, commitment, and the needs of your new family member(s).

While having chickens in most cities is legal, it is always important to check the law in your city. Most cities stipulate that the coops may not be within a certain number of feet of the owner's residence, the property line, or the neighbors dwellings.

There are many resources for the novice and experienced chicken lover out there, including: urbanchickens.org, thecitychicken.com, and the book, *Raising Chickens for Dummies*.





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Licensure Government Regulation — the things being learned

On November 8, 2011, CACVT hosted a Licensure Education Event as one of the initiatives to help members understand the basics of how a possible change in credentialing will effect the veterinary technician profession in Colorado.

While licensure for veterinary technicians continues to be a ‘hot’ topic in Colorado, only 21 CVTs (out of 1,830 CVTs currently listed in Colorado) attended the event.

Our guest speaker was Mo Miskell who, for the past 5 years, has been the Program Director for the Colorado State Boards of Dental Examiners, Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, and Veterinary Medicine. While parts of Mo’s job is to work with the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, his main task involves protecting the public in a way that is not unduly burdensome to those who are being regulated.

As he explained, regulation is not about any given pro-

fession or personal growth, but rather it is about protecting the public from fraud and the unqualified.

TAKE HOME MESSAGE: Licensure/Registration/Certification (all forms of government regulation) is NOT about the specific profession (i.e., veterinary technician). It is ONLY about PUBLIC PROTECTION.



The event was set up as a question-and-answer presentation only and did not include any form of debate. Many of the answers Mo gave were not as ‘clear cut’ as many had expected. This is understandable because, as mentioned in previous newsletters, some of these answers will be dependant on how the practice act is written.

Because of the findings from this meeting, the task force is being renamed to be the Regulation Investigation Task Force.

The Findings

1. What are some benefits of being licensed by state government?

- ◆ Title protection
- ◆ Having definitions that specify the roles and duties of a particular profession (thus holding all accountable at the same level)
- ◆ There may or may not be job definitions, it depends on how the scope of practice is written

2. How much will it cost a technician to be licensed (annually, bi-annually)?

- ◆ This is based on certain variables, including:
- ◆ The number of potential applications – The more potential applicants, the lower the cost
- ◆ How much energy it takes for the state to manage the profession based on the number of applications, renewals, cases, etc.
- ◆ The fees paid to the state are used to run the program. Therefore, the more cases brought against veterinary technicians, the higher the cost will be.

3. How will technicians measure the benefits of being licensed?

- ◆ Not sure if there will be any financial compensation seen by technicians once licensed. May be dependant on maintaining an open relationship with the Colorado Vet-

erinary Medical Association (CVMA), as this will affect their members.

4. How can technicians create a Sunrise Review?

- ◆ An independent report will need to be submitted to the Office of Research and Regulations. This is a separate entity from the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA)
- ◆ The office of Research and Regulations will approve or decline applications based on the rules, which define licensure as the highest form of regulation. However, if declined, one can still approach a Senator or Representative to get support on a bill.

SIDE NOTE: In 1994, CACVT petitioned for licensure. At that time, the petition was declined. However, no other form of regulation was approached, such as certification or registration.

Definitions: (per BRB Publications, Inc)

Registration: The least restrictive form of occupational regulation, usually taking the form of requiring individuals to file their names, addresses, and qualifications with a government agency before practicing the occupation. This may include posting a bond or filing a fee.



Regulation, cont. from pg 4

Certification: The state grants title protection to persons with certifications. Uncertified individuals may practice the same or similar job duties, but specialized titles are reserved only for individuals who have the related certification.

Licensure: The most restrictive form of professional and occupational regulation. Under licensure laws, it is illegal for a person to practice a profession without first meeting state standards.

5. Is there a difference in government fees for an RVT, CVT, and LVT?

- ◆ Yes, the more regulation, the higher the costs.

6. If we first become RVTs or CVTs, is it potentially easier to become an LVT down the road?

- ◆ Yes, because now data is being gathered about complaints.

7. Who will directly oversee a licensed technician, which state department?

- ◆ That will be dependant on what is established. There are two types of regulation bodies: A Board and an Advisory Committee.
- ◆ A State Board would be like the one that currently governs the veterinarians. In this case, you have members of your profession making rules, revoking licenses, and overseeing the profession in general.
- ◆ In an Advisory Committee, recommendations are made to DORA. Then one DORA employee makes the final decision.

8. How do you recommend technicians get more respect in veterinary medicine?

- ◆ This is something that DORA does not do. DORA is in charge of protecting the public and nothing else. One can earn respect through education, professional growth, and involvement in professional associations.

9. How often do you predict a technician having a licensed pulled?

- ◆ There are many levels of reprimand before a licensed is pulled. Therefore, it can't be predicted.

10. Can veterinarians be forced into only hiring LVTs?

- ◆ This would need to be defined in the scope of practice. This would require talks with the CVMA and the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, since the Veterinary Practice act will be involved.

11. Do veterinarians have to declare felonies? Will we have to?

- ◆ Most likely, yes. This would be anything disciplined by another state board, felonies such as DUIs and animal abuse.

12. Will we have to submit Continuing Education hours?

- ◆ Continuing education recording is a pricey endeavor for the state; therefore, most states do not like to do it. Not sure what this would look like.



Where Do We Go From Here?

CACVT recognizes that this will be a decision that affects all of us. Therefore, the Regulations Task Force will continue to focus on their mission of creating more educational events that will reach out to members in all parts of the state.

However, it is up to you to obtain the information that you require to educate yourself in this area. CACVT can only provide it, you need to make the effort, as well.

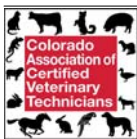
In addition, the task force will compile a list of potential resources that will be required in order to pursue some form of government regulation. This includes financial considerations, as well as relationships with other associations and government legislatures.

Eventually, enough information will be gathered for the CACVT Executive Board to make a final decision on the direction the association will pursue. No decision has been made at this time.

Information, communication, and collaboration between members and other veterinary entities are the key factors toward making the best decision for Colorado technicians.

We have the future of our profession in the palm of our hand!





CACVT Volunteer Incentive Program

Areas Looking for Volunteers

- 2012 Executive Board
- Membership Committee
- 2012 National Veterinary Technician Week Task Force
- Awareness and Preparation Task Force
- PR Committee
- Certification Committee
- Advisory Council

Plus, your volunteer hours add up for some amazing returns. Contact Cecilia for details.

Levels	Swag	Volunteer Hours Needed
1	Pin	After first volunteer experience
2	Mug	9
3	Shirt	35
4	Focus Conf	65
5	Spring Conf	95
6	Spotlight Conf	105
7	½ CACVT dues	135
8	½ CACVT dues	165

For More information or to volunteer, please contact Cecilia, Administrator/Volunteer Coordinator at admin@cacvt.com or by phone at 303-318-0652.

To Ponder

The Refrigerator

The association is like a refrigerator. You don't have to do anything and it still sits in the kitchen working for you. However, you do have to pay the electricity bill!

The food is like the benefits. The refrigerator is full of groceries, but you have to make the effort to open the door and access the food. Benefits work the same way. By volunteering, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. Think of it as "what do I get back" (not what do I put in).

So what do you need from the association, and then how are you going to obtain it? Networking is an amazing arrangement to meet colleagues who have similar situations. You might be surprised at what you find once you open the doors.



Excerpt from a speech given by Denise Mikita, MS, CVT, January 2011.



Denver-based Morris Animal Foundation Ranks at the Top for Animal Charities in Colorado

By: Tina M. Martinez

World leader in funding veterinary science receives four-star rating from Charity Navigator

Denver-based Morris Animal Foundation has maintained the highest rating of nonprofit excellence by Charity Navigator, the nation's premier independent charity evaluator. Among eight other Animals/Animal Rights, Welfare, and Services nonprofit organizations rated from Colorado, Morris Animal Foundation is one of only two charities to receive the four-star status.

"Morris Animal Foundation works hard to be fiscally responsible and to ensure that donations are used in the best possible way to improve animal health," said David Haworth, DVM, PhD, president/CEO of Morris Animal Foundation. "We are very proud to receive this top ranking."

Morris Animal Foundation is a world leader in funding science that helps animals enjoy longer, healthier lives. Morris Animal Foundation funding supports approximately 300 animal health studies each year at more than 60 of the world's most respected research institutions, colleges of veterinary medicine and zoos. Since its inception in 1948, the Foundation has funded more than 1,700 humane animal health studies, which have benefited animals on every continent.

The Foundation's studies have led to major advances in veterinary care, including vaccines and other preventions, diagnostic tools and new therapies for the diseases and health conditions that threaten the lives of animals. The organization also supports training of the next generation of veterinary scientists through programs that encourage and support aspiring researchers.

To learn more, visit www.MorrisAnimalFoundation.org or call 800.243.2345.

Small Bites - News You Can Chew

CACVT Southern Chapter



On November 18, 2011, the CACVT Southern Chapter made its debut thanks to the kind sponsorship of Rx Vitamins and Dr. Brion Wollam. In his presentation, *Integrating Nutraceuticals into Existing Protocols*, Dr. Wollam discussed digestion, the liver, and the kidneys, which he feels are the three big components in keeping a patient healthy for a long time.

By helping us review and better understand these components, Dr. Wollam made the key point that the animal body is a self-healing, and self-regulating organism. How well it does depends on physical, chemical and emotional stresses.

This was a great presentation to introduce the Southern Chapter, whose mission is to provide continuing education to members in the southern part of the state.

If you would like more information about the chapter, please contact Christina LeMay, AAS, CVT at clemay@pmi.edu, Monica Hodge, AAS, CVT, at mhodge@pmi.edu, or the CACVT office at info@cacvt.com.

It's Time Again!



Every other year, CACVT does a survey of the membership to help us better understand the trends in our profession.

We understand that surveys take time. However, without enough input, the survey is useless. So please take the time to help us so that we can help you!

This survey will only take about 10 minutes to complete and it is easily assessable at: surveymonkey.com/s/2011cacvtsurvey.

If you would prefer to complete it in another format, please contact the office at info@cacvt.com or 303-318-0652.

All individual information will be kept confidential. All surveys returned by **December 15, 2011**, will be entered in a drawing for a complimentary registration to the January 2012 Focus Conference.

It is about you and for you!

CVMA BIG Ideas Forum

Collisions to Collaboration: Relationships between the Veterinary and Sheltering Communities

On October 29, 2011, members of the CACVT Leadership attended the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association's (CVMA) Big Ideas Forum in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The issue at hand was the relationship between veterinarians and animal shelters.

Many veterinarians feel that when shelters provide pre-adoption exams and Rabies vaccine, this reduces the opportunity to create revenue for their practices.

Where shelters feel that they have a standard to keep when adopting out pets. If they send unvaccinated, unhealthy pets to new homes, they would be chastised.

One of the guest speakers, Mr. Bob Rohde, President of the Dumb Friends League, explained that the current animosity between veterinarians and the sheltering community arose from the current rise in the pet population, the decline in veterinary visits, and a lack of communication and understanding between both groups. He proposed that by using proper terminology, it would fuel collaboration and be the first step to bringing mutual respect between both sides.

Some examples of proper terminology include: "animal care and control" (not "pound"), "limited admissions shelter" (not "no-kill shelter"), and "veterinarian" (not "vet").

We also had the opportunity to hear from groups that have made this relationship work in their communities. One example was from Dr. Alexis Nahama, DVM, and Vice President of marking for VCA Animal Hospitals, who explained the benefits VCA hospitals have seen by providing free first exams to new pet parent of adopted pets.

At the end, it was a productive presentation that emphasized that collaboration would be gained by building trust through communication, joint projects, and a commitment to work together. In the end, both parties strive for the same goal: to have happy pets in forever homes with good veterinary care.

Technology



SmartPhones are everywhere! Why not take advantage of this array of applications that are now available

Apps for the Veterinary Professional

A Vet Tool (\$6.99): Provides five separate tools to help make life easier. Includes a complete small-animal drug formulary; a list of common blood-value lab results; conversions for common weights and liquids; fully featured calculator with memory function; and a searchable notepad.

Veterinary Dictionary by Blacks (\$7.99): A complete, searchable veterinary dictionary. Goes wherever you go.

All Recalls (free): Allows you to follow recalls from five government agencies for everything from products to drugs.

VTNE Exam Prep (\$6.99): Contains a targeted curriculum of 400 simulated exam questions for veterinary technicians. A great tool for a vet tech seeking certification or wanting to keep knowledge up-to-date.

Apps for Clients

Paw Card (free): Create profiles of pets to track medications and weight, save veterinary contacts and vaccine history, and keep other notes. Your clients also can create appointment reminders and shoot off emails to the dog walker, groomer, sitter and others.

Eukanuba Unleashed (free): Type in your Zip code and find the nearest parks and open spaces to let dogs run without a leash. Great for traveling with a pet or simply looking for a new place to explore.

PetMD Dog/Cat Symptoms (\$2.99): Provides cat and dog owners a range of medical, behavioral and nutritional information.

PetMD Services Finder (free): Locates veterinarians, groomers, pet stores, pet-friendly hotels, and other information based on location.



2012 Focus Conference Registration Now Open

Skin issues are a part of life for your patients. Some clinics can send them to specialists, others cannot. What do you (the technical staff) do and how much do you know to assist the veterinarian in coming to the correct diagnosis and treatment plan? During the conference, many aspects of dermatology will be covered from a clinical, practical aspect.

Subtopics Include:

- Dermatology Takes a Team
- Dermatology Diagnostic Techniques: You can do it!
- Bacteria 2012: Addressing Resistant Bugs

Details: www.cacvt.com/cacvtceprograms

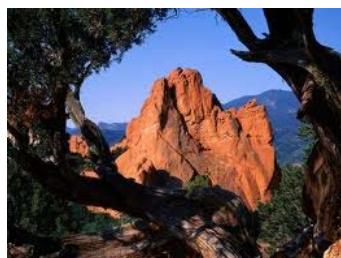
Date: Saturday, January 28, 2012

Time: 1-5 pm (4 technical hours)

Speaker: Dr. Helen Power, DVM, DACVD

Location: Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 W. 6th Ave. , Golden, CO 80401

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Continuing Education

Reminder: 1/2 of your credits must be technical in nature (medically related, at an advanced level, and in person).

For information on CE guidelines, submitting CE, or for more CE listings or details on the ones posted here, please visit

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CACVT accepts RACE credits. Additional classes are accepted than are listed on our Web site. These are just the ones currently known.

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A posting of CE across the United States can be found on the Veterinary Learning System's Web site: www.cecenter.com.

Please visit www.cacvt.com/guidelines for CE acceptance policy.

For details about these classes, and many more opportunities, visit www.cacvt.com/otherprograms.

December 7, 2011

The Veterinarian as Expert Witness in Animal Abuse Cases. Free Webinar given by Diane Balkin. <http://challenge.aspcapro.org/strategy/webinars/vet-expert-witness>

December 15, 2011

Colorado State Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting. For details visit www.cacvt.com/governance (under the "about CACVT" tab on the left hand column) or www.cacvt.com/calendar.

January 8, 2012

CSU's 22nd Annual Conference for Technicians. Multiple Speakers. 6 hours of technical CE. More info: 970-297-1273 or vetce@colostate.edu

January 27-29, 2012

Ram Leadership- Skills Training Program. Focuses on communication, servant leadership, and personal growth. Cost: \$150. Info: www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/scavma/rlst/rlst.html

January 28, 2012

CACVT Focus Conference. Information at www.cacvt.com/cacvtceprograms.

April 20-22, 2012

CACVT Spring Conference. Information at www.cacvt.com/cacvtceprograms.

April 2012

Veterinary Management School (VMS). Information at www.aahanet.org/education/vms1.aspx

National Conferences

January 14-18, 2012

NAVC in Orlando, FL. www.tnavc.org/navc-conference

February 19-23, 2012

WVC in Las Vegas, NV. www.wvc.org

March 15-18, 2012

AAHA in Denver, CO. www.aahanet.org/aahadenver2012/Default.aspx

There are also a variety of online classes that count as credits in the supportive category. Please visit www.cacvt.com/guidelines for CE acceptance policy.



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The FDA & Drug Shortages: An Update

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The FDA recently convened a drug shortage workshop for drug manufacturers, health care providers, and other stakeholders. The outlook: Drug shortages will get worse before they get better. In the [workshop transcript](#), FDA states that sterile injectable drugs, especially chemotherapeutics and anesthetics, are the most vulnerable and pose the biggest public health threat.

Why are injectables in short supply? Because of manufacturer capacity issues, industry consolidation (leading to lack of redundancy), and manufacturing challenges. There's also another factor: older injectable drugs are less economically attractive.

FDA aims to mitigate shortages of medically necessary drugs by encouraging early notification and ramped-up production by manufacturers, using regulatory discretion, expediting reviews of new manufacturing lines and API suppliers, and allowing temporary imports from other countries. But

many other pharmaceuticals will remain on the short list because they do not fit the definition of medically necessary – a term defined by FDA as "a product that is used to treat or prevent a serious disease or medical condition for which there is no other alternative drug available in adequate supply that is judged by medical staff to be an adequate substitute."

What's the good news? Whether or not your human or veterinary pharmaceutical of choice is "medically necessary," a compounding pharmacy like Monument Pharmacy might be able to produce it (by prescription only) while it is off-market due to back-order or manufacturer discontinuation. Bear in mind, however, that federal regulations prohibit a compounding pharmacy from producing pharmaceuticals for food- or food-producing animals.

