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Mission Statement

The Mission of CACVT is to

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

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CACVT 2011 Focus Conference

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Colorado Association of Certified Veterinary Technicians

Techniques

Dispelling the Myth of Leptospire Shedding in Vaccinated Dogs

Companies continue to do research on their products to establish quality and ensure that the veterinary community has the latest information to make informed decisions when treating their patients. This is an excerpt from a Technical Update issued by Pfizer and passed out at the CACVT Focus conference on January 22, 2011. You are encouraged to read the complete article at www.cacvt.com/pfizerotech.

Veterinary practitioners occasionally express concerns around shedding of *Leptospira* in vaccinated dogs. However, it is important to understand and consider the research data that evaluates the actual probability of this shedding scenario occurring.

Duration of immunity and subsequent shedding studies are evaluated on challenge models using dogs. When vaccines are tested under these conditions, they are found to be highly efficacious with rare shedding occurrences, which can be explained.

While these conditions are not representative of real-world exposure, it certainly points to vaccination of dogs reducing the risk of exposure to humans.

This trend is found in literature reviews as well. Researchers have never demonstrated human exposure to leptospirosis from vaccinated dogs.

The majority of human exposures to leptospires seems to occur through recreational water sports (wildlife reservoirs) or

through vocational exposure to urine-contaminated water or materials.

Market research indicates veterinarians' primary concern with leptospirosis vaccines is the occurrence of immediate post-vaccinal reactions. However, Pfizer's Vanguard L4 vaccines have remained steady at approximately 0.8 reactions per 10,000 doses sold since 2005.

No vaccine can provide 100% protection in the real world due to a variety of reasons. Some that have been identified include:

- ◆ Animals may have underlying conditions that interfere with vaccination
- ◆ Animals are not always immunocompetent at the time of vaccination
- ◆ Maternal antibodies may block seroconversion
- ◆ Not all animals are vaccinated appropriately or according to label recommendations

Just because up to now there have been no reports of human exposure to leptospirosis from vaccinated dogs, that doesn't mean at some time it can't happen.

However, we can only discuss what we currently know. Thus, it is important that we assist the veterinarians in staying current on the latest studies, especially on product that we routinely use in our clinics.

Thanks to Pfizer for their continued support of the veterinary community.



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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.

February 2011

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

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|--|--------------------------|--|--------------|--------------------|-----|
| | | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Super Bowl  | 7 | 8 CACVT Ex Bd mtg | 9 Conference Comm Mgt | 10 SBVM MDSA | 11 SBVM sunset mtg | 12 |
| 13 | 14  | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21  | 22 E-nformation deadline | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | | | | | |

Next newsletter (April) deadline is March 21, 2011

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.

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.

When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude. ~GK Chesterton

Planning your Calendar:

Unsure of all the acronyms? Visit www.cacvt.com/acronym for a complete list (recently updated).

Other events in the community, such as through humane shelters and other allied partners, are posted on the calendar (www.cacvt.com/calendar) as the information is made available to the office. Generally, CE events are not posted on the calendar as they are at www.cacvt.com/otherprograms.

Feb 8: Executive Board meeting at the CACVT office at 6:30 pm

Feb 9: CACVT Conference Committee Meeting 6:30 pm in Castle Rock.

Feb 10: CO State Board of Veterinary Medicine: Learn about governance. From 8:30am to around noon. You may now obtain up to 4 technical credits for attending this meeting. Information has been updated on the Web site at www.cacvt.com/governance. It includes directions, parking information, code of conduct, agenda, etc.

Feb 10: Metro Denver Shelter Alliance (MDSA) Meeting at 12:30 pm at the CACVT office. www.MDSAlliance.org.

Feb 11: CO State Board of Veterinary Medicine: This is a special meeting to discuss the rules and guidelines governing veterinary medicine.



President's Point

Roxane Rocks, CVT

What is your passion? What is the one thing that gives your life meaning? For many of us, the answer is working in veterinary medicine.

We are lucky that there are so many different avenues to choose to fulfill that passion. We can work in general practice, building long-term relationships with clients and their pets. We can work in specialty practice, with leading edge techniques and equipment. We can work in research, education, sales, and management. The options are only limited by our own ambitions. The trick is finding which course brings you true fulfillment, and then sticking to it.

I think it is a good idea to occasionally re-evaluate your career, to take stock of your achievements and make sure you are following your own passion. A lot of work goes into being a good veterinary technician. It takes time and effort to keep moving forward in your career, and sometimes we must make personal sacrifices. It is important to remember that, while we strive to excel professionally, we must maintain balance with our personal lives as well.

Take time to do something for yourself and re-energize. Spend time with your family and friends. Go on a much deserved vacation. Read a book just for fun. It doesn't matter what you do, as long as you enjoy it.

Compassion fatigue and burnout are very real problems in our profession. If you find yourself straying from the path that brings you gratification, you owe it to yourself to seek help to realign your compass. That aid can be found in many places, and your state veterinary technician association can be one resource. There are programs in place to help you explore a variety of career options, networking opportunities to find others with similar interests, and assistance when the stress seems unmanageable.

The bottom line is find your balance. Realize your potential and be happy. Not only will you succeed, but everyone around you will benefit as well.

Sincerely,

Roxane Rocks, CVT



CACVT Socials

As our new Administrator, Cecilia Garza, becomes settled in her position, she will be starting up the CACVT Socials again. Watch for updated information through the newsletter, e-nformation, Web site (both in the news section and at www.cacvt.com/volunteer), and Facebook.

Proposed dates and locations:

March 10th - Denver

June 9th - Western Slope (Glenwood Sp or Grand Jct)

September 8th - Fort Collins

December 8th - CO Springs

The purpose of these socials is not only for you to learn a little more about CACVT, but also for you to have a forum to express ideas about the association and your profession. We will be having focused topics for discussion, such as "how to balance home, work, and life" or "pregnancy and veterinary technology."

If you have a specific topic you would like to discuss, please send it to Cecilia at admin@cacvt.com. The more response we get from a specific area, the more likely we are to hold the event closer to your location!

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you!



Congratulations to all the new graduates and those who passed the VTNE.

Welcome to the profession!

Note to current CACVT members: if you know someone who just passed his/her VTNE, please direct them to CACVT for certification information. Thank you.

These are our most recent CVTs in Colorado! Way to go!

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Computer Malware and Spyware tips

This information is from a CVMF staff member, who recently had malware and spyware on her computer. She passes on this information to hopefully help others avoid this computer nightmare.

These are little files/folders that download on your computer and cause pop-ups and website redirects (example: type in cnn.com, but it goes to some obscure website). The goal is for you to think that they are Windows downloads/files and so you click on them and give them personal information. For example, something that looks like a Windows file will say "You're computer is infected. Windows needs to download _____ software. Click OK." When you do, you've started the evil download that is malware/spyware.

So, how do we prevent this? YOU CAN'T! Unfortunately, computer support said there is nothing you can really do to prevent the initial downloading of the bug. These bugs hide in advertising banners on news sites, hide in profiles/pages on Facebook and other social media sites, and even can come through trusted e-mails (like those forwards you get with cute pictures). Because these people can change them so fast, there is nothing to prevent them, like we do for viruses.

Here are some helpful tips:

- ◆ Don't click on anything you don't recognize.
- ◆ Since you can't prevent getting malware with any sort of software, Cornerstone says NOT to click on any pop-ups or redirects and immediately run a malware scan that will pull the bugs and allow you to delete them.
- ◆ Don't save photos or files on your computer from the Internet unless they are from a trusted source (like Picasa or another album/file sharing site).
- ◆ Most importantly, if you get a pop-up, DON'T click on the little "X" on the top right to close out. You are actually clicking the pop-up. You need to open your Task Manager and close out of programs manually.

Please note that malware and spyware typically don't infect your documents or folders, viruses do. Malware and spyware will find its own place on your computer to store their bugs.



Thanks to Tara Miller, *Manager of Public Relations*
 Colorado Veterinary Medical Association: www.colovma.org
 Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation: www.cvmf.org
 Denver Area Veterinary Medical Society: www.davms.org

**PURCHASE A
LICENSE PLATE**



Adopt a Shelter Pet License Plate

<http://coloradopetfund.org/license-plate/how-to-purchase>

Do your clients ask how they can help animals in Colorado? Here's a great idea to give to them.

The Adopt a Shelter Pet license plate is now available at your local Division of Motor Vehicles! Each time a Coloradoan purchases a new Adopt a Shelter Pet license plate (about \$50 plus customary license plate renewal fees), \$30 will go to the Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund, and each annual renewal of the plate generates \$23 for the Fund. This money will be used to provide grants for spay/neuter surgeries and medical care for animals in Colorado shelters and rescues, where the need is the greatest.

The plates will also help raise awareness of the need to save lives by adopting pets from shelters and rescues. Last

year, 170,000 cats and dogs were taken into Colorado animal shelters.

Adopt a Shelter Pet plates may be purchased at any time during the year. You will receive credit for the time remaining between the purchase date and your annual license plate renewal date; that money will be applied to the new purchase. You may also purchase an Adopt a Shelter Pet plate upon annual renewal of your regular plates.





CACVT Leadership Opportunities

While CACVT is fortunate to support two full time staff members, the association couldn't function smoothly without the wonderful volunteers. There are many reasons to volunteer, with benefits to both the person and the organization.

Yet it must be a good fit in order to maintain. We are here to assist you. We also have designed some guidelines to help determine if this is something you might be interested in.

There are currently three openings in the leadership positions: NAVTA Representative, Membership Committee Chair, and PR Committee Chair. All must be appointed by the President. Please contact the office if you are interested.

The complete details of each position are found at www.cacvt.com/rosters/committees.



Position Title: Membership Committee Chair

Description:

The Membership Committee Chair is the head of the Membership Committee and oversees the Career Advancement sub-committee, the Awards Task Force, and the Emergency Preparedness sub-committee.

Outcomes and Goals:

To increase membership, review inactive status applicants, increase awareness of benefits of belonging to the CACVT, and evaluate the resources other associations promote for membership.

Position Title: Public Relations Committee Chair

Description:

The Public Relations Committee Chair is the head of the Public Relations Committee and oversees the National Veterinary Technician Week Task Force, the CACVT booth events, and the NAVTA Representative.

Outcomes and Goals:

To inform, alert, and educate technicians, clients, and the general public. To act responsibly in reporting and be unbiased in our solicitation of materials for publication and events.

Position Title: NAVTA Representative

Description:

The CACVT NAVTA representative will be a voluntary position supported by the CACVT. This position is a rewarding one because it offers nationwide networking opportunities.

A President appointed position.

Responsibilities:

- Be the primary contact person for NAVTA.
- Provide information to NAVTA about CACVT in a timely fashion.
- Report to CACVT any information about NAVTA.
- Attend NAVTA functions as appropriate and approved by CACVT, including, but not limited to, the Leadership Conference (for 2011, location Washington D.C.).
- Design and initiate methods to promote membership and participation at the national level.
- Promote a cooperative professional relationship among CACVT, NAVTA, and other related entities.

Outcomes and Goals:

The main goal of the State Representatives Network (SRN) is communication or networking. This communication strives to be a two-way path between the state association and the national association.

Training and Support:

The NAVTA Representative will have the full support of the CACVT staff.

Will have the support of the PR Committee Chair.

The NAVTA Representative will have support from other volunteers and the CACVT leadership.

Time Commitment:

Approximately 2-5 hours a month (not including any travel for conferences).

Qualifications:

- Current member of NAVTA
- Have a good understanding of CACVT
- Be able to speak with confidence about CACVT
- Have an understanding of NAVTA
- Have well-developed communication skills, esp. writing

Benefits:

Benefits are deemed appropriate so long as the representative is actively participating at an appropriate level. Benefits are at the discretion of the Executive Board and are dependant on the current financial situation.

The benefits are:

- Complimentary NAVTA membership (if not paid by NAVTA)
- Paid fees for NAVTA events, as deemed appropriate
- Complimentary admission to CACVT Spring Conference
- ½ room in case of lodging
- Some mileage reimbursement
- Will accumulate hours under the volunteer incentive plan

CACVT Focus Conference Advanced Anesthesia Monitoring & Troubleshooting



CACVT President Roxane Rocks presents opening remarks

techniques to monitor patients under anesthesia.

While most people were from the Denver metro area and front range locations, there were attendees from Grand Junction, Grover, Poncha Springs, and Springer, NM! Thanks to all who attended!

On Saturday, January 22, 2011, 193 people gathered at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds to hear Dr. Kurt Grimm talk about advanced tech-



Dr. Kurt Grimm speaks to 193 people!

forming clients about the risks, and scaring them away from doing the procedures.

The key is monitoring the patient appropriately and then adapting to problems as they arise. He provided re-

sources and played various heart and lung sounds that might be heard.



Kelly Kopicik (left side of table) from Pfizer was available to pass out information



Krisha (far rt) at registration

His opening message was that there are no 100% safe anesthetic drugs, only safe anesthetists. One can never eliminate all the risks of anesthesia, only manage them. There is a balance between in-

Thanks to Pfizer for their continual wonderful support!



Jasmin Robinson (VP-elect, holding the microphone in the right picture) presents award bags to the Facebook question winners Michelle Szydowski (left) and Leslie Boyd (right)



NAVTA Updates from NAVC in Orlando, FL January 15-19, 2011

Three VTS Recognized!

New Veterinary Assistant Programs Available

On January 17, 2011, at the NAVTA membership meeting, three veterinary technician specialties were recognized.

Congratulations to the following:

For receiving a 10-year recognition:

Academy of Veterinary Technician Anesthetists

For initial recognition:

Academy of Veterinary Technicians in Clinical Practice

Academy of Veterinary Nutrition Technicians

Links to these groups can be found at NAVTA.net or at www.cacvt.com/specialties.

To better define the veterinary health care team and the role of the credentialed technician, NAVTA created a veterinary assistant approval program in 2010. Schools with veterinary assistant programs are encouraged to use the NAVTA-approved guidelines when creating their curriculum and submitting their program for NAVTA approval.

Once approved, graduates of these programs will be given the opportunity to take the national test. With successful completion of the exam, individuals will become an Approved Veterinary Assistant and be recognized for their accomplishment with the AVA designation.

NAVTA-Approved Veterinary Assistant examinations will be issued in partnership with VetMedTeam by April 1, 2011.

To date, two schools, Front Range Community College in Fort Collins, CO and Red Bank Veterinary Hospital in NJ, have been approved for this program.

Congratulations to the new NAVTA Executive Board.

Front Row (L to R): Cat Holly, Julie Legred, Cherylann Gieske.
Back Row (L to R): Dennis Lopez, Vicky Ograin, Julie Urban, Josh Clark



Small Bites - News You Can Chew

World Veterinary Year



2011: World Veterinary Year

From www.vet2011.org

The world's first veterinary school was founded in Lyon, France, in 1761, shortly followed by the Alfort veterinary school, near Paris, in 1764, both of them at the initiative of French veterinarian Claude Bourgelat. This means that 2011 will mark the 250th world anniversary of veterinary education.

IDEXX IDEXX contest for Technicians

Ready, Set, Run! IDEXX is conducting a contest for Technicians!

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 - *Help out a charity
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- Visit www.myevt.com/readysctrn for video requirements and contest rules.



Be Online Pet Pharmacy A.W.A.R.E.

The FDA has released a brochure addressing online pharmacies. Make sure you educate your clinic and clients about obtaining medications. Visit www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/ResourcesforYou/AnimalHealthLiteracy/ucm203000.htm.

Also found as a "news item" at: www.cacvt.com/OnlinePetPharmacies



Congratulations to Colorado's own Leslie Carter, RVT, MS, VTS, for receiving the technician speaker of the year award at the NAVC in Orlando, FL. Leslie works at CSU in Fort Collins.



Hill's Amazing Contests

Currently, Hill's Pet Nutrition has a couple of contests, one for clients and one for technicians.

Tell clients to take the Hill's 2011 PetFit Challenge at www.PetFit.com and share their pets' success stories. Entries received before March 31 could win big prizes!

Hill's Drive Nutrition sweepstakes is for technicians and staff members. Once you register at www.HillsVet.com/DriveNutrition, you will have many opportunities to win. The grand prize is a new smart car! Visit the Web site for details!



AAEVT update

Reprinted from AAEVT Hoofbeats: 1-21-2011

From the Equine Veterinary Technician Association, Deborah Reeder, Sheri Miller and DeeAnn Wilfong presented at the NAVC in Orlando, FL. It is the first time there has been an equine section for technicians at this meeting. It was presented to the technicians as part of the specialties.

New educational presentation. A client education PowerPoint presentation on poisonous plants to horses in the U.S. is now available for AAEP members. It can be downloaded to your computer directly from the AAEP website or is available on CD-ROM (contact Dana Kirkland at dkirkland@aaep.org).

Visit www.aaevt.org and consider joining this association to stay current on all your equine interests.

Jessie Loberg, BA, CVT, is the Mountain Regional contact (Colorado) for the AAEVT. She is also an organizing member for the Academy of Equine Veterinary Nurses (AEVNT). For any questions regarding either, Jessie can be reached at: Loberg@Bel-Rea.com or 303-751-8700 ext 245.



CACVT Photo Contest!

Coming very soon! Fans of the CACVT Facebook page can upload your favorite picture of your pet(s) enjoying nature.

Then invite your friends to become fans of our page so they can vote for your picture.

There are GREAT prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. First place receives \$100 off the CACVT Spring Conference April 9&10, 2011.

Watch for posted information on our Facebook page and on the Web site at www.cacvt.com/contest.



NATIONAL LINK COALITION
Working together to stop violence against people and animals

New e-Newsletter

You might have received a monthly newsletter from the American Humane Association (AHA) regarding The Link – the connections between animal abuse, domestic violence, child maltreatment, elder abuse, and other forms of family and community violence.

AHA discontinued its formal Link program in September, and the National Link Coalition has assumed responsibility for keeping the field informed of the many new developments, research, legislation and training opportunities.

Thus *The LinkLetter*, formed in January 2011, is a monthly report of news about the connections between animal abuse and other forms of violence from the National Link Coalition. By working together, we can all make a difference and help stop the cycles of violence.

The LinkLetter, as well as information about the National Link Coalition and news from the world of The Link, are being posted regularly at www.nationallinkcoalition.org.



Compounding 101:

What Every Technician & Veterinarian Should Know

Compounding: it's much more than just flavored medications! Compounders like Monument Pharmacy are here to help you fill pharmaceutical compliance gaps when your patient can't or won't take your pharmaceutical of choice, and when you experience drug shortages of preferred therapies. What do compounders do, exactly? You can boil it down to **PROSE**.

P = palatability: enhancing palatability to heighten compliance (taste, texture, scent, or color)

R = route of administration: fine-tuning or changing the route of administration to make dosing easier, to potentially avoid side effect(s), and/or to provide local versus systemic action

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(3) the formula and ingredients are available to compounding pharmacies, and (4) no manufacturer has resumed production of said pharmaceutical

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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 www.cacvt.com/ContinuingEducation.

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.

DETAILS: www.cacvt.com/otherprograms

February 9, 2011

Chronic Mitral Valve Disease in 2011 and a practical approach to the diagnosis and treatment of Feline Heart Disease. Presented by Sonya Gordon, DVM, DVSc DAVMS Veterinary Learning Institute series. For details, visit www.davms.org. 5 technical CE each. Cost = only \$80 each. 1-6 pm at the PPA Event Center, Denver.

CACVT receives a portion of the registration fees when you sign up using the registration form found at www.cacvt.com/otherprograms.

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Complete list available at:
www.cacvt.com/relatedlinks

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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
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800-252-2242 / www.aahanet.org
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Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital
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Contact information for Technician Specialties
can be found at:
www.cacvt.com/specialties

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February 10, 2011

State Board of Veterinary Medicine Meeting Free. Usually from 8:30am to around noon. Up to 4 technical CE hours, then supportive CE after that. Details: www.cacvt.com/governance

February 17, 2011

Community Animal Response Training Modules: webinar includes modules 7-10: Overview animal handling, Hazardous materials & responder safety, Personal/business preparedness, and Additional training resources. Participants completed modules 1-6 and FEMA 100/700 prior to attending. More info: Deborah Colburn 303-539-7633 or deborahcolburn@cvmf.org

March 12, 2011

Animal Hospital Specialty Center (AHSC) presents: Expertise in Intra-Oral Radiographs Most important diagnostic tool available and should be utilized by every health-care provider who cleans or extracts teeth.

Speaker: Dr. Edward Eisner from 2 to 5 pm.

The event is FREE to veterinarians and technicians. 3 technical CE. RSVP by March 10 to Mary Yacovetta at 303-740-9595 or myacovetta@ahscvets.com

More info about AHSC: www.ahscvets.com

March 15, 2011

Success Thru Socialization
location: Foothills Animal Shelter, Golden, limited seating - registration deadline Feb 28. Visit the cacvt web site for a flyer and registration form. Or contact: Chana Guy at 303-271-5073 or cguy@jeffco.us

March 16, 2011

Pain Management for All Practices and All Patients. Presented by Tamara Grubb, DVM, MS, DACVA.

DAVMS Veterinary Learning Institute series. For details, visit www.davms.org. 5 technical CE each. Cost = only \$80 each. 1-6 pm at the PPA Event Center, Denver.

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April 6, 2011

Behavioral Issues in Small Animals. Presented by Lisa Radosta, DVM, DACVB.

DAVMS Veterinary Learning Institute series. For details, visit www.davms.org. 5 technical CE each. Cost = only \$80 each. 1-6 pm at the PPA Event Center, Denver.

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April 9-10, 2010

CACVT Annual Spring Conference. Denver, CO. Holiday Inn Denver East, Stapleton. 3333 Quebec St. Denver 80207
www.cacvt.com/cacvtceprograms

September 15-18, 2011

Annual CVMA Convention in Keystone, CO watch here for the latest information or visit www.colovma.org

NATIONAL CONFERENCES

February 20-24, 2011

Western Veterinary Conference - Las Vegas, Nevada. www.wvc.org

March 24-27, 2011

Annual AAHA conference in Toronto
www.aahanet.org/education/yearlyconferences.aspx

April 13-18, 2011

VECCS Spring Symposium - Kauai Hawaii
www.veccs.org

June 15-18, 2011

ACVIM Forum in Denver, CO
www.ACVIMForum.org



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

Remember, on-line classes are now supportive. However, these may provide excellent medical training and taking CE should be about advancing YOUR knowledge in the field, not just obtaining the required number of credits to maintain certification.

The CACVT requirement of 16 hours over two years is the bare minimum and is in no way considered enough CE in order to stay current in the field.

Here are just a couple. More can be found at www.cacvt.com/otherprograms.

PetSmart Charities' Web Site - Check for current Webinars! These sessions fill up fast. Register at petsmartcharities.webex.com. For more information on how webinars work, contact Suzy at shayton@petsmartcharities.org.

VSPN CE is at <http://www.vspn.org/CE>
VSPN CE course catalog: http://www.vspn.org/CE/VSPN_M02231.htm

Under Pressure: Importance of Blood Pressure Monitoring in Small Animal Nursing
COURSE OPEN: February 10-March 13, 2011
REAL TIME SESSIONS: Thursdays, February 17, 24, and March 3, 2011; 8:00-9:30pm ET



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Coming soon!

**CACVT
photo contest
with great prizes!**



Some details are on page 7.
Watch for additional information posted soon on the Web site (under the “news” section) and on Facebook.

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.

Office Paw Prints



Denise Mikita, MS, CVT, Executive Director

CACVT Updates from the Office

Office Staff

Welcome to Cecilia Garza, CVT, RVT, who is our new administrator! I hope you all get a chance to meet her and/or talk to her on the phone.

Both of us are here to assist you as best as we can in your career. Please recognize that there are only two staff members serving our current 1,700 members. However, this is the largest staff of any state technician association in the nation!

Our association is one of the best thanks to members like you and our fantastic volunteers.

Questions asked in the Office!

1) I've been a member longer than the Web site indicates...

(note: this has been run several times, but we are still getting this question in the office. So once again...)

When you log into the “members-only” area of the Web site, there is a counting of how long you've been a member. This is

NOT how long you've been a CACVT member, but rather, how long you've been a member on the Web site.

2) How do I update my information (name change, address, phone, email, etc.)?

First, thank you very much for doing so. We can't provide information to you if we can't find you. It is greatly appreciated. AND it's very easy!

Just submit your new information to either info@cacvt.com or leave it on the answering machine (if you don't get a real person). No one else accesses this information except for CACVT staff.

We don't need a copy of your marriage license or divorce papers, we trust that you know your name!

Even if you're moving out of state, we appreciate the most current information. Thank you very much!