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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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Colorado Association of Certified Veterinary Technicians

Techniques

June is Adopt-a-Cat Month

One of CACVT's mission statements is to champion animal health and welfare. Thus, June becomes a great month to bring recognition to our feline friends. While there are more owned cats in the United States than dogs, they get less veterinary care and overall recognition.

Take a moment in June to do something for cats, either at work or in your personal life. Maybe your one small gesture will make a huge difference in the life of a cat!

Many groups are supporting adopt-a-cat month, as approximately 4 million cats end up in shelters every year (www.americanhumane.org).

Specific groups, such as the CATalyst council (www.catalystcouncil.org), are devoted to promotion and education about cat ownership. On their Web site, there are articles and videos that can be shown to your clients as well as links to health and welfare resources.

Handouts, such as "Top 10 Things to do Before You Bring Your New Cat Home" and "Are Two Cats Better Than One?" can be

found at www.aspc.org/adoption/adopt-a-shelter-cat-month.

At www.petfinder.com, you'll find an article on how you can help this month, even if you personally can't add to your cat collection!



The American Association of Feline Practitioners (www.catvets.com) is a group of veterinary professionals passionate about the care of cats. Many resources can be found on their Web site as well.

In Colorado, we have the Chip Your Cat campaign (www.chipyourcat.com) with the slogan "every cat counts" and "love your cat" on the Web site. This group, supported by Metro Denver Shelter Alliance (www.MDSA.org) and others, now supplies information for proper cat ownership.

All of these links and more can be found at www.cacvt.com/catmonth.

If we can help our clients find their feline friend and provide the best care possible, what better way to celebrate this month. Cats bring joy to our lives, by being independent and truly unique.

Office Paw Prints

Denise Mikita, MS, CVT, Executive Director



We're About Volunteers!

The fun aspect of our association is that you, the member, get to have direct input into daily activities. Our executive board, committees, and chapters are all about our members doing what they enjoy, and enhancing our association at the same time.

If you want to get a taste for what the committees do, without investing a lot of time,

consider sitting on an advisory group for the committee. Basically, this group serves (via email) as consultants to a specific committee. Then these opinions are considered when making decisions.

It's a quick, easy way to start understanding what the association does, and how this benefits you as a member and professional.

There are a variety of committees and activities. Please visit www.cacvt.com and view the "rosters" area for more information. Or contact the CACVT office. We'd be glad to find a good fit for you.

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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.

June 2010

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 CVMA	3 CVMA	4	5
6	7 CVMA dist visit	8 CLSD & CACVT Bd meeting	9 co vhmng & CVMA dist visit	10 MDSA meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 SBVM meeting	18	19
20	21 newslet- ter deadline	22 CVMA dist visit	23 CVMA dist visit	24 CVMA dist visit	25	26
27	28 CVMA dist visit	29 CVMA dist visit	30 CVMA dist visit			

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.

Planning your Calendar:

June 8: Coalition for Living Safely with Dogs (CLSD) Meeting at the CACVT office. 12:00 pm (191 Yuma St, Denver 80223). www.LivingSafelywithDogs.org.

June 9: CO VHMGM meeting (Veterinary Hospital Managers Group). 12 noon to 2 pm at the CACVT office. Open to anyone involved in management.

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



June 17: CO State Board of Veterinary Medicine: Learn about governance.

July 11: CACVT Annual Strategic Planning Session: approx. 9 am to 4 pm at the CACVT office. Chance for leadership to learn and plan for the upcoming year.

July 14: CO VHMGM meeting (Veterinary Hospital Managers Group). 12 noon to 2 pm at the CACVT office. Open to anyone involved in management.

How to tell if your cat is plotting to kill you:

Kneading: While you may think this is a sign of affection, it really is your cat's way of checking your internal organs for weaknesses.

Excessive kitty litter digging: Definitely practicing for burying bodies.





President's Point

Cecilia Garza, CVT, RVT

When I attended Bel-Rea, I never thought that I would be President of CACVT. As a matter of fact, I didn't care about or understand CACVT.

Really, all I knew was that this woman, Denise, came into my office management class and told "me" that I was unprofessional because I had piercings. I also knew that every two years "they" were going to take my money. Boy, how do times change!

So let's face it, sometimes it is easy to judge things, people, or in this case, an association, when you don't really understand who they are or what they do. As humans, we tend to perceive; we become comfortable with who we are and we close the doors to the unknown.

At some point, we discover that speaking up is easier when done anonymously. That failing is easier when you are not being watched. However, life is not easy! It is up to you to rise to your challenge, to conquer your fears, to be the voice that everyone hears.

John Maxwell, an American author, states, "If we're growing, we're always going to be out of our comfort zone."

These last two years, I did just that. I conquered fears, I became a voice, I pushed back all the insecurities I ever had, and I grew up. The funniest thing is that I did this with CACVT.

My experience as CACVT President has been so rewarding. I have had the privilege of volunteering with an impressive group of leaders who have guided me and supported me every step of the way. The experiences I have gained, the friendships I have made, will be part of me forever.

The growth I have experienced has changed me professionally and personally; and I would never trade my involvement with CACVT for the world.

Now that my term is coming to an end in July, I would like to take this opportunity to THANK YOU for allowing me to be your President. I am very confident that our association will continue to represent you well and will continue to be your voice.

CACVT is YOUR association, get to know it, get to know the rules that govern you, and be its voice. Open your doors to the unknown!

With Best Regards,

Cecilia Garza, CVT, RVT

What has CACVT been doing?

Booth Events

The Public Relations Committee recently promoted the CACVT at two local events. We were at Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry on May 1st at Washington Park in Denver. As usual, there was a huge crowd of people with dogs of every size. It was chilly but fast paced, and we talked to a lot of people about the importance of credentialed veterinary technicians. Our volunteers that braved the early morning cold were Krishna Hiett, Jasmin Robinson, Melissa Kinzer, Roxane Rocks and Alec Rocks. At last count, DDFL had raised over \$900,000. We feel lucky to participate in such an important event.



The second public event was Thorn-tonFest on May 22nd. Everything was on track for a great event, right up until the strong winds started up that morning. We suffered a set back when the wind blew down and damaged the frame of the canopy tent. Luckily, that was our only casualty and the booth display itself suffered only minor damage. Not to worry though, because CACVT volunteers are tough! The folks there that morning cleaned up the mess and decided to persevere despite the less than ideal conditions. They passed out fliers and talked to people about CACVT. A big thank you goes out to Cecilia Garza, Jasmin Robinson, Tara Raske, Peggy Bower and Alec Rocks for getting things back in working order that breezy morning.



CO Veterinary Medical Assn (CVMA)

Thanks to Rebecca Rose for braving the weather on May 1st and attending CVMA's Big Ideas Conference (as they now call it) in Vail, CO. This meeting is to truly promote ideas for positive impact on the veterinary community. This year was no exception, as discussion centered around the issue of veterinary capacity shortage and concepts for reform in veterinary education and professional licensure.

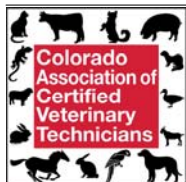
Anything that affects veterinarians will have an impact on our profession as well. We appreciate being a part of their discussions and look to continued collaboration.

CVMA District Visits

Every year the CVMA Executive Director and the incoming President travel around the state meeting local veterinarians and discussing current professional issues. This year, CACVT will be attending as many visits as possible, presenting issues that will impact all. Please contact the CACVT office if you would like more details on this event.

The topics presented are:

- ◆ Licensure (see page 6 for details).
- ◆ The recent AVMA article on "Contribution of veterinary technicians to veterinary business revenue, 2007" (JAVMA April 15, 2010)
- ◆ NCVEI calculator showing the difference between a veterinarian doing a task and a veterinary technician doing the task.



Career Advancements

Our career in veterinary technology is ever changing! This is due, in part, to the Veterinary Technician Specialties (VTS). For many years, there were only two: emergency and critical care and anesthesia. Within the last six years, seven more have been established. And more are on the way!

It is not an easy thing to establish a specialty, and equally difficult in actually obtaining the extra initials. These folks should be commended and appreciated for their advancement in their field.

There are many advancement opportunities for technicians these days. The NAVTA-approved VTS is just one grouping. There are recognitions for laboratory animal science (through AALAS), pain management (IVAPM), management (VHMA), Animal Shelter Management (CMC), and a credentialing process for emergency preparedness (AEMP). In some states, there are other certificates for completions of specific programs such as euthanasia, safety, and more. If you know of any others, please inform the CACVT office.

CACVT has established a sub-committee to provide support and assistance to technicians who wish to advance in their specific fields of interest. We are in the process of setting it up under the direction of Sara Sharp, CVT, VTS (dentistry). Some of you have contacted us about it, and once we have a better direction, we will contact you again. If this is something you would like to be involved in, please contact Jeff in the CACVT office. Thank you.

Visit www.cacvt.com/specialties

AALAS = American Association for Laboratory Animal Science
www.aalas.org
 AEMP = Animal Emergency Management Program www.cvmf.org
 (under the "what we do" tab)
 CMC = Colorado Mountain College in Glenwood Springs. Offers the nation's only Animal Shelter Management Certification program. www.coloradomtn.edu
 IVAPM = International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management
www.ivapm.org
 NAVTA = National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America www.navta.net
 VHMA = Veterinary Hospital Managers Association
www.vhma.org

VTS:

AAEVT = Amer. Assn. of Equine Veterinary Technicians
www.aaevt.org
 AIMVT = Academy of Internal Medicine for Veterinary Technicians
www.aimvt.org
 AVDT = Academy of Veterinary Dental Technicians www.avdt.us
 AVECCT = Academy of Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care
www.avecct.org
 AVST = Academy of Veterinary Surgical Technicians
 AVTA = Academy of Veterinary Technician Anesthetists
www.avta-vts.org
 AVTCP = Academy of Veterinary Technicians in Clinical Practice
 AZVT = Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians www.azvt.org
 SVBT = Society of Veterinary Behavior Technicians www.svbt.org

Academy of Equine Veterinary Nursing Technicians

(information adapted from a press release by AAEVT)

Mission Statement:

To advance the education and professional recognition of credentialed equine veterinary technicians who display excellence in and dedication to providing superior nursing care to the equine patient.

In December of 2008, the AAEVT formed an organizing committee to begin the process of writing an 88-page petition, seeking non-profit status and creating bylaws for submission to the Credentialing Committee of the NAVTA, CVTS. The CVTS conducted an extensive review of the petition and the AAEVT was approved for provisional status. The AAEVT is the only species specific recognized Academy. Full accreditation status is achieved after 10 years of successful completion of all requirements and certification processes.

The purpose of the AAEVT Academy is to provide a high standard of advanced training and education in equine veterinary nursing, to provide a process for cer-

tification and examination, and to recognize those credentialed equine veterinary technicians who have achieved and successfully completed this level of specialty status.

These individuals will raise the standard of care for the equine patient and be the mentors and trainers for those who follow in their footsteps. These individuals should also be desirable candidates for employment in progressive equine practices, and should be recognized for their effort and dedication to advancing their professional career.

Organizing Committee members are: Amy Butzier, CVT; Jamie DeFazio, CVT; Kristi Ely, RVT; Sharon Klingler, RVT; Jessie Loberg, CVT (CACVT member); Sheri Miller, LVT; Deborah Reeder, RVT; DeeAnn Wilfong, CVT (CACVT member) and Joni Watkins, RVT.

For more information, visit their web site (www.aaevt.org) or contact: Deborah Reeder, RVT at DBReeder@gmail.com or Amy Butzier, CVT at Abutzier@mountida.edu





Your CACVT Membership Renewal

While this information is posted at www.cacvt.com, if you do not have Internet access, please contact the CACVT office and we will be happy to fax or mail you anything.

For individuals who have not renewed, you will be receiving a membership application in the postal mail. Or you are welcome to visit www.cacvt.com/apply and renew now.

For details about the renewal process, continuing education, and changes to membership for 2010-2012, please visit see the news items on the www.cacvt.com home page. Or you can go directly there:

- ◆ www.cacvt.com/CACVT_FAQs_2010
- ◆ www.cacvt.com/Changes_2010

Renewal for 07/01/10 to 06/30/12 certification period

Information is currently available on the Web site at www.cacvt.com/membershipcategories or at www.cacvt.com/apply.

There is a membership form to fill out. Payment of \$124 / 2 years for active CVT members (different for other categories) can be done via paypal, check or money order. If you have difficulties, please contact the CACVT office for assistance.

Membership Cards

You will receive your new membership card in the mail. We are changing your identification number to only be a number (rather than your initials since initials can change).

We will be sending out the cards soon. Please be patient as we are redesigning a new system and it's taking a little longer than anticipated to get into place.

If you require immediate proof of your certification status, please contact the CACVT office and we can provide a letter of good standing for you.

Fees for delinquent payments

There will now be an additional \$25 added to the renewal fee if you renew 3 months or longer after the due date. Thus, for the July 1, 2010 due date, any renewals after October 1, 2010 will be subject to this fee. This is to encourage people to maintain their certification and not to "overlook it" or let it lapse for too long.

This will hold true for all new graduates as well: three months after the end of their testing period.

Cats regard people as warm-blooded furniture.



Voting Issues: Executive Board and Bylaws

Executive Board Nominations:

As we have been advertising on the Web site, Facebook, E-nformation, and mentioned at the Spring Conference, we are looking for the next group of individuals to fill the ballot for the executive board. Every year four executive board members rotate off the board, and four new members join.

For some unknown reason, this year, it has been difficult to generate interest. This is your association and CACVT is currently the governing body for your profession in this state.

Thus we are still contacting individuals and accepting nominations. We hope to send out the ballot during the first part of June.

Details can be found at www.cacvt.com/ExBdDuties or by contacting the CACVT office.

Proposed Bylaws Changes:

Complete details and explanations are available at www.cacvt.com/bylawchanges.

The changes are:

1. Combining the Testing and Continuing Education Committees into one committee.
2. Adding a retired category of membership
3. Removing the Emergency Preparedness Standing Committee (making it a sub-committee)
4. Adding a standing Nominating Committee

For all CACVT active CVT members: please watch your mailbox for a ballot with these two issues. The targeted mail date is the first week of June with ballots being due back in the office by the third week of June.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We appreciate your cooperation with these issues.

Licensure - What's Going On?

While licensure has been discussed for many years, at many levels, the CACVT Ethics Committee has recently developed a task force to address the pros and cons of becoming licensed in Colorado. Also, to educate its members as to what licensure really means.

According to a survey passed out at the 2010 Spring Conference in Grand Junction, only 6% of 51 respondents felt they understood the licensure process very well, and 27% didn't understand it at all.

So why should we pursue something that we don't understand? We shouldn't. Education is the key. The task force will be gathering and presenting information to assist in this process.

There is a lot of information surrounding the varieties of licensing and the degree of oversight. One of the steps is to look at other states and see what language they are using.

Also, it's understanding what licensure is not. It's not a quick fix to solving financial concerns. Other states have stated that going from voluntary to regulated did not give them an immediate pay raise. And why would it? There is no difference in training. In AVMA-accredited programs, there is not a special class for LVTs only! There might be an additional state test, but this would be set by the government, not CACVT.

Why people are licensed is for **public protection**. In Colorado, the political environment does not encourage licensing of any entity that doesn't have to be. Thus, we will have to prove that by licensing veterinary technicians, there will be a benefit to the public in this state and justify the money that will be spent on the licensing program.

If we become a LVT state, we would be governed under the Department of Regulatory Agencies. We would have a practice act that we would have to abide by, have oversight by a governing board appointed by the Governor of CO, and possibly name recognition/protection with an attached basic job description (to be determined).

If you want to understand licensure, one of the easiest ways is to attend a State Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting. Here you'll see how veterinarians are governed in this state and also how the technical staff can assist in protecting the veterinarian. The next meeting is June 17, 2010. If you are not comfortable driving in downtown Denver, we can carpool from the CACVT office. Please contact Denise in the CACVT office to make arrangements.

While many people are for licensing (49% from the survey), let's really understand where we are going first. If you are interested in helping with the task force, please contact Denise or Jeff in the CACVT office. Also, watch for more information on this topic in future articles.

The complete survey with responses can be viewed at www.cacvt.com/files/CACVT_Survey_Licensure_responses.pdf



Emergency Preparedness Group

Thanks goes to Andrea Ackerman, CVT, who volunteered with COVMRC on May 22, 2010 at the DIA rubble pile. Her thoughts were that "it was awesome."

Andrea commented that "we were treated very well by all the search and rescue teams and they were extremely thankful that I and the other veterinarians were there."

However, it would have been nice to have more technicians present. The doctors that Andrea spoke with were thankful that CACVT is working on getting more people involved. They were very pleased to know about our informational meetings and other plans for this committee.

If you are interested in this area, please contact Jeff in the CACVT Office for more information.



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Small Bites - News You Can Chew



CE Over-Achievers!

Congratulations to those who obtained 35 or more CE hours during the July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010 certification period.

This is the current list. More names will be listed as we draw closer to the end of this current certification period.

(in alphabetical order)

Cassandra Archibeque, CVT
Tracy Dismukes, CVT
Deanna Freng, CVT
Vicki Kahler, CVT
Yuko Martin, CVT
Rona McElroy, CVT, VTS (Anest)
Courtney Prochnow, CVT
Shannon Zura, CVT

To see how many CE hours are currently recorded for you, visit the "directory" under the "members-only" area. CACVT is now sending out "blue postcards" via email (if your current email address is available). This helps the process of confirming your CE in a timely manner.



It's my cat's world. I'm just here to open cans.

How many cats does it take to change a light bulb?

The Cat's Answer: "*Cats do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So, the real question is: How long will it be before I can expect some light, dinner, and a massage?*"

ALL OF WHICH PROVES, ONCE AGAIN, THAT WHILE DOGS HAVE MASTERS, CATS HAVE STAFF!



MAF launches new Web site

In their ongoing effort to provide animal health information and resources to animal lovers, veterinary teams and scientists, Morris Animal Foundation launched a redesigned website on May 11, 2010 at www.morrisanimalfoundation.org.

The new site includes

- MAF Highlights, a blog with all the latest news
- An easily searchable database of current and completed studies: www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/our-research
- Personalized tools to fundraise on behalf of animals
- New resources for pet lovers: www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/pet-lovers

In addition, MAF has several ongoing programs:

*** Partnering with Betty White to help wildlife** by providing wildlife researchers timely monetary aid to respond to unexpected events, such as the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Betty White will match up to \$25,000 of all donations made to the fund.

*** Happy Healthy Cat Campaign:**

www.Research4cats.org

It's purpose is to raise pet-owner awareness of feline health issues and to increase funding for feline health research and scientist training.

*** Canine Cancer Campaign**

Join MAF for the 2nd annual K9 Cancer Walk in Estes Park – Saturday, August 21, 2010. For information, visit www.K9CancerWalk.org or call 800-243-2345. For general information about the Canine Cancer Campaign, visit www.CureCanineCancer.org.

Keep up to date with what Morris Animal Foundation is doing: visit Facebook at "Morris Animal Foundation" and Twitter at "Morris_Animal."



Red Flag Rule

The Federal Trade Commission currently plans to begin enforcement June 1 of a rule that requires companies, including veterinary practices, to develop programs to prevent identity theft.

www.cacvt.com/redflag or
www.ftc.gov/redflagrule



Xylitol Toxic to Pets

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www.aspc.org/press-releases/042710.html

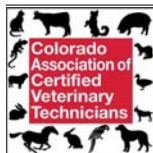
The ASPCA[®] (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals[®]) reminds pet owners that xylitol, a sweetener found in certain sugar-free chewing gums, candies, baked goods, toothpaste, and other products can potentially cause serious and even life-threatening problems for pets.

Last year, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) managed approximately 2,690 cases of accidental xylitol ingestion, almost a 40 percent increase from three years ago. One reason may be that the product is more available. Thus clients should be educated on products containing xylitol and the effects on their pets.

Even small amounts ingested can cause problems, with the potential of onset of clinical signs delayed as much as 12 hours.

Dogs ingesting xylitol-sweetened items could develop a fairly sudden drop in blood sugar, less than 30 minutes after ingestion, resulting in depression, loss of coordination, seizures, and potentially other problems. It is crucial that pet owners seek veterinary treatment immediately.

As with any potentially toxic substance, should accidental exposures occur, it is important they contact you or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 888.426.4435 for immediate assistance. For more information, please visit www.aspc.org/apcc.



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Changes to CE Guidelines

Change can take an adjustment period. However, change for the better is what CACVT continually strives for to assist our members and make the certification process as simple as possible.

CACVT has had two categories for continuing education (CE) credits: technical and supportive. Every two years, we look at the CE guidelines and make small adjustments. This time is no exception.

Please read the following carefully as these are changes to the CE guidelines:

The newly accepted definition of technical topics is topics that are medically oriented, at the technician or veterinary level, and ***personally attended***.

While CACVT recognizes that there is valuable CE online, there is also much value in learning from others. Exceptions will be made for unique cases (like overseas) and will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the CACVT office to determine if you qualify.

Like before, at least half of the hours must be from the technical category. Then the other half can be whatever you feel is appropriate to elevate your job. **These guidelines are posted at www.cacvt.com/guidelines or contact the CACVT office for a copy.**

In addition, while attending State Board of Veterinary Medicine meetings has already been accepted as supportive credit, now you will be able to have up to 4 hours as technical credit per certification period.

Finally, there is a slight change to the accepted college courses under the technical category with the wording “veterinary medicine” replacing “your job.”

The previous guidelines still hold for acceptable and unacceptable CE classes.

Remember, to be considered technical, it has to be medically orientated, not just something you might use in your job setting. For example, taking a class to teach you medical Spanish is excellent, will be used in your job, but is not technical as it’s a language skill. It would count for your additional hours.

Also, it should elevate your knowledge. To take CE just because you have to, and to find the easiest, quickest way to obtain 16 hours, really defeats the reason of being a professional.

If you are struggling to find 16 hours every two years, and take anything that is available, are you really doing justice to your job? You should be able to utilize the CE you receive and possibly teach others as well. This is about making you the best you can be at your career.



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Continuing Education

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.

Fridays: June 4 - September 17, 2010

From: 12:00 to 1:00 PM MST

Ask Dr. Narda : Fact or Fiction? A Webinar-based Forum on Complementary and Alternative Veterinary Medicine. variety of topics. Mix and match or attend them all.

Each webinar is 1 technical CE for CVTs. Presented by: Narda G. Robinson, DO, DVM, MS, FAAMA. www.colovma.org; 303-318-0447

June 9-12, 2010

ACVIM Forum in Anaheim, CA
www.ACVIMForum.org

Contacts

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

TIVA, Transfer VTNE score
877-698-8482 / www.AAVSB.org

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

Animal Emergency Mngemt Prgrm (AEMP)
303-539-7633 / www.coloradosart.org

Peer Assistance Services
866-369-0039 / www.peerassist.org

Benefits & Incentives Group, Inc.
Julie Johnson, 800-305-0062 ext 25 /
www.bigroupinc.com

American Income Life
Becky Cutler, 303-525-6372 /
BeckyCutler@comcast.net

Coalition for Living Safely with Dogs
www.livingsafelywithdogs.org

Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital
303-722-5800 / www.hmah.org

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June 12, 2010

Veterinary Team Care: Coping with Conflict, Burnout, Compassion Fatigue and Depression in Animal Caregivers. 5.5 supportive hrs. Presented by Suzanne Matson: MA Counseling Psychology, Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Professional in Human Resources (PHR). www.smatsonconsulting.com

June 12, 2010

Help for Noise Phobic Dogs: Seminar for thunderstorm and fireworks fears. Dr. Rhea Dodd, veterinary behavior consultant. 6-8 PM (2 tech CE). Class is free and size is limited. Location: VCA Firehouse Animal Health Center, Greenwood Village - 5930 S Holly St. RSVP by Sat. June 5 at 303-689-9500.

June 13, 2010

Dental CE for Technicians. 5 tech CE. \$250. Class sold out. Contact Sara Sharp, CVT, VTS (Dentistry) for additional dates. 303-324-6978 or DBLTRBSLS@aol.com

July 15-18, 2010

Pacific Veterinary Conference - San Francisco, CA www.pacvet.net

June 17, 2010

CO State Board of Veterinary Medicine. Begins at 8:30am. Downtown Denver
1 supportive CE credit per hour attended. More information is available at www.cacvt.com/governance or www.dora.state.co.us/veterinarians

June 17, 2010

La Junta, CO

Colorado Department of Health and Environment offers rabies training courses. Presented by Dr. Elisabeth Lawaczeck, State Public Health Veterinarian
1.5 supportive CE. See below for details

July 31 - August 3, 2010

AVMA Convention - Atlanta, GA
www.avma.org

September 11-15, 2010

IVECCS 2010 - Emergency and Critical Care Symposium, San Antonio, TX http://veccs.org/veccs_iveccs.php

September 23-26, 2010

CVMA Convention
Embassy Suites, Loveland, CO

There are also a variety of on line classes. Please visit www.cacvt.com/guidelines to determine if the class is technical or supportive in nature.

Great Truths that Little Children have learned:

- ◆ No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- ◆ Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.

CDPHE Offers Rabies Training Courses

June 17, 2010

Time & Venue TBA, La Junta, CO, southeastern CO

To RSVP and for location details, contact Mike Miller, Otero/Crowley County public health, 719-383-2340

Colorado Department of Health and Environment offers rabies training courses around the state for veterinary professionals. Presented by Dr. Elisabeth Lawaczeck, State Public Health Veterinarian. 1.5 supportive CE for CO certified veterinary technicians.

Course covers:

- History of Rabies in the U.S.
- Epidemiology of Rabies in Colorado
- Review of Quarantine for Domestic Animals and CDPHE Policies
- Submission Guidelines
- Protecting Your Staff: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis, Titer Checks, Boosters, and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis and Use of Personal Protective Equipment
- Scenarios

To arrange rabies presentations for your area, please call Elisabeth Lawaczeck, DVM, at 303-692-2628, or elisabeth.lawaczeck@state.co.us.



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Nasty Little Spider!



When doing those cleaning projects, be careful where you put your hands. The **Brown Recluse Spider** (also known as the fiddle-back or violin spider) is venomous. They like dark spaces, woodpiles, attic spaces, storage sheds or other areas that might not be frequented by people or light. They are a non-aggressive spider, normally only biting when disturbed, and are mostly active at night.

While located throughout the united states, the spider is mainly found in the central Midwest-
ern states to the Gulf of Mexico. Luckily, the bites seem to be fairly rare in nature. However,
often a bite is misdiagnosed as pets sometimes don't even show they were bit.

At the bite site, soft tissue becomes ulcerated and necrotic, leading to slow healing with a risk
of further infection. Symptoms include a red, swollen area surrounding the bite site, localized
pain, fever, or nausea (approx. 2-6 hours post bite). Blisters may form within 12 hours with
massive cell damage and blackness 7-10 days later. It may take 6-8 months to heal completely.

While complications are rare, there is a possibility that the ulcer area can progress to gan-
grene. In addition, if the venom enters the blood stream, it is carried to internal organs, resulting
in destruction of red cells, renal failure, coagulation disruption and death (although bites rarely
are fatal). If this is going to happen, it usually occurs 24-48 hours after the bite.

Applying an ice pack to the bite site will reduce pain and swelling. Capturing the spider is
helpful for identification purposes. Cats may be at higher risk because of their nature of crawl-
ing into small spaces.

This information was adapted
from www.petmd.com. Visit this
site or others for more informa-
tion.



Wound 5 and 10 days post bite.