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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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Techniques

Finding Common Ground

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This article can also be found at:
www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/blog/category/dog/finding-common-ground.html.

What two traits do Shar-Pei dogs and humans have in common? Wrinkles are an obvious characteristic. The second trait may be a genetic mutation that triggers autoinflammatory fever syndrome, a condition that affects this breed and humans. The March online issue of *PLoS Genetics* announced that researchers have determined that the gene mutation responsible for the wrinkled skin of Shar-Pei dogs is also linked to the fever disorder.

The finding could help improve the health of both species, and it's just one recent example of how medical advances and discoveries in one species can help another.

The concept of "One Medicine" - which emphasizes the overlap and interdependence between animal and human health - has been around for more than a century, but it wasn't until recently that the world really took notice. For many years, health research was a one-way street focused on using animals as models for human health, but now information is going two ways.

Recent completion of the genomes of humans, chimpanzees, dogs and many other species has hammered home just how interconnected we are. These genetic discoveries have led to greater emphasis on comparative medicine, the study of disease processes across species.

That's great news for animals, who have reaped the benefits of human medical tech-

nologies, such as chemotherapy, surgical techniques, x-rays, and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Morris Animal Foundation has played a significant role in many of these advances. For example, the Foundation funded the first study of its kind to use abdominal MRI to distinguish between benign and malignant lesions in the liver and spleen of dogs. In that study, which ended a few years ago, researchers achieved a 90 percent diagnostic accuracy rate in using MRI. These results mirror those seen in humans. Today, foundation-funded scientists are testing the technology's ability to accurately diagnose brain lesions in dogs - and the results are promising.

In the area of stem cell research, the Foundation is funding studies that are evaluating the use of adult stem cells derived from the animal's own fat or bone marrow to treat cancer and spinal injuries in dogs and musculoskeletal injuries in horses.

When it comes to drug therapies, many of the drugs used to treat conditions like cancer, hyperthyroidism, and heart disease in humans are now used regularly for treating dogs and cats. Researchers are currently studying whether four different drugs developed for humans are effective in treating feline heart disease and preventing associated blood clots.

These are just a few examples of how human technologies are being used to improve the lives of animals. The more we learn from one another, the healthier we'll all be.

Editor's Note: More information about "One Medicine" can be found at www.avma.org and at <http://onehealthinitiative.com>.

Visit www.morrisanimalfoundation.org to discover how their research directly translates to what you do every day in the clinic.



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June 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 MDSA	10	11
12 Strat. Plan Session	13	14 CLSD	15 ACVIM	16 ACVIM State Bd	17 ACVIM	18 ACVIM
19 Celebrate Dad's!	20	21 First day of Summer	22	23	24	25
26 	27 deadline for E-inform.	28	29 	30		
Next newsletter (August) deadline is July 19, 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.

ABILITY is what you're capable of doing.

MOTIVATION determines what you do.

ATTITUDE determines how well you do it.

-- Lou Holtz

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.

See page 8 for a summary of meetings held in May.

June 9: Metro Denver Shelter Alliance (MDSA) Meeting at 12:30 pm at the CACVT office. www.MDSAlliance.org.

June 12: Annual Strategic Planning Session and Executive Board meeting at the CACVT office.

June 14: Coalition for Living Safely with Dogs (CLSD). CACVT office. More details can be found at www.livingsafelywithdogs.org

June 15-18: American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) conference. www.acvim.org

June 16: 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: www.cacvt.com/governance. It includes directions, parking information, code of conduct, agenda, etc.

July 7: Animal Emergency Management Program (AEMP) Steering Committee meeting - invite only

Aug 2: Licensure Education program at the CACVT office. 6-8:30pm. RSVP to the CACVT office is required as there is limited seating.



President's Point

Roxane Rocks, AAS, CVT

It seems the last year has just flown by and now it is time for me to pass the torch to the next President. I know I am leaving the membership in good hands, and I look forward to the growth we will see in our profession.

We still have a lot of work to do to attain the things we are all looking for as technicians in veterinary medicine. There is the question of whether or not to pursue licensure and what that process will entail. We continue to expand our knowledge and skills with the specialty academies. There is the ongoing movement to propel our image into one of great value and respect. Most importantly, we strive to reap the financial rewards we hope for.

Regardless of our personal aspirations, one thing remains constant, we will only go as far as our ambition.

You have heard it all many times, and I am going to say it again. If you want to have more, you MUST work for it. No one is going to hand it to you. This means getting out and looking for better opportunities, pushing yourself to go further, and most of all, getting involved. This Association is driven by volunteers. While we do have two paid staff members looking out for us, it is still up to us, the members, to get the job done in determining the direction and accomplishments of the Association.

Even though I will no longer be CACVT President, I will continue to be very involved with the Association. Please join me as I work to reach our goals. Most of all, thank you for allowing me to serve you as your President.

Most Sincerely,

Roxane Rocks AAS, CVT

Congratulations to the Next Ex Bd!

Your Next Executive Board has been chosen! Thank you to all who took the time to vote.

CACVT is proud to announce next year's Executive Board elects (they will serve one year as an elect, and then their second year as an officer). We thank them for their dedication to the association and to the profession.

- Juliebeth Pelletier, CVT - President elect
- Dawn Oliver, CVT - VP elect
- Patti Christie, CVT - Secretary elect
- Joe Keefe, CVT - Treasurer elect

They will be sworn in on June 12, 2011.

Congratulations to the Award Winners!

In case you missed the May E-nformation, congratulations to the winners of this year's CACVT awards:

- Nancy Sheffield, EdM, CVT
- *Technician of the Year*
- Lonny Haynes, BS, BA, DVM
- *Veterinarian of the Year*
- Peggy Bower, BS, CVT, LAT
- Susan Brauer, CVT
- *Volunteer of the Year*

Details can be found at www.cacvt.com/awards



Great time at: MUTTS AND MODELS



Just like with the big fashion shows, there are lights, cameras, and hot models. Of course, to us a hot model has four legs!

The CACVT Executive Board attended this year's furry festivity on May 21st that benefited Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital. It was wonderful seeing so many people (around 500) that care so much for our animal friends!

The evening consisted of silent and live auctions, great food, and of course, the wonderful entertainment of the mutts with their human companions strutting down the runway. It was a great evening. Consider attending in the future.

For some terrific photos (thanks to Channel 9 and Metromix) visit http://denver.metromix.com/events/essay_photo_gallery/mutts-and-models-2011/2631016/content.

How did Disney know?
Was he psychic?

(For those seeing this in the b&w print newsletter, the colors match perfectly. View at www.cacvt.com/Techniques_June2011.pdf for a color version.)





Getting the Word Out!

Additional information and pictures are posted on the CACVT facebook page.

Upcoming events:

Contact Cecilia at admin@cacvt.com for more information or to volunteer.

CACVT's PR Committee has been working hard for you by bringing the booth to various events. The goal is to speak to the public and educate them about the roles of the healthcare team in taking care of their animals.



Flealess Market at the Furry Scurry

Thanks to all who participated!

Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry (May 7): Mariam Ayers-Frawn, Peggy Bower, Michelle Brevard, Cecilia Garza, Stephanie Melman, Denise Mikita, Roxane Rocks, Tammy Rothe, and Kate Surman.

Rocky Mountain Lab Rescue (RMLR) (May 15): Cecilia Garza, Michelle Pietras, Jasmin Robinson, and Annette Temple.

Thorntonfest (May 21): Unfortunately, this one was cancelled due to rain (the field was soaked)! Thanks to those who offered to be there: Berlissa Abel, Peggy Bower, Susan Brauer, Diana de la Cruz, Cecilia Garza, and Roxane Rocks. We will try again next year.



Jasmin, Michelle, and Annette at the RMLR event

ACVIM = June 15-19, 2011

Denver Pet Expo = August 20, 2011

Freedom Service Dog's Festival of the Basterdino = September 10, 2011

You have the power to promote your own profession. Don't leave it up to others. Take responsibility for yourself, your own conduct, your own skills, and how you enhance the job that you do. Dr. Becker had some amazing thoughts on simple things you can do to make the clinic experience better for everyone.

This job does take work and effort, and it's very worth it if done correctly. If you'd like to find out how to take control and what the association is doing for you, contact Denise in the CACVT office. The first three people will receive a free lunch. So don't be that other person who would rather sit back and let others do the work, create your own future.

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Dr. Marty Becker's Big Bus Tour

On May 19, Dr. Marty Becker and his Big Bus Tour made a stop in this city. CACVT members, (L to R in picture) Rebecca Rose, CVT, Denise Mikita, MS, CVT, Cecilia Garza, CVT, RVT, and Roxane Rocks, CVT, had a chance for a picture with Dr. Becker and then were present for a short address by him. Dr. Becker's discussion focused on the difference between the clinic experience and getting information via the Internet, what he calls:



"Vets vs the Net."



With our clients often not seeking proper medical care for their animals because they received information from a Web site, how can

we (the healthcare team) ensure that this is a limited number? Dr. Becker had many ideas and examples, with some key points being compassion, celebration, and competence.

The clinic visit should be the best experience that it can be for both the patient and the owner. Every aspect should be honed and elevated. Specifically in the exam room, Dr. Becker added his ideas in bringing out the best in the staff and advocating for the animal.

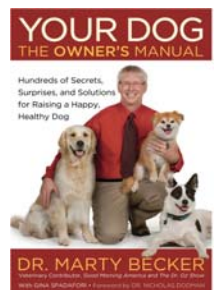
Later, Dr. Becker visited the PetCo in Aurora for a book signing. He was also interviewed by Holly Martino for the Martino show, which aired on Friday, May 20, 2011. Several people showed up, including a group of Bel-Rea students (Lauren Russell, Demi Shukas, Rachael Solarz, Jessica Scruggs, Hollie Fraser, and Stark).



All in all, it was a short but productive visit. Then Dr. Becker and his crew were off to Salt Lake City. We appreciate all the sponsors who made this event possible as well as the message that Dr. Becker is sharing with the nation. He summarizes it nicely on the side of his tour bus: "Healthy Pets Visit Vets!"

Many of these wonderful ideas can be found in his newly released book, "Your Dog, the Owner's Manual." Visit www.DrMartyBecker.com for details.

These pictures can also be viewed on the "news" section found on the cacvt.com home page.



CACVT Topics from Conference & Resources



On the evaluation survey that was passed out at the CACVT Spring Conference, one question asked was “what other topics would you like to see?” A large diversity of interests was revealed which is appreciated. While our conferences won’t be able to address every issue, perhaps a few resources will assist you in finding answers.

This is certainly not a complete list, as there is a plethora of opportunities to assist you in your career. If you have a specific area of interest, contact the appropriate association for more specific information.

Topic: Behavior

There have been a few classes offered in this area.

Watch under www.cacvt.com/otherprograms for listings.

Topic: Dentistry, hands on

Sara Sharp, CVT, VTS(dentistry), offers classes in this area.

See www.cacvt.com/otherprograms for details.

Topic: Nutrition

CACVT is currently working with Rx Vitamins on a program. We have offered this topic from time to time in our programs, as well as listed any opportunities on the Web site.

Topic: Zoonosis

The CO Department of Public Health offers a zoonosis class every April. CACVT lists updates in the newsletter (see pg 7) and on the “news” section on our Web site home page. Also visit www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/zoonosis for state information.

Topic: Veterinary Technicians in Research

AALAS (www.aalas.org) and Morris Animal Foundation (www.morrisanimalfoundation.com) are two great resources for research interests.

Topic: Educating technicians on the importance of pet insurance for clients

Rebecca Rose, CVT, has a class on pet insurance in general.

When contacting her, mention this specific topic so she can

focus more in this area (her presentation already covers this a bit)

Topic: Practice management

www.vhma.org: National conference Oct. 13-16 in Texas.

Topic: Other career opportunities for technicians

Exceptional Veterinary Team: (www.cliniciansbrief.com)

Article from May 2011 My EVT: The Sky’s the Limit: Career Road Map Worksheet. www.myevt.com/columns/career-road-map-worksheet.

Book: *Career Choices for Veterinary Technicians, Opportunities for Animal Lovers*. By Rebecca Rose, CVT and Carin Smith, DVM. www.aahanet.org.

Topic: Compassion fatigue and burnout

www.katherinedobbs.com -video for entire team on home page

Topic: Animal Cruelty

Resource: www.cacvt.com/governance - scroll down to “mandatory animal cruelty statute: an issue briefing”

Topic: How to volunteer for disaster relief efforts

Animal Emergency Management Program: www.coaemp.org (found under “what we do”)

Topic: Effective client communication or difficult clients and coworkers

Exceptional Veterinary Team: (www.cliniciansbrief.com)

Articles from March / April 2011 My EVT:

- 1) The Busy Associate's Field Guide to Communicating in a Time Crunch: www.myevt.com/columns/busy-associates-field-guide-communicating-time-crunch
- 2) Medical Care Plans: Use this example care plan to avoid any misunderstandings with clients about their costs. You'll be glad you did. www.myevt.com/story/medical-care-plan
- 3) People management the wrong and right ways: www.myevt.com/video/people-management-wrong-way-and-right-way



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NEW! CACVT Team Award



CACVT Seeks Nominees for Team of the Year Award!

The Colorado Association of Certified Veterinary Technicians (CACVT) is proud to announce a new award: **Team of the Year Award**.

Teamwork can be defined as the cooperative work done by a group of individuals, brought together for a common purpose or goal, where each person on the team puts aside his or her individual needs to work towards the larger group objective.

CACVT wishes to acknowledge a veterinary healthcare team that demonstrates exceptional teamwork.

Nominated teams must have at least one CACVT member in good standing and at least one current CVMA member. Eligible teams are those that work in the industry where the common purpose or goal is related to animal welfare. Examples include veterinary clinics / hospitals, boarding facilities, humane societies, animal shelters, vet-

erinary associations or foundations, or other animal-related facilities.

If you know of a veterinary team (and it might be your team) who exemplifies teamwork, please send in an essay-style summary (one page or less), stating how this group embodies the quality of a team, to the Awards Task Force, by e-mail, mail, or fax.

All nominations must be received by the CACVT office by **June 30, 2011**. The task force will choose from the best overall application and recognize the team members at the annual CVMA convention on September 17, 2011 in Keystone, CO.

This information can also be found at www.cacvt.com/awards.

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Equine Herpesvirus Updates

Even if you don't specifically work with horses, you may want to be aware of what is happening. The article, *Colo. Hurdle added to curb horse virus*, appeared on the front page of the *Denver Post* on May 18, 2011 so clients may be asking.

Because of the nature of this situation, this is the latest information as of May 23 (when the newsletter went to print). This may already be outdated, so please check the Web sites for the latest update. For updates, visit www.colorado.gov/ag.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture is reporting nine confirmed cases of Equine Herpesvirus (EHV-1) within the state. There are 22 suspected cases where confirmatory tests are pending. Some quarantines and hold orders have been placed in eight counties and the Colorado State Fair horse shows have been cancelled.

Other Resources

*A Guide to Understanding the Neurologic Form of EHV Infection: www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahss/equine/ehv/equine_herpesvirus_brochure_2009.pdf

*USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service Resources www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahss/equine/ehv/

*American Association of Equine Practitioners Fact Sheet www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahss/equine/ehv/

* <http://veterinarynews.dvm360.com/dvm/Equine+news/ArticleStandard/Article/detail/723319>

EHV-1/EHM Update (May 20, 2011)

The USDA:APHIS:VS has recently posted on its Web site 2011 EHV-1/EHM incident information, including situation reports (listings of suspect and confirmed cases, locations, etc...), recommendations for exposed horses and more here: www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahss/equine/ehv/. Please check this Web site weekly for updated situation reports.



In addition, the AAEP now has an updated Web page for horse owners with a very informative FAQ targeted for horse owners located here: www.aaep.org/EHV_resourcesowner.htm.

The AAEP veterinarian resource Web page remains active and continues to be updated. It is found at: www.aaep.org/ehv_resources.htm.

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Small Bites - News You Can Chew



Zoonosis in Colorado

Information about zoonosis can be found at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Web site: www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/zoonosis.

Zoonotic diseases listed are: West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne diseases, hantavirus, plague, rabies, tularemia, and tick-borne diseases.

Under the Rabies area, there are a number of references, such as:

- Laboratory testing
- Education materials
- Exposure policies and procedures for CO
- Statistics and surveillance
- Rabies vaccination exemptions

In addition, there is a **Colorado Rabies Resource Guide**. This document is a resource for the surveillance, prevention, and control of rabies in Colorado. The target audience is "first responders" to rabies: local public health officials, animal control agencies, veterinarians and veterinary clinic staff, animal health officials, wildlife officials, wildlife control operators, and wildlife rehabilitators.

Rabies Update from CDPHE

As of May 10th, CDPHE Laboratory has confirmed rabies infection in 19 animals: 16 skunks, 2 bats, and a fox from the following counties: El Paso (8 skunks, 1 fox), Pueblo (5 skunks), Douglas (1 skunk), Las Animas (1 skunk), Mesa (1 bat), Prowers (1 skunk), and Weld (1 bat).

One human and 16 domestic animals were considered exposed to these laboratory-confirmed rabid animals.

Other Resources

Looking for resources to use in your practice? Visit www.colovma.org, click on the Issues tab at the top of the page, then select the "Issues List" link, which provides an alphabetical listing of topics.

For example: the Rabies page offers information, updates, links, and resources from CDPHE, Tri-County Health Department, AVMA, Centers for Disease Control, Colorado Department of Agriculture, and the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV).



From AAEVT "HoofBeats"

To become an AAEVT member, visit www.aeavt.org

Diagnosis of Equine Heart Disease By Kentucky Equine Research Staff (www.ker.com). A helpful veterinary tool to diagnose equine heart disease involves a blood test to determine the level of cardiac troponin I (cTnI).

Testing for this substance has been used in human medicine to evaluate damage to the heart muscle, but until recently, no one knew whether analyzing equine blood with the same analyzer used in humans would reveal anything helpful about horses with cardiac problems.

Various studies have shown that cTnI levels do not rise in horses with chronic intermittent rhabdomyolysis (tying-up); are elevated in horses suffering from monensin toxicity, oxygen deprivation, systemic inflammation, and severe colic (where the highest levels correspond to horses with the least positive prognosis after surgery); and also rise in horses with inflammation of the heart muscle. Veterinarians might gain insight into diagnoses by considering cTnI levels, and could also monitor changes in the level as treatment progresses.



CSU Seeks Dogs for Parvo Study

From : CVMA eNews Digest
Thanks to Cami Cacciatore

Colorado State University's Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH) is currently enrolling dogs with parvoviral gastroenteritis in a prospective, randomized study. This study will determine if the use of maropitant (Cerenia) will decrease the morbidity and duration of hospitalization associated with this illness.

All dogs will receive state-of-the-art care for their disease in the VTH critical care unit. Some (but not all) compensation will be provided to the owners. Please direct inquiries to Dr. Lauren Sullivan at lauren.sullivan@colostate.edu or call 970-297-5091 (office).

Cases will be returned back to their referring veterinarian for follow-up care once the pet is discharged from the VTH.



Cat handling Guidelines

The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) has endorsed a new set of guidelines for handling cats in a feline-friendly manner.

<http://catvets.com/uploads/PDF/2011FelineFriendlyHandlingGuidelines.pdf>



The Colorado Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) is once again partnering with 9 news and Rocky Mountain PBS for the 2011 9PetCheck. It will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31. Enrollment information will go out soon, so mark your calendars and plan to participate!

Questions or interested in helping? Contact Tara Miller, CVMA Manager of Public Relations, at taramiller@colovma.org or 303.539.7267.



Events on CACVT's Calendar!

See www.cacvt.com/calendar for details about the events below.

June 8: Freedom Service Dogs: Ladies, Lads, and Lotsa Dogs.

June 12: Coal Creek Veterinary Hospital presents their 3rd annual benefit book fair

July 10: VPI pet insurance Inaugural K9K Pet Cancer Awareness Walk in Denver. www.runningguru.com/EventInformation.asp?eID=K9KDenver

July 23: Raise the WOOF and raise funds for the new Foothills Animal Shelter!

Aug 21: Morris Animal Foundation K9 Cancer Walk in Denver
www.cacvt.com/MAFK9CancerWalk

CACVT Recent Activities — what is going on in the Association?

May was a very busy month!

Licensure Investigation Task Force

Remember: CACVT is not actively pursuing being licensed, the task force is only gathering information about what it means to be licensed (pros and cons), and then educating our members so that an informed decision can be reached.

Based on the most recent monkey survey sent to members (www.cacvt.com/2011LicensureSurvey), 58% of the people who responded requested more information about licensure. Thus, we have a program where you can find out what it means to be licensed and ask questions about licensure in Colorado.

Tuesday, August 2: Licensure Educational event at the CACVT office from 6 to 8:30 pm. Guest speaker: Mo Miskell, program director of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine. RSVP (to the office) is required, as seating is limited.

NVTW Task Force

Tiffany Lee, CVT, leader

Busy planning the week—see information on page 9

Emergency Preparedness Sub-Committee

Andrea Ackerman, CVT, Chair

Note: When it comes to emergency situations, there are two distinct components: preparedness and response.

The meeting was very productive with some great ideas.

The goal is to send out a survey monkey soon to obtain a feel for where clinics are and what assistance is needed

Preparedness: Putting together an educational manual and powerpoint presentations

Response: Continuing to partner with AEMP for training. Great information on their Web site: www.coaemp.org

Conference Committee

Krishna Hanson, CVT, Chair, Laura Marjamaa, Commissioner Discussion centered on assisting the NVTW task force with the Spotlight Conference and providing input.

Also, the committee started designing the next Spring Conference. The evaluation comments were reviewed from this last conference and comments were made to enhance the next meeting.

Other meetings planned but not yet held at time of print:

* May 24: Membership Committee meeting

* May 31: PR Committee meeting

CACVT also has an advisory council for each committee. It's a great way to be involved without much time or even leaving your home, as all communication is done via e-mail.

If you are interested in being involved in any of these areas, please contact Cecilia in the CACVT office at 303-318-0652 or admin@cacvt.com.



A huge **thank you** goes to all our sponsors at the Spring Conference. **We couldn't do it without them...**

Not just the association either. You couldn't do your job as a veterinary technician if we didn't have the industry partners. We all work in the field of veterinary medicine ultimately providing the best care possible for our animal patients. We just each approach it from a different angle.

So **thank your representative** the next time he or she visits your clinic or hospital. Because we really couldn't do it without them.



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

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.

CACVT assumes no responsibility for, and does not directly endorse, any service or information listed unless directly stated.

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.

DETAILS: www.cacvt.com/otherprograms

June 4, 2011

CVMA CE West at the DoubleTree Hotel, Grand Junction, CO
Morning session: choose either Disaster Response Training or Enhancing Economic and Personal Well-Being. Afternoon session: Soft Tissue Surgery Topics
www.colovma.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.coaemp.org
Peer Assistance Services
866-369-0039 / www.peerassist.org
Benefits & Incentives Group, Inc.
Julie Johnson, 800-305-0062 ext 25 /
www.bigroupinc.com
Coalition for Living Safely with Dogs
www.livingsafelywithdogs.org
Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital
303-722-5800 / www.hmah.org
Contact information for Technician Specialties can be found at:
www.cacvt.com/specialties

June 15-18, 2011

ACVIM Forum in Denver
www.ACVIMForum.org



June 16, 2011

CO State Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting. www.cacvt.com/governance

July 10, 2011

Dealing with Difficult Clients & Team Members in the Veterinary Practice.
Denver, CO. 9am-4pm. presented by Veterinary Management Consultation
www.vmc-inc.com then click "seminars" or call 303-674-8169

July 16-19, 2011

AVMA. St Louis. www.avma.org

July 26-29, 2011

AVTE Symposium. Cincinnati, Ohio.
www.avte.net

July 23&24, 2011

A Weekend with Dr. Patricia McConnell, Dr. Suzanne Hetts, & Dr. Daniel Estep
Behavior issues in dogs
www.dogsofcourse.com/McConnellHetts_seminar.htm

August 2, 2011

Rodenticides: It's more than just Vitamin K!
Sponsored by Pet Poison Helpline and VPI Pet Insurance. 1 hour free RACE-approved CE from 12-1 pm CST
www3.gotomeeting.com/register/195970022 or contact www.petpoisonhelpline.com

August 6-12, 2011

Avian, Exotic Mammal, and Reptilian and Amphibian Veterinarians Conference. Seattle, WA.
www.conferenceoffice.com/aa



CACVT Celebrates NVTW!

National Veterinary Technician Week (NVTW) is from October 9 through 15. So it's really not too early to start planning for this week.

Sunday, October 9, 2011

CACVT kicks off NVTW in style with the second *Spotlight Conference*, a CE program focused on specialty groups.

This year's focus is emergency medicine and internal medicine.

Six technical CE will be offered plus an opportunity to visit with specialty groups. Location: Arvada Center for the Arts (same place as 2 yrs ago)

Details at www.cacvt.com/cacvtceprograms or watch for a flyer in July.



August 25, 2011

CO State Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting. www.cacvt.com/governance

August 25-26, 2011

Forensic Training Programs: Report writing and expert witness
Tampa / St. Petersburg FL area
<http://conferences.dce.ufl.edu/ssp/section.aspx?s=1400033911>

September 14-18, 2011

IVECCS. Nashville, TN. [Www.2011.iveccs.org](http://www.2011.iveccs.org)

September 15-18, 2011

Annual CVMA Convention
Keystone, CO
www.colovma.org



September 24-25, 2011

Parrot Behavior & Training Workshop
total 8.5 supportive CE; Golden, CO
www.avi-ed.com/LJWorkshop.html or contact Patti Christie, CVT at 612-616-5675

October 9, 2011

CACVT Spotlight Conference
see below or visit
www.cacvt.com/cacvtceprograms



October 13-16, 2011

Veterinary Hospital Managers Assn. Annual Conf. San Antonio, TX. www.vhma.org

January 28, 2012

CACVT Focus Conference – Save the Date!



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**What does
CACVT do
anyway?**

If you don't know what the association does for you, open these pages since the answers lie within.

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

Congratulations to the people who passed the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) in March! Welcome to the profession!

JoAnna Anderson, CVT
Tina Azevedo, CVT
Cassie Brady, CVT
Laura Caveney, CVT
Kristine Hessing, CVT
Chrystal LeMaster, CVT
Kim McCall, CVT
Britta Meyer, CVT
Nancy Michiels, CVT
Emily Polzin, CVT
Rebecca Rybak, CVT
Sandra Schaschko, CVT
Jessica Watson, CVT
Michelle White, CVT

This is the current list of new CVTs in Colorado. Information about becoming certified in Colorado can be found at www.cacvt.com/2011VTNE.

FDA Updates

The CACVT office receives FDA recalls and updates. Most of these are passed on through the CACVT Facebook. If you are aware of any situations that you would like to share with the CACVT community, please contact the CACVT office. Thank you.

May 13, 2011. The FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine is alerting pet owners to use caution with the use of an unapproved animal drug product, Douxo Seborrhea Shampoo (0.1% phytosphingosine), distributed by Sogeval Laboratories, Inc. of Coppell, Texas, after recently receiving a report of the death of a woman associated with the use of the product on her dog.

For details about this, or how to report an adverse event, visit www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/CVMUpdates/ucm255384.htm

May 17, 2011. Boss Pet Products, Inc., announced that it is recalling its Diggers Natural Treat Pig Ear pet treats because the products have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. None of the shipments came directly into Colorado.

For a listing of states and more details, visit www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm255726.htm.