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President's Message

Hello to you all!

I am honored to be asked to be President of the Wyoming Veterinary Technician's Association. Hopefully, with help from you all, we will be able to build our association's membership and have a positive effect on our profession.

We hold our meetings the 1st Monday of each month in the VSPN Chat room, starting at 8:00 pm MST. Please plan to attend and add your voice to our discussions.

By the next meeting, we will have held another Veterinary Technician's National Exam. Since this is the last year that on the job trained technicians can take the exam for certification, I hope everyone that is eligible will take advantage of this opportunity. Taking the exam and getting your certification shows your employer that you are serious about your profession, and will hopefully help you to advance at your place of employment. We know how much we contribute to the practice of veterinary medicine, and hopefully this will help others recognize that also.

I would like to give my thanks to Deana for all her service as President of the association, and to Jana also. This organization owes much of their strengths to these talented technicians, and also to the remaining board members who are continuing to serve.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Jody Fay

Secretary's Notes

Submitted by Jackie Van Noy, CVT

The meeting for January 2, 2006 was called to order by new President Jody Fay. The members attending were Deana Baker, Nanette Walker-Smith, Jody Fay, Jana Gregerson, Tonya Mc Pheeters, Patti Peterson, and Jackie Van Noy.

We discussed the possibility of adding on some CE sessions to the WVMA CE meeting. That meeting is scheduled to be held in June in Sheridan this year. We have been accepting the CE certificates from those meetings as approved CE for technicians (if the CE is good to keep the vets licensed, it should work to keep our techs certified). At this time we are unsure of the dates and speakers for the Sheridan meeting.

We also will have the option of attending the North East Vet Tech. Educators Association meeting that will be held in Torrington on July 20-21. The topics will be predominantly large animal.

Jody brought up the possibility of setting up a scholarship for Tech students. Patti Sue was going to check with the other instructors at EWC to see if they would be willing to be the screening committee for scholarship applications. We debated having the scholarship be given only to Wyoming residents attending EWC, any tech student attending EWC, or Wyoming residents attending any AVMA accredited tech school. We will need to decide on a dollar amount and some of the application qualifications. These will be discussed further at our next meeting.

We voted to send \$100.00 to Kandy DeTavernier, a Wyoming technician who lost everything in a fire earlier this winter.

The next meeting will be February 6, 2006 at 8:00pm in the VSPN Chat Room.
Meeting adjourned.

Other News

We had 15 applicants take the VTNE on January 20, 2006. Of those, ten were on-the-job-trained. This was the last time the WyVTA is able to allow OJT's to take the test in Wyoming. Good Luck to all those who took the test.

We have had 5 newly certified technicians – congratulations to Marcia Nagrodski, Jennifer Wright, Leigh Hatzenbuhler, Amy Olsen, and Amber Bath.

We also have 6 new members – welcome to Jennifer Wright, Leigh Hatzenbuhler, Amy Olsen, Amber Bath, Shannon Ellerbeck, and Heidi Frandsen.

There are several CVT's out there who have not renewed their 2006 WyVTA membership. Please send your checks, or your certification will be revoked. If you were certified in 2004, you will have to recertify this year. If you let your certification lapse, you will have to pay the extra \$10 fee to recertify.

We also have several members who have taken and passed the VTNE, but have not sent in their application for certification. If you fall into this category, please round up a copy of your tech school diploma and copies of CE certificates and send them in. Deana and I have put copies of our certificates in our reception area along with the veterinarian's credentials. We also proudly wear CVT on our nametags. It's one of the easiest conversation starters to educate the public about what a technician does.

Help Wanted

Saam Veterinary Clinic in Basin, WY is looking for a veterinary technician. Saam Veterinary Clinic is a mixed animal practice. For more information contact Gretchen Saam, DVM 314 W E St., Basin, WY 82410 307-568-9305

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Wanted

I'm always looking for articles, newsworthy items, jokes, etc. for the newsletter. These can be anything related to veterinary medicine or life as a veterinary technician. Please send me your articles.

Deana

Online Continuing Education

VSPN courses www.vspn.org

February 8 - March 8, 2006

STAF115-0206: Veterinary Assisting Module 2: How the Veterinary Assistant Can Directly Improve Patient Care Heather Howell, LVT, MBA

February 15 - March 31, 2006

TECH130-0206: Professional Development and Effective Utilization of Veterinary Technicians Presented by NAVTA (National Association for Veterinary Technicians in America) Amy Butzier, BS, MEd, CVT, Kim Karolides, BS, CVT

Note: This course has a reduced rate for NAVTA members.

March 9 - April 6, 2006

EXOT201-0306: Intermediate Fish Medicine

Instructoras: Drury Reavill, DVM, DABVP (Avian), DACVP, Helen Roberts, DVM
Bronwyn Szigmarowitz, DVM

March 15 - March 28, 2006

PHAR100-0306: Pharmaceutical Regulatory Review Course

Instructor: Doug Kemp, Pharm.D, DICVP.

March 15 - April 12, 2006

STAF116-0306: : Veterinary Assisting Module 3: Overview of Diagnostic Procedures

Heather Howell, LVT, MBA

March 27-April 30, 2006

TECH121-0306: Turning on the Lytes: Fluid Therapy and the Role of Electrolytes Lindan Spromberg, LVT, BS, VTS (ECC)

April 12, 2006 - June 21, 2006

TECH120-0406: Practical Review for Veterinary Technicians: VTNE Preparation Class
Nanette Walker Smith, RVT, CVT, CVT, LVT. BS, AS, AS

Vet Med Team Courses <http://www.vetmedteam.com/>

Personal Development

Your Professional Image

Next session starts June 1st - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST May 21st

Client Services CE

Client Satisfaction

Offered in collaboration with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

Next session starts June 1st - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST May 21st

Telephone Courtesy and Client Service

Offered in collaboration with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

Next session starts March 1st - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST February 19th

Medical/Clinical CE

Basic Principles of Pharmacology

Next session starts May 1st - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST April 28th

Basic Principles of Radiology

Next session starts April 1st - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST March 29th

Basic Principles of Urinalysis

Next session starts February 15th - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST February 12th

Hematology in Dogs and Cats

Next session starts March 1st - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST February 26th

Pain Management

Next session starts April 1st - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST March 29th

VTNE Review Course and Exam Prep - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST February 26th

Animal Behavior CE

Developing Behavior and Training Services

Next session starts April 1st - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST March 29th

Understanding Natural Behavior of the Feline

Next session starts March 15th - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST March 12th

Practice Management CE

Financial Management for Veterinary Hospitals

Next session starts March 1st - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST February 26th

HR: Employee Compensation

Next session starts March 15th - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST March 12th

HR: Employee Disciplinary Actions

Next session starts April 1st - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST March 29th

HR: Employee Files and Handbook

Next session starts February 15th - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST February 12th

HR: Employee Performance Reviews

Next session starts March 1st - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST February 26th

Operations - Building Systems Into Your Hospital

Next session starts February 15th - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST February 12th

Merial EDU**Companion Animal Dentistry 102 — FREE**

Next session starts February 15th - Registration deadline is 11:00pm EST February 13th

Funnies

Ten Peeves that Dogs Have About Humans

1. Blaming your farts on me... not funny... not funny at all !!!
2. Yelling at me for barking.. I'M A FRIGGIN' DOG, YOU IDIOT!
3. Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?
4. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose... stop it!
5. Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you're not home.
6. The sleight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog! Whoooo Hooooooooo what a proud moment for the top of the food chain.
7. Taking me to the vet for "the big snip", then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back!
8. Getting upset when I sniff the crotches of your guests. Sorry, but I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet.
9. Dog sweaters. Hello???, Haven't you noticed the fur?
10. How you act disgusted when I lick myself. Look, we both know the truth, you're just jealous.

Now lay off me on some of these thing's, we both know who's boss here!!! You don't see me picking up your poop do you???