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Message From The Editor

Greetings,

I hope that everyone is recovering from the holidays. There are some changes coming soon to the Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association. For a while we were having problems with finding a good time for meetings, especially as 2006 was coming to a close. It was decided to have a meeting every other month starting February on the first Wednesday at 8:00PM. Like our previous meetings, these are held in the VSPN meeting room on the comfort of your computer. To get there, go to www.vspn.org, click on CHAT, go down to the bottom of the page, and click on VSPN meeting room. Remember you need to be a VSPN member to access the meeting room. Membership is the right price as it is free to join. So please attend the February 7th meeting if you can as it is open to all members of the WyVTA. Remember it's the members who make the WyVTA.

Your Editor,
Deana Baker, CVT

I do not have a secretary's report, treasurer's report, or a president's message for this newsletter. I apologize.

NAVTA NEWS

NAVTA (National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America) is looking for a few good members. Some of the benefits include:

<*The NAVTA Journal* that is put out quarterly. Contains many newsworthy articles including some for continuing education credits. The WyVTA has been well represented in the NAVTA Journal in the past year.

<Free subscription to *Firstline*, a magazine for the veterinary staff put out by *Veterinary Economics*.

<WyVTA members receive a 20% discount. This means that membership is \$40.

<NAVTA is the National association for our profession.

For more information or to join contact NAVTA

PO Box 224, Battle Ground, IN 47920

Or on the web at www.navta.net.

The Veterinary Technician Magazine is offering a reduced rate subscription to WyVTA members. To order call 1-800-426-9119 or order at www.vlsstore.com. Use the promotional code VT6HSC. The cost of the subscription is \$30.00.

Continuing Education

Online courses

Now is the time to get your continuing education credits. Remember 10 units are needed every two years in order to remain certified. Here are some websites for online classes and some of these classes are free.

www.vspn.org offers many excellent courses covering basic and advanced veterinary techniques and practice management.

www.vetmedteam.com offers several free courses as well as courses in practice management.

www.idexxlearningcenter.com offers several free teleconferences and online courses.

AAHA Denver Conference

The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) will be holding their conference in Denver, CO March 17-21, 2007. Several veterinary technology specialties will be there to answer questions about specialization and their programs. With over 450 hours of continuing education there's likely something there for everyone. This is also a great place to meet other technicians and veterinary professionals in one place that is in a day's drive (or less) for most of us. For more information go to http://www.aahanet.org/yearly_conference/Denver2007/index.htm or snail mail to AAHA! Denver 2007, AAHA, PO Box 172108, Denver, CO 80217-2108.

Scholarships

The Oxbow Company is offering two \$500 Veterinary Technician Scholarships for students interested in exotic animal medicine. Applicants must have completed one semester of a veterinary technology program. For more information contact Oxbow Academy, 29012 Mill Road, Murdock, NE 68407 or www.oxbowhay.com. The deadline for the application and essays are March 15, 2007.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) is offering several scholarships to veterinary and veterinary technology students. There is \$45,000 to be distributed in this program. The veterinary technology applicant must be a member of NAVTA or a member of a NAVTA Student Chapter as well as a full time student at an AVMA program. For more information contact American Kennel Club, Veterinary Outreach, ATTN: Debra A. Bonnefond, 5580 Centerview Dr. Raleigh, NC 27606 or www.akc.org/vetoutreach/vt_scholarships.cfm. The deadline for the application and essays is May 1, 2007.

The Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association WyVTA is also offering a scholarship to a veterinary technology student enrolled in an AVMA accredited veterinary technology program. The applicant must be a Wyoming resident. For more information contact Jody Fay, CVT at dogsetc@fiberpipe.net.

Help Wanted

Licensed Veterinary Technician wanted in Cary, NC. Creature Comforts Animal Hospital is looking for an experienced lead technician. For more information contact Creature Comforts

Veterinary Hospital, ATTN: Mr. Jim Fidelman, practice manager, 3435 Kildare Farm Road, Cary, NC 27518 phone # 919-387-3435 FAX # 919-387-9403 or www.creaturecomfortsvet.com.

To find other jobs or to place an ad go to www.wheretechsconnect.com, www.vetquest.com, or www.belrea.com.

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Funnies

These are taken from government employee evaluations

1. Since my last report, this employee has reached rock bottom and has started to dig.
2. I would not allow this employee to breed.
3. This employee is really not so much of a has been, but more of a definite won't be.
4. Works well under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap.
5. When he opens his mouth it seems that it is only to change feet.
6. This young lady has delusions of adequacy.
7. He sets low personal standards and then constantly fails to achieve them.
8. This employee is deriving a village somewhere of an idiot.
9. Got a full 6-pack but is lacking the plastic thingy to hold it all together.
10. A gross ignoramus-144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus.
11. He doesn't have ulcers but he's a carrier.
12. This employee should go far and the sooner he there starts the better.
13. I would like to go hunting with him sometime.
14. He's been working with glue too much.
15. He would argue with a signpost.
16. He brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room.
17. When his IQ reaches 50, he should sell.
18. If you see two people talking and one looks bored, he's the other one.
19. A photographic memory but with the lens cap glued on.
20. A prime candidate for de-selection.
21. Donated his brain to science before he was done using it.
22. Gates down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming.
23. He's got two brain cells, one's lost and the other is out looking for it.
24. If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week.
25. If you give him a penny for his thoughts, he would give you change.
26. It's hard to believe that he beat out 1,000,000 sperm.
27. One neuron short of a synapse.
28. Some drink from the fountain of knowledge, she only gargled.
29. It takes him two hours to watch 60 minutes.
30. The wheel is turning but the hamster is dead.
31. He would be out of his depth in car park puddle.