

# WYOMING VETERINARY TECHNICIAN ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Greetings to you all.

Hopefully you are able to enjoy your summer and stay cool. It is a great time to remind all your clients about the dangers of too much heat such as exercising dogs in high temperatures, leaving animals in the car without proper shade and ventilation, providing plenty of cool fresh water. WE all know this, but it is amazing how many pet owners don't realize how important these issues are.

The Wyoming Veterinary Technician's Association is your association. The board members would love to hear from you – we need your suggestions to help us help you. We are currently working on providing a scholarship for a Wyoming student who is enrolled in an accredited program. We meet once a month in the Chat room on VSPN – Our meetings are at 8:00 pm m.d.t on the first Sunday of each month. Please join us!

For those technicians who are interested in specializing, there are now several "specialty" associations. Some of them already require specialized training in their field, and some of the associations are still working on their programs. For more information on this, you can go to <http://www.navta.net/>

I hope that all of you who are working as veterinary technicians enjoy your job as much as I do. I am sure that we all have days when we wonder what we are doing here, but where else can you "work" (and get paid for) snuggling puppies and kittens? I personally feel that dogs are one of the greatest miracles of nature – that is why my living room floor is wall-to-wall dog bodies!

Til next month,

Jody Fay, WVTA President

## **Treasurer's Report**

Submitted by Patti Sue Peterson, AHT

We have \$7283.59 in our account. Since our last meeting I paid Jackie and paid the \$300.00 to the NEVTEA Conf. Thanks.

## **Secretary's Report**

Submitted by Jackie VanNoy, CVT

None submitted at this time.

## **NAVTA News**

Submitted by Deana Baker, CVT

The NAVTA Executive Board approved a one time reduced membership fee of \$30.00 for the remainder of 2006. Please inform your state members who have not joined NAVTA of this special membership offer. This membership will **ONLY** be able to be paid by sending the application in through the mail. The NAVTA website is **NOT** set up to take the special reduced rate at this time. The application can be downloaded from the website and sent to NAVTA, P.O. Box 224, Battle Ground, IN, 47920.

### **2006 Membership Benefits**

The NAVTA Journal (Fall and Winter issues only with the reduced \$30.00 rate)

National Vet Tech Week Promotional Material

A NAVTA Membership Gift

Working Advantage Benefit Program

Free copy of Firstline magazine

Insurance Discounts

Free Expert Financial Counseling

Auto Rental and Hotel Discounts

Updates and Information on happenings affecting your profession

Lobbying Power

Liaisons with AVMA, AAHA, AAVSB, and AVTA

Influence in decision-making processes

The Academy of Internal Medicine for Veterinary Technicians has achieved provisional recognition by NAVTA as a veterinary technician specialty. For more information go to [www.aimvt.com](http://www.aimvt.com) or contact: AIMVT, c/o Linda Merrill, 6543 2nd Avenue NE, Seattle, Washington 98115.

## **News From the AAVSB**

The AAVSB is looking for entry level technicians for a survey concerning their tasks in the workplace. Preference will be given to those people who have been in the workforce for 1 to 4 years. You can make a difference in what will be on the VTNE by participating in this survey. For more information go to [www.aavsb.org](http://www.aavsb.org) or contact AAVSB, 4106 Central, Kansas City, MO 64111.

## **Continuing Education**

Submitted by Nanette Walker-Smith, RVT, CVT

VSPN Online Courses [www.vspn.org](http://www.vspn.org)

August 10 - September 8, 2006

TECH132-0806: Basic Dentistry for the Veterinary Technician (RACE applied for)

Steven Holmstrom, DVM, DAVDC and Meghan Richey, DVM, MS, DACVA

Real Time Sessions: Tuesday evenings, August 15, 22, 29; 9:00pm-11:00pm ET (USA)

6 CE hours

August 24 - September 25, 2006

TECH133-0806: Pet Food Fundamentals (RACE and VHMA applied for)

Geneva Acor, DVM, MS

Real Time Sessions: Friday evenings, September 8 & 15, 2006; 9:30pm-11:00pm ET (USA)

4 CE hours

September 6 - October 12, 2006

STAF110-0906: Exceptional Client Service Skills for the Receptionist/Front Office Staff

Member (RACE & VHMA applied for)

Phyllis Webster, AA, OM

Real Time Sessions: Monday evenings, September 11, 18, 25, and October 2; 10pm-11:30pm ET (USA)

September 13 - October 28, 2006

TECH114-0906: The Complete Urinalysis (RACE applied for)

Joyce Knoll, VMD; PhD, DACVP, Cheryl Stockman, ASCPMT

Real Time Sessions: Wednesday evenings, September 20 and 27, October 4, 11, and 18, 2006;

9:00pm - 11:00pm ET (USA)

10 CE hours

Vet Med Team [www.vetmedteam.com](http://www.vetmedteam.com) also offers a large variety of online courses. For more information, please go to their website.

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## Funnies

**Subject:** Horse Software Problems

Dear Tech Support, Recently I purchased and installed Horse 1.0. I soon noticed that this program appears to have numerous glitches. For instance, every time my computer boots up, I have to run Feed 5.3 and Water 7.1. Many times I've been in the middle of writing an important document, and a window will flash telling me to run Clean Stall 2.0. This program also contained applications I did not wish to install, such as Manure 8.5, however they auto-installed with Horse

1.0. Applications such as Vacation 2.7 and Free Time 10.1 can no longer run, crashing whenever selected. Possibly the worst is that Horse 1.0 has attached itself to programs like Finance Manager and MS Money, with folders added such as "Monthly Shoeing" and "Winter Blanket". Periodically, I'll get a reminder telling me to send a check to the manufacturer of Horse 1.0 for the aforementioned items. I have tried to uninstall Horse 1.0 numerous times, but when I try to run the uninstall program, I get warning messages telling me that a deadly virus known as "Withdrawal" will infect my system. Please Help!!!!

THE REPLY:

Dear User,

Your complaint is not unusual. A common misconception among users is that Horse 1.0 is a mere "utilities and entertainment program." It is not - it is an OPERATING SYSTEM and is designed by its' creator to run everything! A warning will soon be imprinted on the box. Since you have already installed Horse 1.0, here are a few tips on how to make it run better. If you are annoyed by the applications Feed 5.3 and Water 7.1, you may run C: HIRE HELP, however this will cause another folder to be added to financial applications, labeled "Staff". Failure to send payment to "Staff" will result in Feed 5.3 and Water 7.1 being run again on startup. A note of caution: NOT booting up your computer for several days isn't the solution to avoiding Feed 5.3 and Water 7.1. You will find that, when you boot up your computer again, a nasty virus called "Colic 4.2" will have attached itself to important documents and the only way to rid your computer of Colic 4.2 is by purchasing and installing "Vet 10.1", which we admit is extremely expensive, but crucial. Otherwise, Colic 4.2 will cause irreversible damage to the operating system. Finally, it is important that you run C:Carrots and C:Scratch Ears on a fairly regular basis to keep the application running smoothly. If you have any more questions, please call our toll free number. Sincerely, Tech Support