

# NCAVT Newsletter

January 2011

From the President:  
Hello Members,

I hope this letter finds you all doing well and having had a wonderful holiday season. The holidays are always a financial burden, most especially for non-profit organizations. The NCAVT made donations to two non-profits just before the holiday season this year in the hopes that the money would be a nice addition in the most financially stressed part of the year.

The Spring Conference is quickly approaching. We have a tremendous group of speakers lined up for you. We hope that you are making plans to attend and join us for this day of education, community, and networking. We look forward to seeing you there.

As many of you know, the Executive Board has been working diligently to remedy a situation that we found ourselves in regarding the tax identification number for the Association. We have retained a CPA who is currently reviewing our financial information to help us determine the necessary steps for registering the tax identification number with the IRS. We hope to have this situation cleared up by the Spring Conference but we are at the mercy of the IRS and their time table. We will keep you notified of changes as they come up.

We are still in need of nominations for the NCAVT Veterinary Technician of the Year award as well as the Community Service award. To date, we have not received a single nomination. Surely, each of you knows at least one deserving technician for one or both of these awards. Please, help us recognize their achievements by nominating them for one of these awards today.

Sincerely,  
Jonathan Loftis, RVT  
President, NCAVT

The North Carolina Equine Rescue League.

Each year the NCAVT donates to a deserving rescue in hopes to support their continuing good work. This year we decided on one small animal and one large animal rescue, The United States Equine Rescue League Inc.

The Equine Rescue league started out as the North Carolina Equine Rescue League. They have now expanded with regions in VA, IA, KY, IN. They have rescued over 1000 horses since 1997. Money raised by the league through donations and grants goes directly to the horses. In these economic times ALL the money raised goes to the horses care, i.e. vet, farrier, and feed bills.

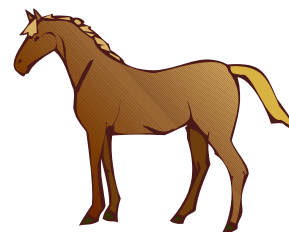
For the most part, the volunteer fosters cover the day to day costs of caring for their fosters and feed that is purchased is for the Quarantine barns where large numbers of horses are being cared for until they can find fosters or adopters. They currently have 462 horses in foster with the 2 largest regions housing 108 Richmond Region in VA and 86 Triangle Region in NC. North Carolina fosters 242 in total. They also have 476 horses that have been adopted league wide.

They currently adopt out with an adoption lease, so if the adopter can no longer care for the horse they can contact the league and they will take the horse back into the league and find a new home so they won't end up in a bad situation again. They strive to do yearly checks on all the adopted horse to be sure they are all doing well. For available horses for adoption in North Carolina or to make a donation go to:

<http://www.userl.org/AvailableHorses-NC.html>

The NCAVT is proud to present the Equine league with a check for \$500. The NCAVT would also like to thank the support of their members because without you these donations would never be possible.

Jeannie Losey



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### A Gift to CARA

Each year the NCAVT Executive Board chooses two deserving, animal related charities to donate money to. This year one of the recipients was Carolina Animal Rescue and Adoption in Sanford. CARA is a non-profit, no kill shelter dedicated to finding permanent and loving families for dogs and cats. They have been in operation since April, 2003 and have helped rescue and place a multitude of animals. A change in state laws brought animal shelters under a new set of regulations and the donation from the NCAVT will be applied to the costs of meeting these new criteria.

- Jonathan Loftis

Mark your calendars for the 2011 Annual Spring Conference!! The conference will be held on Saturday March 19, 2011 at the NC State CVM. The NCAVT is looking forward to welcoming some wonderful speakers and topics. This year we are hosting the following speakers and topics: Dr. Ford will be speaking on zoonosis and updates on current vaccine recommendations. Kirsten Cromly will speak about a technicians role in research. Robin Lazaro, RVT will be giving a lecturing covering relevant topics related to blood gasses and Dr. Devorah Marks will be lecturing and instructing labs on urinalysis. Dr. Allen Cannedy will present common procedures in small ruminants. Updates in dentistry will be presented by Jeannie Losey RVT, VTS in Dentistry. Anesthesia will be presented by Heather Sidari, RVT. Emergency topics will be covered by Dr. Rita Hanel, and Introduction to Acupuncture by Dr. Brian Lapham. Exotic animal topics will also be covered. As always we look forward to lots of great door prizes and a whole lot of fun!! Don't forget the NCAVT business meeting is held at this conference during lunch and we will be holding elections for open board positions, presenting Technician of The Year and the Community Service award also! Get your registration in early!!!

-Beckie Mosser

Registration forms are enclosed as well as applications for membership.



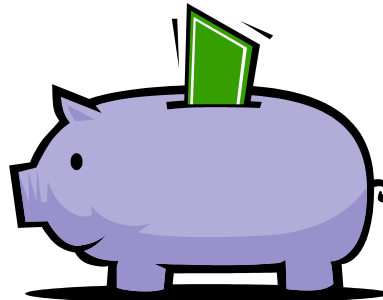
**NCAVT Business Meeting  
@ NCVC 6 NOV 2010 Room 201**

Attendants: Johnathan L., Amanda D., Anne M., Janice M., Gail H, Jeannie L., Heather S., and Beckie M .

Not attendance: Sandy

1. Update on the tax ID number situation
  - a. Hired a CPA to take care of the issues at a cost of \$152 hours and an estimated time involvement of 4 hours (\$608)
2. Update on CE opportunity in Asheville
  - a. Communication with the college has been difficult due to their schedule and staff turn over.
3. Sandi's calendar idea
4. Update on National Boards scores from CCCC
  - a. Change of curriculum for work experience.
5. Update on Spring Conference information
  - a. Saturday, 19 MAR 2011
  - b. Speakers/Topics
    - i. Dr. Ford, research blood gas, u/a lecture and labs X2 small animal rudiments, anesthesia, dentistry, army, exotic animal, emergency medicine and holistic medicine.
      1. Tech on the year award need nominations needs to be an active member for the year nominated and community service award, monetary reward and plaque.
  - c. Vendors
6. Update on annual gifts
  - a. \$500 to each
  - b. CARA-Sanford
  - c. Equine Rescue League-need to get info to send check and write letter for news letter.
7. NCAVT Board positions that are coming open in March
  - a. Open positions are President, Vice President, President elect, NAVTA officer, Treasure, Public Relations/Historian, Educational officer and Information Officer (not secretary or retention)
8. Treasurer's report

**Beginning Balance: \$9,517.17**  
**Expenses \$2,262.87**  
**Deposits \$32.33**  
**Ending Balance: \$7,286.63**

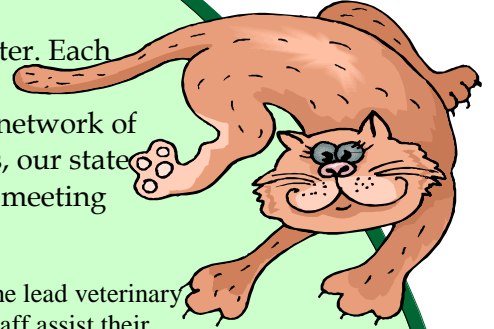


9. Next Meeting date/time/location
  - a. Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at NCSU D236 at 2:30pm
10. Yahoo group site find it under groups NCAVTgroup.com to request to be part of the site. Needs to be active member. Facebook is up and being maintained by Beckie.
11. Total number of RVT's this year is 1033.
12. Practice act is being worked on this year. Need members to contact congress to pass changes once it goes on paper.



### *Meet Our Members*

Welcome to the friendliest section of our newsletter. Each quarter we will be introducing a different member of our organization. We, the board, are striving to create a network of technicians who want to work together to better ourselves, our state and our profession. And what better way to do that than by meeting our fellow members?



This quarter I have the honor of introducing Alyssa Bumgarner. Alyssa is the lead veterinary technician at Southport Animal Hospital in Durham, NC. She and the other staff assist their doctors in performing a variety of procedures, including anesthesia, surgery, dentistry and even alternative medicines like acupuncture. Alyssa says that her main responsibilities are to “care for the patient not only physically, but mentally” and “to instill in my coworkers that our behavior affects the patient’s mentation which can affect their medical treatment.” Thank you, Alyssa. So many of us forget that our patients are not just a parvo case or a renal failure kitty.

Alyssa currently lives in Zebulon with her husband, two adorable cats named Dakota and Pumpkin, and two dogs, Daisy and Peanut Butter. She jokes that they have a Noah’s Ark theme at home. The NCAVT has been lucky to have her as a member for almost a year.

Alyssa started working in veterinary medicine in 2000. She worked as a kennel technician at a clinic in Raleigh. Her clinic manager highly suggested that the girls working there look into Central Carolina Community College’s VMT course. For the next eight years, Alyssa studied “everything dog” by going to groomer school, behavior counseling, and even going to college. But there was still something missing. Finally, after discussing the idea with her friend Becky Dunn, a first year at CCCC, she signed up for the VMT course. After graduating in 2008 and becoming registered, Alyssa worked at various hospitals in her area.

Finally, in January of this year, a doctor she had worked with expressed a desire to open a clinic in Durham and Southport Animal Hospital opened in April. She says “although we have been extremely busy, I haven’t been happier with my career choice.”

Many new graduates to the world of VMT do not know where to go or what to do. Alyssa’s advice: get involved and network. Volunteering with adoption organizations, participating in classes, walks, sports with your dogs, or going to the numerous animal based functions around the area you can meet wonderful people that you can educate about who RVTs are and what we do. So many people do not know we even exist and you never know who you might meet that can help open a door for you.

Thank you, Alyssa for all your hard work and dedication. The NCAVT is blessed to have wonderful, talented techs like Alyssa representing our association and our profession.

- Sandi Portilla



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## Membership Application

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing List \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

If employed, please complete:

Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
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Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of business \_\_\_\_\_

School of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
NC Registration number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership:  
\*Active (\$30.00) \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*Associate (\$35.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*\*Student (\$20.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing list (\$15.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
If student, school \_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Please enclose check/money order made payable to: NCAVT

**Return to:**  
Membership  
P.O. Box 33006  
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*\*Active: Veterinary Technician Registered in North Carolina*  
*\*\*Associate: Graduate of an accredited program of Veterinary Technology, but not registered in North Carolina*  
*\*\*\*Student: Student in an accredited program of Veterinary Medical Technology who is within 12 months of graduation*

Happy  
New  
Year!!!



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