

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

Summer 2014

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy Summer All-

I hope everyone will take advantage of their summer to enjoy pool time, the beach or whatever you do to celebrate the hot weather. But as we know when the heat and humidity index rise our pets are more susceptible to heat stroke, exhaustion and sickness. It seems every day there is a new story about a child or pet left in a car during the hot days. I encourage you all to please remind your clients of the dangers of this time of year and to help spread the word and educate someone who may be just be unaware of the possibilities.

Last month a formal apology letter was sent out to all the members via e-mail as follows.

Dear Members,

At the 2014 Spring Conference, the NCAVT board neglected to hold elections.

As valued members, we owe you an apology. This was not done with malice. Since no nominations were received prior to the conference, it was assumed that there was no interest in the open positions. This was incorrect, and we apologize for this breach of trust.

At this time we are accepting nominations for the Vice President position since this is required for the Board to function. The requirement to hold this position is that candidates must have served on the board for one year. The Vice President will attend all meetings either in person or via phone/internet. The Vice President will assist the President in all duties when needed, and also contribute to the newsletter four times a year ("Meet the Member" and additional article of their choice).

If no nominations are received, a Vice President will be appointed according to Association bylaws.

Jeannie Losey, RVT,VTS-Dentistry
NCAVT President 2014-2015

We had one nomination submitted and a vote was held.

Welcome our new NCAVT Vice President Stacey Hathaway.

We as a board are always looking for people who would like to volunteer with any of the NCAVT activities such as Fall/Spring conference, fund raising events, write an article or tech tip for the newsletter, come to a meeting or just drop us an e-mail with your thoughts. Also if you or someone you know is interested in being a part of the board please let us know, we really do want our members to be active in what we do.



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Special points of interest!

- Congratulations 2014 Vet Tech Graduates!!

CARY DOG DAYS



The NCAVT volunteers joined the Second Chance Pet Adoption and the Town of Cary in celebrating the health and safety of the four-legged friends. In partnership with Second Chance Adoption and Sound Pet Animal Rescue, the annual Dog Days of June brought a day full of pet fun on June 7 to Cary's Fred G. Bond Metro Park, 801 High House Road. The community got to meet local adoption and rescue agencies, and shop pet vendors. The Cary Teen Council was there to offer dog washes for \$5-10 based on the size of dog. Owners and spectators got to see some fetching fun with Fido during the Skyhoundz Canine Frisbee Disc Competition, which was open to all dogs regardless of experience or lineage.

Animal Control officers were onsite from 9 a.m. to noon operating a rabies and microchipping clinic.

The NCAVT set up a table that was manned by Stacey Hathaway and Jeannie Losey with the help of Ethan Losey, to talk about careers as a Veterinary Technician and to help raise money for Student Scholarships and the end of year donations to two rescues by selling cold drinks and raffling off a wellness plan from Banfield Animal Hospital.

We liked to thank those members who stopped by to say hello and spent part of their Saturday with us helping out.

2014 GRADUATIONS



CCC celebrated the 2014 Veterinary Medical Technology graduating class with their annual Awards Ceremony on May 15 in the CCC gym. I was very pleased to find out that this class had five students that received a 4.0 GPA this year! Amanda Bolick was chosen by her classmates to receive the Outstanding Technician Award.

Attended by Sandra Portilla, RVT, LATG, NCAVT Treasurer



Gaston College celebrated the 2014 Veterinary Medical Technology graduating class with a pinning ceremony at the Gaston County Citizens Resource Center in Dallas Park on May 14th. This was one of the largest classes to graduate from Gaston College! Family and friends joined for a wonderful evening of food and celebration. Meg Ancrum was selected by the instructors to receive the Clinical Skills Award.

Attended by Amanda Dillard, RVT, LATG, NCAVT Secretary

Congratulations to all graduates! Welcome to a wonderful and exciting profession.

2014 FALL CONFERENCE

It is time for the NCAVT Fall Conference! It will be held October 18, 2014 at Gaston College. There will be six hours of continuing education available. We are currently working on securing speakers. The schedule below will be updated as information becomes available. Online Registration will begin September 1, 2014.

There will be a brief NCAVT business meeting prior to lunch.

\$50.00 for NCAVT Active and Associate Members

\$35.00 for NCAVT Student Members

\$45.00 for Non-Member Students

\$80.00 for Non-Members

Conference Schedule

Time	Room
7:00	Registration Begins and Breakfast Available
8:00-8:50	Heather Schuab, RVT, VTS (zoology) Two Case Reports: Elephant and Alligator
9:00-9:50	Anne Myers, RVT, VTS (cardiology) How to Perform and Read ECGs on the Dog and Cat
10:00-10:50	Anne Myers, RVT, VTS (cardiology) ECG Study Sets
11:00-11:30:00	NCAVT Business Meeting
11:30-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:20	Erin Mitchell, DVM Update on Current Regulations in Veterinary Medicine
1:30-2:20	Kristin Callis, RVT Aseptic Technique for Large & Small Animals
2:30-3:20	Todd Skeen, DVM, DACVIM (neurology) Treating Head Trauma in General Practice
3:30	End of Day Raffle! Hang around for your Chance to win \$200!

NCAVT FINANCIAL INCOME AND EXPENSE

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

43400 · Direct Public Support	
43440 · Gifts in Kind - Goods	727.82
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	<u>727.82</u>
46100 · Interest Income	3.03
46420 · Sales	94.00
47200 · Program Income	
47230 · Membership Dues	2,875.00
47250 · Conference Registration	4,325.00
Total 47200 · Program Income	<u>7,200.00</u>

Total Income	<u>8,024.85</u>
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Gross Profit	8,024.85
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Expense

60900 · Business Expenses	
60930 · Paypal Fees	73.95
Total 60900 · Business Expenses	<u>73.95</u>
61100 · Bank Fees	2.00
65000 · Operations	
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	748.50
65030 · Printing and Copying	563.76
65040 · Supplies	177.21
65050 · Telephone, Telecommunicati...	94.57
Total 65000 · Operations	<u>1,584.04</u>
65200 · Donations	1,000.00
68300 · Travel and Meetings	
68310 · Conference, Convention, Mee...	1,248.91
Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings	<u>1,248.91</u>

Total Expense	<u>3,908.90</u>
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Net Ordinary Income	<u>4,115.95</u>
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UGA VETERINARY TECHNICIAN INTERNSHIP

UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital is proud to announce a one year Veterinary Technician Internship Program in Zoological Medicine Services.

This challenging internship offers an excellent opportunity for a graduated veterinary technician to be part of an exciting academic environment. The intern will be able to increase their skills and knowledge performing advanced techniques in zoological medicine while using state-of-the-art medical equipment. The caseload is approximately 80% exotic pets (mainly small mammals, reptiles, birds), and 20% zoo and wildlife including includes primates and venomous animals.

This is our inaugural year for the program! Unfortunately, we are a little behind having just worked out the final details. If you are still in contact with any graduates that you believe would be interested in this internship opportunity, please forward them the attached information. We are requesting that application packages be submitted to us by July 28. We will work with the successful candidate on a start date. (The application date for subsequent years will be May 1st with an August 1st start date.)

Thank you very much for your time and consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me at 706-206-9925.
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The North Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians is a non-profit organization designed to support the veterinary technician profession. It began as a small group of dedicated veterinary medical technicians in the Wake County area in the early 1980s. The number of members grew to 62 in 1987 and became the North Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians. In 1992-93, officers of the NCAVT were instrumental in helping Bill 747 pass in the NC General Assembly. The bill essentially kept the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act from becoming open to individuals who had not graduated from an AVMA accredited program of veterinary medical technology and successfully completed the National Veterinary Technician Exam and State Boards.

AVMA ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College
340 Victoria Rd
Asheville, NC 28801
828-354-1921
www.abtech.edu
Director: JoEtta Newman, RVT

Central Carolina Community College
1105 Kelly Dr
Sanford, NC 27330
919-775-5401
www.cccc.edu
Director: Dr. Kim Browning, DVM

Gaston College
201 Highway 321 South
Dallas, NC 28034
704-922-6200
www.gaston.edu
Director: Dr. Kristine Blankenship, DVM

Miller Motte College
3901 Capital Boulevard
Raleigh, NC 27604
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www.miller-motte.edu
Director: Dr. Camille Sherrod, DVM