

# NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

Fall 2014

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



**Happy Fall Everyone!**

Football games, color changes, and cooler weather. Yes it is fall again which means we are starting to wrap up the 2014 year. Looking back we have had a pretty successful year so far.

We pulled off another Spring Conference with the fall conference this month. We had several booths set up with volunteers at the NCSU open house, Dog Olympics and Cary Dog days of June. We are looking forward to NCVT this late October/November with a meet and greet in the plans.

I would also like to send out my congratulations to all the new 2014 graduates out there and wish them luck in this adventure. There are many more congratulations deserved to those Veterinary Technicians that have taken the next step and decided to obtain or have obtained their VTS.

Remember the NCAVT wants to hear from our members and if you have an idea, suggestion or just a comment please drop us an e-mail at [info@ncavt.org](mailto:info@ncavt.org)

Jeannie Losey, RVT, VTS Dentistry

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### Special points of interest!

- Congratulations 2014 Vet Tech Graduates!!
- The Fall Conference was a huge success!
- Time to renew your registration?



# National Veterinary Technician Week October 12-18<sup>th</sup> 2014

It's that time of year again! NVTW was started in 1993 by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America. We would like to honor the value of veterinary technicians and thank you for your constant dedication to animal welfare throughout the state of NC. Being a veterinary technician is not always easy, but I believe that those of us who work in the veterinary community don't get into the profession for selfish reasons. We do it because we love the animals we work with and we want to make a difference. Veterinary Technicians are the backbone of a caring veterinary team. All NCAVT members will receive a small gift in the mail during NVTW as thanks for all you do and sacrifice.



## 2014 GRADUATIONS



AB Tech celebrated the 2014 Veterinary Medical Technology graduating class with their annual Awards Ceremony on August 1st. The awards were split this year with 2 highest GPA's and 2 student choice awards. There was just no way to narrow it down!

Attended by Elizabeth Green, RVT, CPhT, NCAVT Newsletter Coordinator

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

## IS IT YOUR YEAR TO RENEW YOUR RVT?

We just wanted to send you a friendly reminder!

We are quickly approaching the season to renew your North Carolina Veterinary Technician Registration. It is time to start looking for all of your CE certificates. The North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board will be issuing out reminders to renew your registration through email and by mail. To ensure that you get the proper instructions and/or reminders necessary, please go to <http://www.ncvmb.org/> and log in under the link "Login Access" and verify that the email and mailing address are correct so that you can receive proper notification for renewal.

## 2014 FALL CONFERENCE

Our Fall Conference was held at Gaston College on October 18, 2014 in the David Belk Cannon Health Science Building Auditorium. Six hours of continuing education were available. We had 53 attendees. We had some great topics this year! Heather Shaub, RVT, VTS Zoology taught us that a day at the zoo is anything but typical. Two of our own Board Members got in on the action. Anne Myers, RVT, VTS (cardiology) got us back on track with ECG's and Stacey Hathaway, RVT taught us everything we wanted to know about sperm! Everyone had lots of questions for Dr. Erin Mitchell who gave us a great update on current regulations in veterinary medicine. We wrapped up the day learning how to treat head trauma from Dr. Todd Skeen, DVM, DACVIM (neurology).

We would like to say a special thank-you to Melanie Skinner, RVT for all of her wonderful help to make this conference happen. She is one of the instructors for the VMT program at Gaston College.

Burt's Bees donated a wonderful basket full of goodies valued at \$150 for our business meeting door prize. Our end of day cash raffle prize of \$200 went to Jennifer Szatkowski! It was a beautiful fall day and I had a wonderful time working the conference. I am now looking forward to the Spring Conference which will be March 14, 2015 at the NC Veterinary School.

Amanda Dillard, RVT, LATG

Secretary NCAVT

## LOOKING FOR JOB OPPORTUNITIES?

Make sure you check out our job postings. We get new jobs continually.

Go to: <http://www.ncavt.com/jobs.php> to see if there is a good fit for you!

**North Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 January through December 2014

	Jan - Dec 14
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
43400 · Direct Public Support	
43440 · Gifts in Kind - Goods	727.82
<b>Total 43400 · Direct Public Support</b>	727.82
46100 · Interest Income	4.25
46420 · Sales	94.00
47200 · Program Income	
47230 · Membership Dues	2,875.00
47250 · Conference Registration	4,615.00
<b>Total 47200 · Program Income</b>	7,490.00
<b>Total Income</b>	8,316.07
<b>Gross Profit</b>	8,316.07
<b>Expense</b>	
60900 · Business Expenses	
60930 · Paypal Fees	73.95
<b>Total 60900 · Business Expenses</b>	73.95
61100 · Bank Fees	3.00
65000 · Operations	
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	822.42
65030 · Printing and Copying	563.76
65040 · Supplies	203.17
65050 · Telephone, Telecommunicati...	142.03
65060 · Website	119.88
<b>Total 65000 · Operations</b>	1,851.26
65200 · Donations	1,000.00
68300 · Travel and Meetings	
68310 · Conference, Convention, Mee...	1,544.45
<b>Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings</b>	1,544.45
<b>Total Expense</b>	4,472.66
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	3,843.41
<b>Net Income</b>	3,843.41

**NC STATE UNIVERSITY**

## ***Free Clinical Trial:*** **Could Your Cat Have Arthritis?**

**Study design:** Researchers at NC State are evaluating the efficacy of a long term non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) for treatment of chronic musculo-skeletal disorder (CMSD), **including arthritis**, in cats. Cats will be treated with placebo and/or investigational NSAID for 8 weeks total.



### **Patient eligibility:**

- Adult indoor-only cats ( $\geq$  1year of age)
- Noted by owner to be ***“slowing down”*** or have ***“mobility impairment”*** or already have a diagnosis of arthritis
- No suspected or uncontrolled diseases

### **Study benefits and incentives:**

- **Free** physical, orthopedic, and neurologic exams (x2)
- **Free** labwork (including T4 level) and urinalysis (x2)
- **Free** radiographs

**Clinical Studies Core:** 919.513.6384 or [ccmtr\\_csc@ncsu.edu](mailto:ccmtr_csc@ncsu.edu)

**ENROLLMENT: May 2014-March 2015**

## 2014 DONATIONS

Every year the NCAVT selects 2 non-profit organizations to donate \$500. This is made possible by our members and through fund raising. These groups are nominated on by our members and voted on by the Board. If you know a deserving group that is a 501(c)3 status please feel free to nominate them as a possible recipient. Nominations are easy. Just e-mail us at [info@ncavt.org](mailto:info@ncavt.org) with a short paragraph stating why they would make a good recipient. The open period for nominations are now through November 15th.

Last year the Underdog Ranch Pet Adoptions and Feral Cat Friends both received \$500 to help their needs. Please see the attached thank you letters and if you are looking for a good cause to volunteer they are always seeking help.



Underdog Ranch Pet Adoptions  
P.O. Box 217  
Angier, NC 27501  
919-788-3633  
[www.udranch.org](http://www.udranch.org)

April 30, 2014

Sandra S. Portilla, Treasurer  
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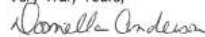
Dear Sandra,

We deeply appreciate the generosity of NCAVT to **Underdog Ranch Pet Adoptions** as shown through your donation of \$500.00. We are fortunate to be associated with the hard-working technicians in NC and to have them participate in our group.

As an organization of volunteer animal lovers, we are dedicated to protecting the lives of stray, abused, and/or homeless companion animals and placing them in loving permanent homes as family members. Your sponsorship will help us continue this mission.

The dogs and the volunteers at **Underdog Ranch Pet Adoptions** appreciate that you chose to share with us. We look forward to your continued support.

Very Truly Yours,

  
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## *Fall 2014*



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](http://www.abtech.edu)  
Director: JoEtta Newman, RVT

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

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

Miller Motte College  
3901 Capital Boulevard  
Raleigh, NC 27604  
919-723-2820  
[www.miller-motte.edu](http://www.miller-motte.edu)  
Director: Carrie Fellows, BS, RVT