

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

Spring 2014

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome members to 2014

I started with the NCAVT as the Secretary in 2009 and moved to the VP position last year and have been honored to move into the president spot for 2014.

Through the years I have seen the Association achieve many goals such as the Rabies law, adding a second conference, becoming more active with community awareness, achieving a 501c3 status and finding one of our own past board presidents on the NCVMB. It has been wonderful watching the Association grow.

You as the members make this happen with your renewals of membership, volunteering in various activities and support of the Spring and Fall conferences.

One of the things I hear the most when speaking with non-members is why should they support their state association since the Association has never done anything for them? This always shocks me to hear but then if one is not involved in the NCAVT then how would they know how hard this board works to make these little things happen? We (the NCAVT) work for the profession as a whole and not for the individual and it takes the individuals to make those small changes over time and by getting involved to work for those changes. These changes will not happen if no one takes them on. I would love to hear your goals for the future of RVT's in this state so the NCAVT will know how to channel our efforts. My goal for the NCAVT is to grow as a group of dedicated professionals working together to reach those goals.

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



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Special points of interest!

- WE ARE OFFICIALLY A 501C3 NON PROFIT!**

NCAVT TECH OF THE YEAR 2013– CHERYL CUMBO

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to nominate Ms. Cheryl Cumbo, RVT for the honor of Veterinary Technician of the Year. I believe Cheryl has both the skill set and the character to represent your association with this award. She is an advocate for animals both in the hospital and in her personal life, and she works tirelessly to improve the lives of animals in need.

Cheryl has been a technician at Southwoods Animal Hospital for 16 years, and she is respected by her peers and adored by our clients. She arrives for work in the wee small hours of the morning, setting up the practice for the busy day ahead. She fills in whenever and wherever she is needed without complaint, and often stays late to make sure her patients are taken care of. She's never become complacent – she is always eager to try a new technique, learn more about a disease or treatment, or to offer suggestions on how to improve our practice. She will always go above and beyond the call of duty. She is an excellent role model for our staff.

Many of our clients know Cheryl because of her personal touch. She makes an effort to get to know both client and pet, takes the time to educate owners, and becomes bonded with them because of the sense of caring and trust they feel towards her. So many have known her as a friend, confidant, or a shoulder to cry on. She is always patient and kind with the animals, and it is not unusual to find a little “lipstick kiss” on a dog's head that matches Cheryl's shade.

Cheryl is often advocating for a rescue group or an abandoned dog or cat, and she has a knack for finding the right families for these pets. She usually takes the worst ones on herself – she has rehabilitated some of the most stinky, scabby, sickly animals that nobody else would have given the effort.

Cheryl is a talented and hard-working technician who has devoted her life to improving the lives of both animals and their humans. Please consider her for your award so she may be recognized for her achievements.

Sincerely,

Corinne L McGregor, DVM



CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM VETMEDICA & The NC Association of Veterinary Technicians

Would like to invite all Veterinary Technicians, Assistants and Medical Support Staff
to a Continuing Education Dinner Event

90 Minutes of NC Approved Continuing Education Credit

VACCINE SAFETY & EFFICACY

What You Were Never Taught or Have Forgotten!
Proper Vaccine Handling, Safety, Efficacy & an Update on Vaccine Pathology

By
Rachel Abrams, DVM

Tuesday, April 29 2014
Please Arrive By 6:30pm
Catered Dinner to be Served 6pm-6:40pm

NC State School of Veterinary Medicine
The South Theatre/Green Commons Room
You can enter thru the Library

PLEASE RSVP BY April 20, 2014

SCROLL DOWN FOR RSVP INFORMATION

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN CE DINNER MEETING
APRIL 29, 2014

Please RSVP No Later Than April 20, 2014
Limited Seating – First to RSVP
Be sure to include Names of All Attendees you are registering

Email: Debbie.Sawyer@Boehringer-Ingelheim.com

Be sure to include the following information on your RSVP:

Hospital

Attendee(s)

Phone Number

Email

SPRING CONFERENCE 2014

On March 15, 2014, technicians and distinguished speakers gathered together at North Carolina State University, College of Veterinary Medicine for the annual NCAVT spring conference. Many topics were covered throughout the day, including, foaling, exotics, dentistry and nutritional supplements. Dr. Elizabeth Coffman of NCSU-CVM gave a great talk about spaying and neutering. Kristen Meyer Callis, RVT gave her first ever talk on proper cleaning within the hospital setting.

During the break, a business meeting was held. Beckie Mossor, past president, answered questions regarding the NC Veterinary Board and possible changes to the Veterinary Medical Act. She assured us that it is a very slow process to change the act, but hopefully, wording changes will be made to the role of veterinary technicians. This is another advancement for the veterinary technician.

The NCAVT executive board members were also named. They are as follows:

President: Jeannie Losey, RVT VTS (Dentistry)

Secretary: Amanda Dillard, RVT

Treasurer: Sandra (Sandi) Portilla, RVT

NAVTA Representative: Beckie Mossor, RVT

Education Coordinator: Anne Myers, RVT VTS (Cardiology)

Public Relations: Stacey Hathaway, RVT

Newsletter Coordinator: Beth Green, RVT

Fund Raiser Coordinator: Kristin Callis, RVT

Technician of The Year Award was also presented during the business meeting. Congrats to Cheryl Cumbo!!! She was nominated by Dr. Corinne L. McGregor of Southwoods Animal Hospital in Greensboro, she received a plaque and \$100.00 gift from Martin Medical.

For the second year, a Lifetime Achievement Award was also presented to Mary Clarke, RVT. Many of her co-workers nominated her for this award, and Jeannie Losey, RVT presented her with her plaque and a gift of \$100.00 from Absolute Anesthesia. Congrats Mary, you're an inspiration to us all.

Finally, a big thank you to our sponsors who helped provide our goody bags and prizes for our mid-day and end of day raffles. Sponsors include, Nutramax, Boehringer Ingelheim, Midwest Veterinary Supply, and Merritt Veterinary Supply. Thank you for supporting the Technicians. Thank you to all of you who attended, the conferences are for you. As always, please do not hesitate to let us know if you would like to hear certain topics or ideas. We are always looking for speakers, so if you are interested, please contact us through our website, www.ncavt.com. Volunteers and ideas are welcome, all you need to do is contact us. This is your organization, so your help will only help in making us better!

MEET THE MEMBER, KRISTIN CALLIS, RVT

Hello!!! My name is Kristin Callis and I am proud to introduce myself as the fundraising coordinator for the year. I am really excited to be part of the NCAVT board and would love to tell you all a little about me.

I am originally from Rochester NY and moved to NC for the warmer weather and to ride horses in Southern Pines. I worked as a large animal assistant for 5 years before going to CCCC to pursue my Veterinary Technology degree. I had my heart set on working with large animals but fell in love with anesthesia and small animal surgery. I have worked for Banfield Pet Hospital since 2011 in a primarily surgical technician role. I have a huge passion for client education, staff training and sterility/cleanliness.

I have been married to Allen for almost 4 years and we have wonderful daughter named Sydney, who is about to be 2 years old next month. Outside of work I love to be around horses, sing and explore new things with my family. I have 2 cats, Bart and Murphy, and a beagle, Scooter.

I would like to encourage each and every one of you to reach out to your friends and co-workers and ask them to join the NCAVT!!! We all need to pull together and educate one another and make NC a great place to be an RVT.



NCAVT FINANCIAL INCOME AND EXPENSE

	<u>Unclassified</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
46100 · Interest Income	1.75	1.75
46420 · Sales	92.00	92.00
47200 · Program Income		
47230 · Membership Dues	2,275.00	2,275.00
47250 · Conference Registration	3,555.00	3,555.00
Total 47200 · Program Income	<u>5,830.00</u>	<u>5,830.00</u>
Total Income	<u>5,923.75</u>	<u>5,923.75</u>
Gross Profit	5,923.75	5,923.75
Expense		
60900 · Business Expenses		
60930 · Paypal Fees	20.19	20.19
Total 60900 · Business Expenses	<u>20.19</u>	<u>20.19</u>
61100 · Bank Fees	1.00	1.00
65000 · Operations		
65050 · Telephone, Telecommunicati...	47.11	47.11
Total 65000 · Operations	<u>47.11</u>	<u>47.11</u>
Total Expense	<u>68.30</u>	<u>68.30</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>5,855.45</u>	<u>5,855.45</u>
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NCSU CVM OPEN HOUSE

On March 29, 2014 the public braved the rainy weather to visit NCSU-CVM for their annual open house. The veterinary complex opened their doors to the public and offered a day full of great learning opportunities in the hopes of inspiring new veterinarians.

There were many activities to participate in as well as a chance to speak with many students, professors and advisors regarding veterinary medicine. The milking parlor was one of the most popular attractions, as well as being able to sample the ice cream that was made from the freshly collected milk. All the departments within the veterinary school also provided demonstrations for the visitors.

NCAVT was on hand to promote the veterinary technician profession and AVMA accredited schools in North Carolina as well. We had a great turnout to our booth. The role veterinary technician is still not well known among the public as a college path, many people still do not realize that technicians actually do complete college to pursue our career choice. Being able to promote our profession in this setting really helps with promoting the veterinary technician. Thank you to NCSU-CVM for allowing us to be a part of your open house this year

SPRING CONFERENCE PICTURES



NCSU CLINICAL STUDIES

Genome-wide association studies of T-cell lymphoma in Boxers

Inclusion:

Boxer dogs with no history of lymphoma

AKC registration preferred; however other purebred dogs may qualify

Must be at least 7 years of age or older to qualify

Study Requirements:

A small blood sample (EDTA)

Genetic Evaluation of Indolent Ulcers in the Boxer Dog

Inclusion:

Affected and Unaffected Boxer dogs, AKC registered preferred; however others will be considered.

At least 9 years of age

Unaffected dogs must have a history of normal eye exams

Study Requirements and Incentives:

Free Ophthalmic Exam for **unaffected dogs only** (*\$95.00 value*)

A small blood sample is required during visit for DNA analysis

Genetic Evaluation of Crystalline Corneal Dystrophy in the Siberian Husky

Inclusion:

Affected and Unaffected Siberian huskies, AKC registered preferred; however others will be considered.

Must be at least 8 years of age or older to qualify

Study Requirements and Incentives:

Free Ophthalmic Exam for both affected and unaffected dogs (*\$95.00 value*)

A blood sample is required during visit for DNA analysis (*all dogs*) and triglyceride blood level (*affected dogs only/\$49.00 value*)

Contact the Clinical Studies Core at (919) 513-6384 or (919) 515-2633 or ccmtr_csc@ncsu.edu

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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
919-723-2820
www.miller-motte.edu
Director: Dr. Camille Sherrod, DVM