

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

Winter 2013

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Greetings!

Happy Holidays from the NCAVT! It is my hope this letter finds you all well and having enjoyed a wonderful Holiday Season. It is hard to believe we are bringing 2013 to a close and welcoming 2014 already. We have had a wonderful and successful year and have many things to look forward to in the coming year.

We are so excited to announce that we have officially received our 501 C 3 status from the IRS, as many of you know this was a very long process for the association. This year also marked the First Annual Mutt Strutt event in Raleigh, and we are looking forward to that event being a huge success and great time for all each year.

Across the state we have more members in the Association than ever before and we hope these numbers continue to grow. As membership renewal comes up, we hope you will continue to support your Association and profession. Each of you make a difference for the profession when we join our voices together as one.

Thank you all for a great year serving as your President for 2013. I am proud to represent a state of dedicated and hard working Technicians and I look forward to the growth I know we will have in this state and the profession overall.

Happy New Year, and my best regards,
Respectfully submitted,
Beckie Mossor, RVT
President NCAVT 2013

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Special points of interest!

- Register for the Spring 2014 Conference at NCSU-CVM

END OF YEAR DONATIONS

Every year the NCAVT chooses two non-profit organizations to make a donation. These are usually chosen from nominations from our members and board members. This year the chosen 501 (3)c groups were Underdog Ranch Pet Adoption and Feral Cat Friends. Each group will receive a check for \$500.00. These donations are made possible by the NCAVT members and the hard fundraising work of the NCAVT Board.

Underdog Ranch Pet Adoption

This NC non-profit organization merged with A New Leash on Life Rescue this year and changed the groups name to Under Dog Ranch Pet Adoption to maintain a singularity focus as one organization. Their mission statement: *To protect the lives of stray, abused, and/or homeless companion animals and place them in loving permanent homes as family members.*

Like most rescues their backbone is their volunteers and they are always in need of help, being donations and or foster homes for their rescues. They work hard to make sure that the pet will be happy and healthy for the rest of its life.

Please visit their website or contact them to find out ways you can help.
www.udranch.org or (919) 788-3633 – Voicemail checked daily

Feral Cat Friends

You've seen them, those feral cats running around. This non-profit group of volunteers supports the nonlethal management of feral cat colonies by using the method of trap, spay/neuter, and return (TNR). Volunteer caretakers manage feral colonies by providing food and shelter and implementing the TNR method to prevent the number of cats from growing in the colony. Those cats and kittens that are trapped and are deemed friendly will then be adopted out.. Become a Feral Friend today by volunteering or making a donation by contacting them at:
www.feralcatfriends.org or (919) 662 3989 (Office) location in Garner NC.

MEET THE MEMBER: STACEY HATHAWAY, RVT

I was born in Watertown, NY. When I around 8 years old, my parents moved the family to Goldsboro NC where I grew up. I attended Goldsboro High School (Go Cougars!!) and graduated in 1989. I met my future husband, Gene Hathaway when I was a freshman in high school. We were married in 1992 and are still very happily growing up together. In 1995, I learned about the VMT program at Central Carolina Community College through my father who worked closely with a veterinarian at Carolina Turkeys and I never looked back. I graduated from CCCC in 1997. If you knew how horrible I was in high school, you would understand how proud my family and I were that day.

My first Job was at Subway.... HATED IT!! So one day I looked in the phone book and called the first boarding kennel in the yellow pages. I called Lynn Cope, Owner of Jeric's Kennels. She also breeds and shows Wirehaired Dachshunds. She took a chance on me and hired me as part time kennel help. While there, I learned a lot in the husbandry and handling of dogs. I also got a taste of the show world, breeding and breeders. I worked with Lynn for 7 years before going to tech school. My husband and I also worked at his family business, Berkeley Video. He worked full time, and I worked there part time.

After graduating from CCCC, I worked with Sanford Animal Hospital for 18 years. I worked very closely with Dr. Katherine Settle with canine reproduction. My time with Jeric's Kennels, prepared me for this position. I worked with many breeders for many years. I mostly handled semen cryopreservation, which was awesome!!! Watching 30 year old semen come to life is amazing. Then to see puppies from it, blows my mind. I have been privileged to work with some of the top dogs in the show world, including the Standard Poodle, "Yes" who won her group at the Westminster Kennel Club and "Uno" who won best in show. I have also made a great number of dear friends with the breeders. I was able to work with them rather easily. I respected their knowledge, and they respected mine. The biggest lesson they taught me over the years is that they DO know their breed and their dogs. They want to be a part of the veterinary care they look for, not just told how and what. Working with breeders is all about respect.

I had a dog named Tizzy 'Lish. She was a just a little mix but we were always together. She was my "heart" dog. When I was 16, she was hit by a car and her pelvis was fractured. We took her to the local vet where she had surgery. The staff there was amazing and worked with me and her during recovery. I knew then that I wanted to work with hurt ad sick animals. I wanted to give that care and compassion shown to me and my Tizzy to others and their pets.

My most favorite thing about being a technician is the mystery and playing a role in solving it. I like the diagnostics. I love looking under the microscope and saying... there it is, Babesia, We can fix this! Sometimes it's a little hard when you find that mast cell or lymphoma, but the good does outweigh the bad. I enjoy the nursing aspect. The few minutes checking on a patient that gives you that moment in a crazy day to comfort a sick pet and get a good snuggle in. Working with the clients can have challenges but most are so willing to learn and help in the care of their pet, you just have to find that connection with them.

MEET THE MEMBER CNT...

I am new to the NCAVT Board. I only wish I could devote more time to it. Over the years I have seen very few changes for technicians. I would love to see more of us get involved and make our profession known. This is a career choice not just a job. Veterinarians and the veterinary medical board should take our career more seriously and realize our potential. Not all of us want to sit in an office as part of management to get the higher pay. Some of us want to be on the floor in treatment, in surgery, taking blood, placing catheters and more. I see a lot of techs giving up these things to go into management for the higher pay. I know some enjoy the management aspect and do very well, but it's not for all of us. I would like to see more changes in the veterinary medical act that give technicians the legal right to perform their skills and to stop the on the job trained person from becoming "technicians". I know it's the old debate, but to me, it's one of the things that needs to be changed. With the advent of animal health insurance and corporate practices, this should not be too hard to get done. Nurses did it, and we can as well. More of us need to become involved!! I saw where there are over 1,000 registered technicians in the state of North Carolina. Why then are there only a handful, of us that are active in the NCAVT? If you want change, ask how you can help, become more active in the association. So much more could be accomplished with more people.



NCAVT PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

Jan 1, 14

Ordinary Income/Expense
Income

43400 · Direct Public Support	
43440 · Gifts in Kind - Goods	2,311.53
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	<u>975.00</u>
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	3,286.53
46100 · Interest Income	7.23
46400 · Other Types of Income	
46410 · Fundraising Event Income	<u>20.00</u>
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	20.00
46420 · Sales	63.00
47200 · Program Income	
47230 · Membership Dues	3,375.00
47250 · Conference Registration	<u>5,450.00</u>
Total 47200 · Program Income	<u>8,825.00</u>

Total Income 12,201.76

Expense

60900 · Business Expenses	
60910 · Administrative Expenses	35.00
60930 · Paypal Fees	153.71
60940 · Credit Card transaction fees	<u>12.59</u>
Total 60900 · Business Expenses	201.30
61100 · Bank Fees	5.00
65000 · Operations	
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	552.00
65040 · Supplies	60.60
65050 · Telephone, Telecommunications	234.25
65060 · Website	<u>182.88</u>
Total 65000 · Operations	1,029.73
65200 · Donations	300.00
68300 · Travel and Meetings	
68310 · Conference, Convention, Meeting	<u>2,128.55</u>
Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings	<u>2,128.55</u>

Total Expense 3,664.58Net Ordinary Income 8,537.18Net Income 8,537.18

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

North Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians 2014 REGISTRATION FORM



First Name: _____

Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Apt/Suite: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: () -

Cell Phone: () -

Work Phone: () -

E-mail: _____ @ _____

Employer: _____

Employer Street Address: _____

Employer City: _____

Employer State: _____ Employer Zip Code: _____

Type of Business (circle):	Small animal	Large animal	Mixed
	Teaching	Specialty	Research
	Exotic	Sales	Other

School of Graduation: _____

Graduation Date: _____

NC Registration Number: _____

If Student, please complete:

Which school do you attend? _____

What is your expected graduation date? _____

Are you a VTS? No
 Yes If, yes which Academy _____

Membership Type:

_____ \$30.00 Active membership
(open to Veterinary Technicians currently registered in NC)

_____ \$25.00 Associate/Staff membership
(non-voting, open to Veterinary Assistants, Kennel staff, Receptionist, Groomers, etc.)

_____ \$15.00 Student membership
(non-voting, open to Students currently enrolled in an AVMA accredited VMT program).

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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
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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

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3901 Capital Boulevard
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