

North Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians



Summer 2011

The Board would like to thank Mrs. Robinson from CCCC for her 38 years of service to the world of Veterinary Medical Technology! She is officially retiring and we know she will be sorely missed! Best Wishes Mrs. Robinson! Her last day at CCCC will be August 8th.

President's Letter

Hello everyone! I hope you are finding ways to stay cool this summer. I know this is a busy time of year for most clinics, so I hope you get to take a nice vacation at some point .

I wanted to update you about our non-profit status. We had one more form to fill out and submit, so we are still waiting But hope to have the entire process done before the end of the year.

I also wanted let everyone know that we are adding a new membership opportunity to the association. In 2012, there will be a veterinary assistant/support staff option. It will be a non-voting membership.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and I hope to see everyone at the Fall Conference - it will be great kick-off to National Veterinary Technicians Week!

~Amanda Dillard, RVT, RALAT

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Special points of interest:

- Register for Fall CE in Asheville!
- Congratulations Gaston College Grads!!!

Meet The Member: Ruth Young, RVT

I was born in December 1945 and grew up in a small town in central Pennsylvania. My earliest memories of animals are of a litter of meat rabbit kits being raised by my parents, my grandfather's hunting dogs and the anguish that I experienced every time I saw road kill. There were two veterinarians in my hometown. One had his home and office directly across the street from my home and the other was the local large animal veterinarian. My parents recognized my love for animals but didn't quite know what to do about it. My childhood pets were guppies, hamsters, a cat, a canary, and a dog. As a young teenager, I was allowed to accompany the large animal vet on his Saturday rounds to the local dairy farmers.

Becoming a teenage wife and mother changed my life's course in significant ways. My husband, son and I moved to Florida where I worked in the agricultural chemical industry, earned an Associate degree in Biology and a Bachelor's degree in elementary education. I taught elementary education for seven years before a divorce and remarriage redirected my life once again. Pets of this era included cats, a Boston Terrier, and guinea pigs with their offspring.

I moved to western North Carolina with my second husband in 1981. I continued to teach elementary school and earned my Master's degree in middle grade education. My pets were a dog, rabbit, guinea pig and lovebird. Sometime in the 80's, I began to reflect on my childhood interest in veterinary medicine. At that time I thought the only career option was that of a veterinarian. I was delighted to read about the profession of veterinary technician in a women's magazine sold in grocery stores.

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Recruitment and Retention

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer so far. I was able to speak at Martin Magnet Middle School this June in Mrs. Jennifer Townsend's animal science elective class. The first group was full of 6th graders and the second group was filled with 7th and 8th graders. These students were very amazed and interested in all aspects of Veterinary Medicine. They were very interactive and loved to share their own personal stories with me. It was quite an enjoyable experience to be able to speak with such wonderful children and to see how many chose to take an animal science elective at such a young age.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the fall conference in Asheville. If you know any classes or groups that are interested in having someone come from the NCAVT to speak about our profession, please don't hesitate to contact us. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

~Heather Sidari, RVT

Gaston College 2011 Pinning Ceremony

On May 12th, 2011 the Veterinary Medical Technology Program at Gaston College held its Pinning Ceremony in beautiful historic Downtown Belmont, NC. There were 26 graduates joined by family, friends, & faculty to celebrate. Dinner was served at 6pm. Melanie Skinner, RVT (Instructor) served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The NCAVT awarded two students nominated by the instructors of the program. Jamie Ballenger was chosen for her academic excellence and for being a well rounded student. Lesley Steiner was chosen for her excellence in clinical skills. Each student received a \$100! The NCAVT also gave all of the graduates a copy of the Veterinary Technician's Oath and free membership until December 2012. It was a wonderful evening filled with laughter, celebration, and tears of joy. Congratulations to the class of 2011!!

Jamie Ballenger
Jodi Casto
Jenna Clark
Lacey Coffey
Brittany Conrad
Kasey Cushing
Jennifer Deitz
Nicole Gambino
Natalie Hoffert
Brittany Kale
Joshua Krauser
Amber Ockerbloom
Kaylin Schellin

Cace Siddons
Johanna Smith
Shannon Smith
Lesley Seiner
Kate Walsh
Jason Dean
Elizabeth Dellinger
Andrea Gill
Samantha Joyner
Karen Krasniewski
Julie Madarasz
Holly Reed
Kerrie Self



Left to Right: Jamie Ballenger, Amanda Dillard (NCAVT Rep), and Lesley Steiner

Fall Conference Schedule

Mother Nature's Fury and Life After: A Case Study of Treatment of Traumatic Injury in an Equine- Heather Hopkinson- 8:00am-8:50am

The ABC's of Research- Sarah Wall- 9:00am-9:50am

Fluid Therapy- Jessica Birdwell- 10:00am-10:50am

NCAVT Business Meeting- 11:00am-11:50am

Lunch- 12:00am-12:50am

Drug Calculations and Dosages in Anesthesia- Cheryl Kata- 1:00pm-1:50pm

Low Stress Handling- Tristan Rehner and Jenny White- 2:00pm-2:50pm

Puppy Socialization- Tristan Rehner and Jenny White- 3:00pm-3:50pm

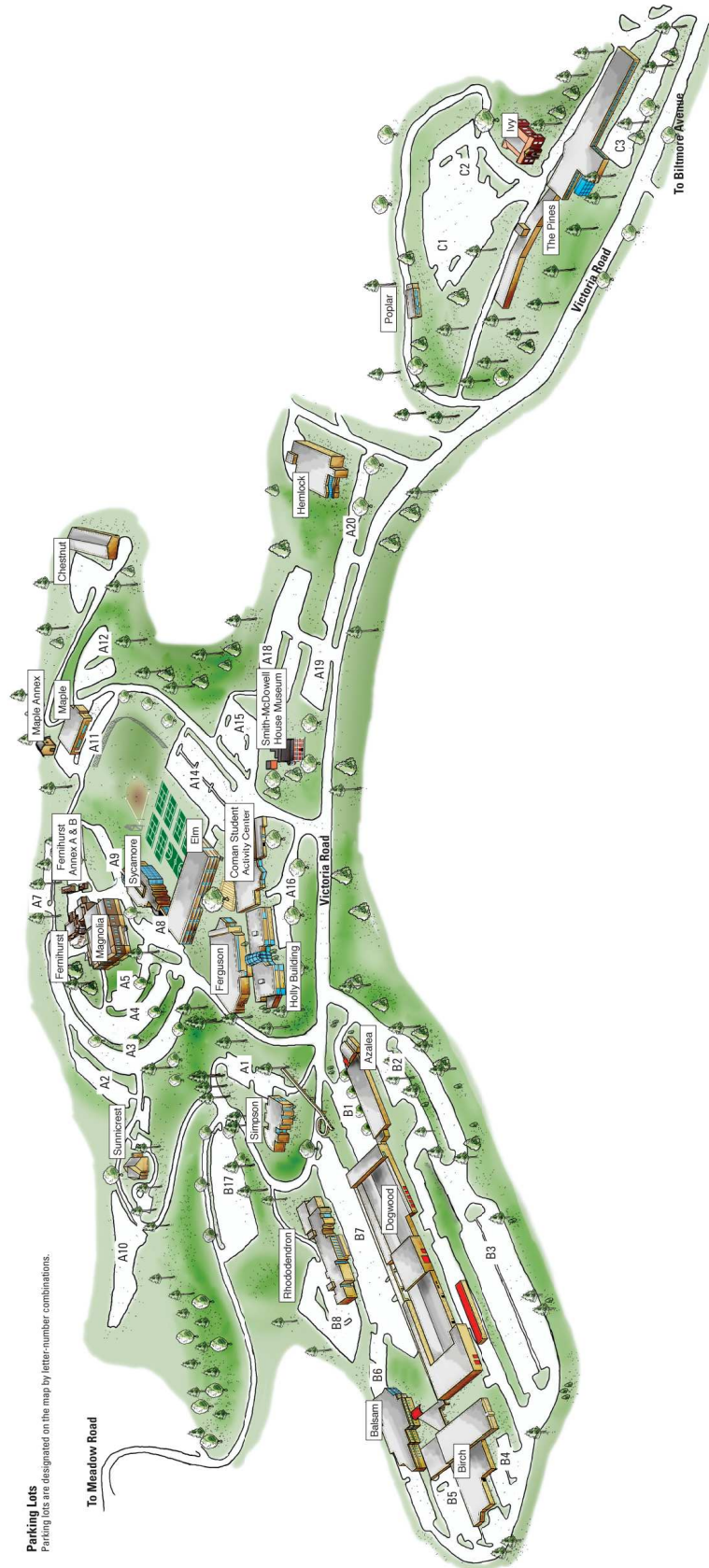
This year we will be having a Fall Conference in beautiful Asheville, NC. We have worked hard at getting speakers that will talk on the topics that you have voted for. We will have a Large Animal Technician, a Research Technician, two Anesthesia Technician Specialists, and two Behaviorists coming to speak.

Please come out to AB Tech on October 8th at 8am in the Ferguson Auditorium and enjoy a great day of fellowship and learning.

**AB Tech
340 Victoria Rd
Asheville, NC 28803**



AB Tech Campus Map



2011 Membership/CE Registration Form
 North Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians
 P.O. Box 33006
 Raleigh, NC 27636
 1-888-709-2789 or local 919-342-6564
info@ncavt.com

"X" to	Cost	Membership	Description
	\$30.00	RVT Membership	Veterinary Technician currently registered in NC
	\$70.00	RVT Membership + Spring 2011 Conference	Veterinary Technician currently registered in NC + Attendance to Spring Conference (March)
	\$20.00	Support Staff Membership	Veterinary Assistants, Receptionists, Groomers, Kennel Staff, Etc. – this is a non-voting membership
	\$60.00	Support Staff Membership + 2011 Spring Conference	Veterinary Assistants, Receptionists, Groomers, Kennel Staff, Etc. – this is a non-voting membership + Attendance to Spring Conference (March)
	\$15.00	VMT Student Membership	Student currently enrolled in AVMA accredited Veterinary Medical Technology program
	\$55.00	VMT Student Membership + 2011 Spring Conference	Student currently enrolled in AVMA accredited Veterinary Medical Technology program + Attendance to Spring Conference (March)
	\$50.00	RVT Membership 2011 Spring Conference	Veterinary Technician currently registered in NC who is already a member & just needs to pay for 2011 Spring Conference
	\$80.00	Non-Member 2011 Spring Conference	March
	\$50.00	Member 2011 Fall Conference Fee	October 8 th 2011
	\$80.00	Non-Member 2011 Fall Conference Fee	October 8 th 2011

All Memberships are valid from January 1st - December 31st

If RVT

School of Graduation: _____ NC Registration#: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Are you a VTS? _____ If yes, which field _____

If VMT Student

Our quarterly newsletter is sent via e-mail, if you do not have an e-mail address & require a paper copy please initial here_____

If you would like to be listed in our membership directory for other members to see (only info listed will be your name, e-mail address, & city) please initial here_____

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

State_____

Zip Code_____

Phone: Home (_____)_____

 Work (_____)_____

 Cell (_____)_____

E-mail Address_____@_____

If employed, please complete:

Employer_____

Address_____

City_____

State_____

Zip Code_____

Type of business_____

(small animal, large animal, mixed practice, emergency, university, specialty, research, teaching, etc.)

At the Spring & Fall Conferences we will be serving box lunches from Jason's Deli. Please make selection below:

2011 Spring Conference: _____Ham _____Turkey _____Vegetarian

2011 Fall Conference: _____Ham _____Turkey _____Vegetarian

Signature_____Date_____

VMT Scholarships

The NCAVT is once again able to contribute to our profession financially. We are donating \$500 to each of the three Vet Tech programs in North Carolina. This money can be used to purchase equipment and supplies or to help financially needy students. Thank you for your continued support. It is only through your memberships that we are able to help others.

Meet the Member continued from page 2...

As a result of that article, I became an Associate member of NAVTA and subscribed to the Veterinary Technician magazine. I became obsessed with earning a vet tech degree. I called the chairs of various vet tech programs throughout the United States. I took personal leave and visited Dr. Porterfield at Central Carolina Community College. However, there were no veterinary technology programs within driving distance of my home. I would have to leave teaching and relocate if I wanted to pursue that profession. So I began volunteering at the animal hospital close to my home, for the time being.

I read the NAVTA Journal and Veterinary Technician from cover to cover every month. Two prevailing themes recurred on a regular basis in both magazines. One was the issue of the proper title for credentialed veterinary technicians and the other was the issue of salaries. By this time, I had invested considerable time in my teaching career, and I had accumulated a respectable retirement nest egg. I decided to put my pursuit of a veterinary technology career on hold until I retired and hope for a few remaining brain cells to get me through the program, wherever that may be.

After 25 years of teaching elementary and middle school students in Henderson County, I retired in 2006. By then, the veterinary technician program at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College had been in place for a few years. My prayers were answered and I could attend college without having to move. I enrolled in the program in 2008 and received my vet tech degree in August 2010. It proved to be the most challenging of the four academic degrees that I had earned over the years. I was almost 65 years old when I became a Registered Veterinary Technician in the state of North Carolina.

Today I am employed as a part time and relief technician at WNC Veterinary Hospital in Arden, North Carolina. I am proud to be a member of a very professional and skilled team of assistants, veterinarians, and one other RVT. I still have a lot to learn and remember. And I owe my progress to the patience and excellent mentorship of the staff. Being a part time employee allows me plenty of time for other activities. I enjoy mountain biking, birding, butterflying, and gardening. I study the flute, play in the hand bell choir at my church and sing in the Magdalen Choir, all women's voices. My family now consists of my cats: Spirit and Camille, my dog: Skippy and my lovebird: Chico.

My professional interests include pet nutrition, pet insurance, emergency medicine, and of course, veterinary technology education. I am excited to have reached my goal as a Registered Veterinary Technician and to have the opportunity to serve the animals and their owners in western North Carolina.

Income Statement for 1/1/11 to 06/13/11

INCOME

Conference Registration	7,770.00
Interest Income	11.62
Membership Dues	3,550.00
Contributions Revenue	450.00
Sales	765.00

TOTAL

12,546.62
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EXPENSES

Bank Fees Expense	6.00
Conference Expense	3,395.56
Federal/State Fees	60.00
Administrative Expense	2950.23
Mailing Expense	642.78
Storage Expense	582.00
Miscellaneous Expense	90.25
Office Supplies Expense	255.63
Paypal Expense	132.15
Phone Expense	365.19
Printing Expense	578.36
Free Membership Expense	540.00
Tax Expense	0.00
Free Memberships	(540.00)
Website	107.40

TOTAL

9165.55
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Net Income

3381.07
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Donated space expense	3,387.00
Donated space	(3,387.00)
Donated Services	(300.00)
Donation Expense	2,131.86
Donations	(1,720.12)

Cashbook Statement 03/19/11 to 06/10/11

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Other
03/19/11	Jason's Deli ck#698	1,054.88		
03/21/11	Deposit		1,060.00	
03/21/11	Deposit - paypal		500.00	
03/21/11	Dunkin Donuts - coffee	54.36		
03/21/11	Harris Teeter - conferene food	64.79		
03/21/11	Wal-Mart - conference food	100.52		
03/22/11	Deposit - paypal		4,500.00	
03/23/11	Deposit		840.00	
03/23/11	Deposit		1,530.00	
03/28/11	Deposit		535.00	
03/28/11	Mig Murphy Sistrom, CPA ck#699	2,631.47		
03/31/11	NCSU Vet Hospital - supplies	45.00		
03/31/11	USPS - po box	176.00		
04/04/11	Vonage	44.37		
04/08/11	Wake Forest Animal Hosp. - refund ck#7	45.00		
04/08/11	Lillington Vet Hosp. -refund ck#701	65.00		
04/09/11	NAVTA - Ann Myers dues	40.00		
04/11/11	SECU Fees	1.00		
04/11/11	SECU interest		3.24	
04/18/11	Name Tag - debit card	172.76		
04/18/11	Secure Care Self Storage ck#703	582.00		
05/03/11	Vonage	44.37		
05/09/11	SECU Fees	1.00		
05/09/11	SECU - interest		2.50	
05/16/11	Office Depot	3.17		
05/16/11	Amanda Dillard - mileage ck#704	76.00		
05/17/11	Leslie Steiner - Gaston Grad Award ck	100.00		
05/18/11	USPS	11.44		
06/03/11	Vonage	44.37		
06/08/11	SECU Fees	1.00		
06/08/11	SECU interest		2.49	
06/10/11	Jamie Ballenger - Gaston Grad Award ck	100.00		
Closing Balance			11546.12	
Statement Closing Balance			11946.12	

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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. Paul Porterfield, DVM

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



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