

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

Spring 2013

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I have noticed the days getting shorter already and all the Fall decorations and Pumpkin flavored specialties are out, it must be Fall! While we are not quite "officially" to fall, we are making that transition in the seasons. The NCAVT is welcoming Fall, as we have for the last few years, with our Annual Fall Conference. This year to be held at Gaston College. The conference is on September 28th and will offer 6 hours of Technician specific CE. We are elated at the success of the Fall Conferences in the Western part of our state and have really enjoyed the opportunity to be more involved out there!

We are also gearing up for a very exciting "first" for this Fall. The NCAVT is working hard to bring together the First Annual Mutt Strut. The Strut will be on October 12th at Lake Lynn Park. More information can be found on our Facebook page and our NCAVT Mutt Strut page. The participating clinic that raises the most funds will win breakfast for their clinic! All proceeds raised go toward the Scholarships awarded to the students in VMT programs throughout NC, CE Conferences, and other non-profit organizations in NC. This is a great opportunity to get out and socialize with your fellow Veterinary colleagues. We hope to see you there supporting your NCAVT and Technicians in NC.

I would like to personally congratulate all the new RVT's in NC who have recently received their brand new Registrations and License! This is a very exciting time to join this profession. I commend you on all of your hard work to get here. Welcome to being an RVT!!!

As always, we thank you for your support and contributions to your Association. You all have an amazing group of people, who volunteer their time, working to bring you these newsletters, conferences, and fundraisers! We are really enjoying our recent growth in numbers and participation. We would not have an association without you!

Respectfully submitted,
Beckie Mossor, RVT
NCAVT President 2013



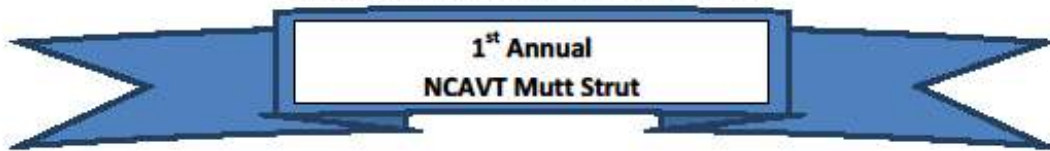
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Special points of interest!

- There will not be a NCAVT lunch meeting at this year's NCVC

North Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians



SATURDAY OCTOBER 12TH @ LAKE LYNN

7921 RAY RD RALEIGH, NC (RAY RD. ENTRANCE)

SAME-DAY REGISTRATION STARTS 9:30A

WALK STARTS AT 10:30A



**HIGHEST DONATING CLINIC WINS LUNCH SPONSORED BY
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Lace up your shoes and grab those leashes because it's time for the first annual NCAVT Mutt Strut at 7921 Ray Road Raleigh, NC!! Our first dog walk event will be held at Raleigh's Lake Lynn park on Saturday, October 12 at 10:30 a.m. Same-day registration starts at 9:30a.m. Early registration is \$20 (postmarked by October 1st) and should be mailed to NCAVT P.O. Box 815 Elon, NC 27244. Checks should be made payable to North Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians. **Same-day registration is \$25.** The first 100 people that register and sign in on the day of the walk will receive a water bottle!

Proceeds will benefit this NC organization that supports and promotes the veterinary technician profession by holding continuing education conferences biannually, providing student scholarships to the Veterinary Technician college programs in the state, and donating money to various non-profit animal shelters/groups.

Pharmaceutical company, Boehringer Ingelheim, is teaming up with us to celebrate with the highest donating clinic winning lunch! Not able to walk? No problem! Mail us your registration, indicating what organization you are supporting and we will count your donation toward their tally for the highest donating clinic! Clinics interested in setting up a booth, please contact 919-342-6564. We look forward to seeing you there!!

NCSU DOG OLYMPICS

A Beautiful day for some Doggy Fun

NC State College of Veterinary Medicine hosted the 22nd annual Dog Olympics on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The events included fun competitions, canine demonstrations, rescue groups, free microchip clinic, and a special "custom cart" Paralympics for dogs with spinal cord injuries. The Dog Olympics is a charitable event that celebrates the human-animal bond and raises money for local animal rescue groups.

Canines of all breeds, shapes, and sizes were invited to participate in athletic and non-athletic competition such as Rollover Rover, Musical Sit, Longest Tail, Limbo, Frisbee Toss, Howling Contest, Look-a-Like, Best Trick, Best Beggar, and High Jump.

This has been the 5th year that the NCAVT was invited to set up a table to talk with adults, young adults and pet owners on who veterinary technicians are and what we do in the profession. The day was extremely pleasant and the crowds stayed well past 2pm, everyone had a wonderful time.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Current checking account balance = \$8,355.32

Paypal balance = \$2,371.42

I would like to thank the association for purchasing the 2013 Non-profit addition of Quickbooks. It has taken me a couple of weeks to figure out the program, but I am finally getting information entered into the program. I will have a much need and more precise Profit and Loss statement available for the next newsletter.

- Sandi Portilla, NCAVT Treasurer

2013 FALL CONFERENCE

On September 28, 2013, the NCAVT fall conference was held at Gaston College in Dallas NC. Headed up by Amanda Dillard and Stacey Hathaway, the conference was a great success. The attendees had the opportunity to listen to great speakers on timely topics for today's profession. Topics included; Pain Management by Dr. Britaigne Jones, Canine reproduction – Dr. Katherine Settle, Anesthesia - Dr. Arlen Mills, Dentistry - Brent Wilson, RVT, VTS-Dentistry and Hematology by Dr. Devorah Marks Stowe. Our thanks to these speakers who took time out of their busy schedules to help us out.

Gaston College was a perfect location for the day long conference. The beautiful meeting room held our 51 attendees with room for more. A sincere thank you to Melanie Skinner, RVT for helping make this location available to us!

Merial, one of our conference sponsors, provided an I Pod Nano for a door prize. Rachel Mueller was the lucky winner. Katie Bonds won the end of day drawing of \$200 which was provided by the NCAVT. Congrats Ladies!

A special thank you to all our sponsors, Gaston College, Merial, Zoetis, Road Runner Pharmacy and Elanco. Also, thank you Beckie Mossor, RVT for setting up a vendor table for your new business, Techs For Pets, that provides job opportunities for your fellow technicians.

If you were unable to attend the fall conference, the spring conference is in the works... hope to see you there



Brent Wilson, RVT-VTS Dentistry takes Questions from the audience



The lecture hall Gaston College

AB TECH GRADUATION

On August 1st, 21 students graduated from AB Tech's Vet Tech program. Kari Bowling was awarded \$100 for the highest GPA. Theresa Sosby was awarded \$100 for the student/peer award. All of the students received a free 1 year membership to NCAVT and a copy of the Veterinary Technician's Oath which was recited by all the graduates receiving their pin. We would like to welcome these students into the most rewarding challenge of their lives. Good luck on your VTNE's!!



MEET THE MEMBER: HEATHER SHAUB

I live in Asheboro, NC with my husband and our four-legged and furry kids, one cat who "knows" that she is large and in-charge and one yellow lab who "knows" that he never gets enough attention or food.

I graduated from Tri-County Technical College with my Associates degree in Veterinary Technology after graduating from Clemson University with my Bachelors in Animal Science. A little bit backwards, I know, but I don't regret my extra years of education. With my Bachelors came my husband, and with my associates came my career...and the dog. Win-Win. :)

I began working at a small animal clinic in Greenville, SC, where I grew up, at the age of 15... There wasn't really ever a time before I was working in an animal hospital. I did work for an accountant and as a retail sales associate, but I was always also working with animals. I decided very young that I wanted to be a veterinarian. Then I started working for a veterinarian and decided that being the technician was way cooler! My career path was chosen by the age of 16.

I decided to become a registered technician after being an on-the-job trained technician/assistant for 7 years. Why? Because I wanted to move on to bigger things, namely, elephants and rhinos. Going to school to get my license was the best thing I ever did. I already knew I loved the work, I just needed to change the scenery. For my school externship I spent 3 months at Zoo Atlanta learning to love the work on a larger scale... or a tinier one, depending on the animal of the day. That led into a position at Lion Country Safari in Florida and eventually to the North Carolina Zoo, where I have been employed for 6 years.

My favorite thing about being a technician is the constant change. There is always something to learn, something to do better, or some animal to get to know. Overall, I love the challenge of providing the best possible care and being an advocate for those that have no voice. Also, I love that my job, while stressful, is also relaxing.... there's nothing more therapeutic than happy rhino noises. :)

I spent the past two years working towards taking the Academy of Veterinary Zoological Medicine Technicians examination. I recently earned the designation of Veterinary Technician Specialist in Zoo Medicine. I don't believe that working in a zoo makes me any more special than every other technician out there who works their hardest for their animals. It's simply taking that technician knowledge and applying it to, say, a 20g bird and then an hour later, applying it to a 5,000kg elephant. It's all in a days work and I love it.



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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
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Asheville, NC 28801
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