

A publication of the Minnesota Association of Veterinary Technicians

Membership Meetings:

- Please check MAVT website for meetings.
- *Please contact President Missy Greer if you wish to join us !!
- U of M Meetings are at 7:00pm in room 441 of the Veterinary Medical Center.

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Study Assessing Exposures to Occupational Hazards -

Dear MAVT members,

My name is Dr. Heather Fowler, I am a veterinarian and a CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellow working at the Minnesota Department of Health. I'm asking for your participation in a study assessing exposures to occupational hazards in veterinary medicine. For example, you may have sustained a work-related injury at some

point in your career, contracted an infectious/zoonotic disease after working with an ill patient, or developed asthma or allergies as a result of your work. Currently there are numerous studies that look at the prevalence of exposures to these hazards, but most focus solely on veterinarians. We feel it is important to document exposures among all members of the veterinary

community in order to identify the true scope of the issue, as well as to determine if certain groups within the profession are at increased risk for certain exposures. We would appreciate your participation in this study of occupational hazards among all Minnesota veterinary personnel.

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American Association of Equine Veterinary Technicians

"My name is Sue Loly and I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself as the new Minnesota Regional Contact for the American Association of Equine Veterinary Technicians (AAEVT), which includes the State of Michigan. I've been working at the University of Minnesota for the past 5 years and recently achieved joining the AAEVT Academy as a Veterinary Technician Specialist in Equine Veterinary Nursing this

past November at the annual AAEP convention. Anyone with questions about specializing in Equine Nursing, are welcome to contact me directly (lolyx001@umn.edu) or check out our website. The AAEVT is a great association for anyone working with horses in a veterinary practice. We have a variety of great online resources for vet techs, assistants, students and both members and non-members so please

check us out!
<http://www.aaevt.org/index.php>. "
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How to Place a Job Ad

Job ads may be UP TO 75 words, and may be edited for length or clarity. Email addresses count as three words. Any ads received after deadline will be held until the following month. Deadline is 5:30 pm on the specified date which is listed on the back cover of each issue. There is no charge. If you don't specify a specific amount of time, your ad will run for one month. If

you want to continue an additional month, you don't need to resubmit, just call or email your request. Please resubmit if your ad hasn't run in a couple of months or if you wish to make changes. Ads sent to the PO Box may be delayed, so please send them directly to: Debi Ylitalo – 9535 Shady Oak Dr., Chaska, MN 55318; email: aerobic_debi@yahoo.com

Job Opportunities

The Glacial Ridge Veterinary Clinic is looking for a Certified Veterinary Technician with a minimum of two years experience to

work full time in a small animal integrative health practice. Applicants must be open to holistic and western therapies. We need a highly skilled,

motivated, compassionate technician with good people skills and a great sense of humor.

Send resume' to:
Attn: Kristina
Glacial Ridge Vet
16159 State Hwy 29
Glenwood MN 56381
320 634 3558



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knowledge and
competence...”



Occupational Hazards Study (continued, from page 1)

This is an anonymous survey and will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. We encourage you to complete the survey by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/dtopics/zoo/survey.html> Feel free to forward this email and/or link to colleagues whom you feel meet the eligibility criteria (see note below). Alternatively, you may request a paper copy of the survey and postage-paid envelope by emailing me at Heather.Fowler@state.mn.us or calling 651-201-5278.

We thank you in advance for participating in Minnesota's first study to take a global look at the issue of occupational hazards in veterinary medicine!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Sincerely, Heather Fowler, VMD, MPH
NOTE:
Eligibility/Criteria for participation: This study is open to all individuals over 18 years of age who **assist in the delivery of veterinary care in Minnesota** and have worked in veterinary medicine for at least 12 months.

Receptionists and other office staff who may on occasion help with animal restraint or collect diagnostic samples are eligible and encouraged to participate.

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Job Opportunities (continued from page 2)

Cats Preferred Veterinary Hospital is looking for a part time CVT or new grad to join our team immediately. We are an exclusive feline practice in Plymouth. We are looking for someone who is eager to learn, personable, dependable and professional. Wage DOE. The position is for weekday and some weekend hours. Please email or fax your resumes to amy.hagen@catspreferred.com 763-383-0960

We are looking to hire Vet Techs to teach at our schools.

Amy Galeazzi, Human Resource Generalist

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Lora Steiner, CVT
Practice Manager

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FT CVT - Vikki Johnson,
CVT, 612-822-2149

Convention 2012 – CE Challenge Winners

Congratulations to our CE Challenge winners! The winners are:

1. Shelley Harpster with 95.5 hours,
2. Stacy Bokelheide with 77 hours,
3. Alesha Schutz with 32 hours,

4. Diane Whipple with 25.5 hours,

5. Cheryl Felton with 21 hours,

Those placing 1 to 4 will receive a plaque from Teri Kado and Art-N-Life. We thank Teri for the plaques.

“Do you like to learn? Attend and keep track of all your CE events throughout the year. Turn in your CEs before or at Convention 2013!”

Vet. Tech. Certification/Recertification

To become certified in Minnesota as a CVT, candidates must graduate from an AVMA accredited veterinary technician program, pass the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE), complete the Minnesota certification application and pay a \$60 certification fee.

National Exam Information -

The VTNE moved to computer based testing the summer of 2010! Upcoming testing in **2012** is July 15 - August 15 with the deadline of June 15 for all documents, and November 15 - December 15 with the deadline of October 15 for all documents. For information on the National Exam or to register for the National Exam, you **MUST** register through the

AAVSB website at www.aavsb.org/VTNE

Check out the MVMA website for a list of suggested study materials, as well as a FAQs section.

“Certification and re-Certification is handled completely by the MVMA.”

FAQs – Certification/Re-certification, by Beth Husman, CVT

Q: Who do I contact if I have questions about certification or re-certification?

A: This is handled completely by the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA). The website is mvma.org. Once you are on the home page, look at the tabs on the left hand side of

the page and look for “Veterinary Technician Information.” This should tell you everything you need to know about re-certification as well as continuing education.

Q: Who do I contact if I have questions about continuing education guidelines?

A: This is handled completely by the

Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA). Again, their website is mvma.org.

Code of Ethics for Veterinary Technicians

Veterinary Technician's Oath

Do you know our Veterinary Technician's Oath? If not, here it is.

I solemnly dedicate myself to aiding animals and society by providing excellent care and services for animals, by alleviating animal suffering, and by promoting public health.

I accept my obligations to practice my

profession conscientiously and with sensitivity, adhering to the profession's Code of Ethics, and furthering my knowledge and competence through a commitment to lifelong learning.

Just like any other medical profession, Veterinary Technicians are bound by an oath to provide the best care for

their patients and to never represent themselves as something they are not.

We as Veterinary Technicians will to the best of our ability uphold the truth of this oath and dedicate ourselves to the health and well being of our patients.



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