

A publication of the Minnesota Association of Veterinary Technicians

## Membership Meetings:

- February – 7:15a.m.on Saturday-of MAVT Convention ; March TBD.
- \*Please contact Karen Marcus if you need information on how to do the phone meetings.\* Please join us! .
- U of M Meetings are at 7:00pm in room 441 of the Veterinary

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## It's Convention Time!

### Continuing Education Card

Just like last year, the CE Form will be in your registration materials.

This form has space to list the seminars that you attended. Note: One credit per one hour of lecture. Be sure when you fill out the form, you keep it for renewing your VT certification.

### Breaks/Exhibitor Hall

Use break times between lectures to visit

the Exhibitors Hall.

Remember to thank our sponsors for their support.

### End of Convention Event

Come and have some fun and relaxation with appetizers and a cash bar. Entertainment will be provided by Shivers Belly Dancing Troop.

### \*\*MAVT Annual

**Meeting Moved to\*\* Saturday Morning Breakfast**

If you are a member of MAVT, plan on attending our Annual meeting and find out what is new in the organization. We will elect new officers as well as present the Technician of the Year award. Come have a delicious breakfast and win door prizes! Pre-registration is required, but there is no charge for the breakfast.

**Exhibitors Event** (see back page)

## Check out these extras for Convention 2012

### Friday CE Luncheon

Getting Engaged: Creating a Bigger Voice for the Profession - Sandy Sponaugle, NAVTA Communications Director. There is a \$20.00 charge for lunch.

### Special Labs

Friday-Canine and Feline CPR Certification - Amy Butzier, MEd, CVT, Mount Ida

College 10:00 to 12:00pm and 2:00 to 4:00pm Only 20 people per lab. Sign up at registration desk.

Saturday- Advanced Hematology for Veterinary Technicians - Sara Hill, DVM, Clinical Pathologist. Limited attendance. Sign up at registration desk.

**Saturday luncheon with MVMA** featuring Animal Awards and Temple Grandin speaking on Understanding Animal Behavior. Saturday 12:00 to 2:00; there is a charge for this lunch.




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*"...furthering my knowledge and competence..."*

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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](mailto:aerobic_debi@yahoo.com)

or phone #952-443-3019 (this is also the phone number if you have questions).  
[mavtvoice@hotmail.com](mailto:mavtvoice@hotmail.com)

## Job Opportunities

We have a CVT position opening at New Hope Animal Hospital. This position is part-time hours in a fast paced, fully computerized, highly equipped practice.

Please email resume to [newhopeanimalhospital@comcast.net](mailto:newhopeanimalhospital@comcast.net)

## Vote at Convention for Officers!

President, Secretary, and State Representative positions are ready to be filled by dedicated veterinary technicians with an eye on the future of the profession. **All terms are two years in length.** The elections for these positions will be held at the 2012 Convention business meeting. If you are interested in being an officer or know someone who you think would be a good officer candidate, please send your nominations by Feb. 1, 2012 in an email to Karen Marcus,

MAVT President, at [Karen.Marcus@ridgewater.edu](mailto:Karen.Marcus@ridgewater.edu) or by mail to: MAVT, Officer Nominations, P.O. Box 580194, Minneapolis, MN 55458. You can also nominate someone last minute on the floor at the convention business meeting.

**Benefits:** You'll play a vital role in the future of MAVT by working with other technicians on topics of importance to our organization. Officers do not pay convention fees. Mileage to meetings is

reimbursed at a non-profit rate. All officers must pay membership dues.

**President:** Preside over all meetings and represent the association in all matters. Establish and appoint with the help of the other officers, committees as necessary. Oversee the operation of the organization. Discuss MAVT business topics with the board and members. Answer questions from members or direct them to the appropriate contact person.



Team Work!

## Vote for Officers (continued)

**Secretary:** Keep typed minutes of all meetings and send copies to the newsletter editor, website committee, and President. Keep file of all newsletters, voting totals, and ballot decisions. Maintain correspondence files. Answer questions from members or direct them to the appropriate contact person.

**State Representative:** Oversee the six areas in the state including CE meetings. Coordinate communication between Area Reps and the MAVT Board. Serve as Minnesota's representative to NAVTA. Act as a contact person between MAVT and Vet Tech programs in the state. Answer questions from members or direct them to the appropriate contact person.

Remember to vote for **Veterinary Technician of the Year!** See our MAVT booth for further information.

*Who am I? -*

Answers

- 1. Alaria
- 2. Trichuris vulpis
- 3. Taenia sp.
- 4. Isospora sp.
- 5. Cryptosporidium
- 6. Eucoleus aerophilus
- 7. Toxascaris leonina
- 8. Ancylostoma caninum
- 9. Toxocara canis
- 10. Dipylidium caninum

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*Nominate Someone Today!*

## Treasurer's corner – an update on convention costs

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*“To put on the convention, it costs anywhere from \$75,000 to \$80,000.”*

Due to the increase of convention registration costs for the 2012 convention, we wanted to provide some background as to why we made the increases.

To put on the convention, it costs anywhere from \$75,000-\$80,000.

Historically, sponsorship has helped defer that cost by 30-40%. With sponsorship down due to the economy and the lack of help with acquiring sponsors, we are forced to increase registration fees. This year, we also have the great opportunity to listen to a

very well-known speaker, Temple Grandin. We wanted to attempt to keep the cost down for her lecture so that more of you can attend therefore MAVT will have to offset this cost.

~Debi Dahmes

## Frequently Asked Questions – MAVT Website, by Beth Husman, CVT

We have found that a number of people, either board members or committee chairs, are getting phone calls or e-mails with a lot of the same questions. So we have decided to try and help with a “frequently asked questions” section.

*Q: What is the website for Minnesota Association of Veterinary Technicians (MAVT)?*

A: Our website is accessed by going to mavt.net. Our site offers detailed information about the

organization, who the board members and committee chairs are and their contact information, educational opportunities for members as well as convention information.

*Q: How do I create an account on the MAVT website?*

A: Once on the MAVT website, in the upper right had corner, you will click on “log in.” By creating an account on the website, you can access your individual account information, update your individual contact information, renew your

membership electronically as well as access the “members only” link.

*Q: What do I need to create an account on the MAVT website?*

A: You will need an e-mail address, a password of your choice as well as a username of your choice. You will want to keep record of this login information for future logins.

*Q: What information from my on-line account, on the MAVT website, is the most important to keep current?*

A: Your e-mail address!!  
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## 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.



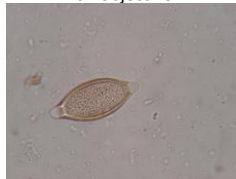
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## Who am I? – Common canine & feline internal parasites, by Karen Marcus

1. This egg/oocyst is large you are looking at it using the 10X objective.



2. This was found in a canine fecal exam, you are looking at it with the 40X objective.



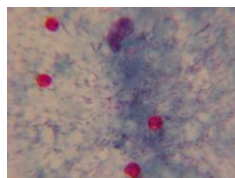
3. This small egg/oocyst was found in a feline fecal exam. You are using the 40X objective to look at it



4. This small egg/oocyst was found in a feline fecal exam. You are using the 40X objective to look at it



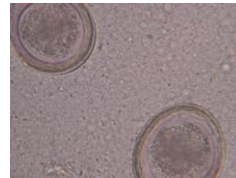
5. This canine fecal smear was stained with an acid fast stain. You are looking at it with the 100X oil immersion lens



6. This was found in a feline fecal exam, you are looking at it with the 40X objective.



7. This was found in a feline fecal exam, you are looking at it with the 40X objective.



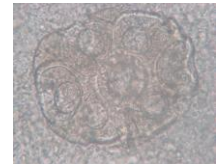
8. This was found in a canine fecal exam, you are looking at it with the 40X objective.



9. This was found in a canine fecal exam, you are looking at it with the 40X objective.



10. These objects were released from a crushed tapeworm segment. You are looking at them with the 10X objective



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We're on the Web!  
Visit us at:  
[www.MAVT.NET](http://www.MAVT.NET)

*FAQs (Cont. from page 4)*

A: All the information in our database is tied to your individual e-mail account. Your mailing address is the second most important piece of information. That is how you receive the printed newsletters.

*Q: When is membership due or renewable?*

A: January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Our membership year is from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

*Q: How do I renew my*

*membership?*

A: You have two options for renewal...paper renewal or on-line renewal. The fastest renewal method would be the on-line method. Also, be aware, if your membership lapses, you will be charged an additional \$20 processing fee to renew.

*Q: Who do I contact if my address or e-mail changes?*

A: Currently, the membership coordinator handles all name changes, address changes or e-mail

changes OR you can simply update your information yourself, via your account on the MAVT website.

*Q: Who do I contact if I want to volunteer my time to MAVT?*

A: The president of the organization. He/she will forward your name to the appropriate committee.

*Q: Who do I contact if I have questions about the Practice Act?*

A: Kim Horne, practice act chair.

*Q: Who do I contact if I have questions or problems with the MAVT website?*

A: Perin Bullers-Schwartz, website chair or Beth Husman, membership chair.

***(Conclusion from page 1) Convention 2012***

**Exhibitors Event -**  
Friday night 5:30 -  
8:30 Come and hang out  
with MVMA and the  
exhibitors as they cut  
loose with Casino  
Night!

It is our goal to have great speakers, great learning opportunities through a variety of lectures and/or labs, with time to catch up with friends and socialize. Have a great Convention 2012!

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