



# OAVT NEWSLETTER

*Dedicated to promoting Veterinary Technicians and quality animal healthcare through: Education, Legislation and High Ethical Standards*

<http://www.ohiorvt.org>

Summer 2018

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The hot summer days have been great for the most part. The Board of trustees met via teleconference on July 1st.

The main part of this meeting was for the program committee to inform the board of their progress and finalize certain aspects. The program information will be mailed soon. The next board meeting will be late August.

This year the Board has been working very closely with NAVTA with the Veterinary Nurse Initiative (VNI). State legislation is a multifaceted, complicated and challenging endeavor.

While it would seem that changing a professional title name would not all that complicated, when it comes to navigating the system of government it becomes that way.

That is NAVTA's job. The OAVT'S job has been to follow NAVTA's direction, lend our support, and communicate with our state government as constituents.

At this time the House of Representatives is on a break and no legislation is being presented to the full house. Once the House resumes its schedule of business, look for HB501 to be voted on.

If the House passes the bill onto the state Senate, HB501 will go through a similar process before moving on to the governor.

While all that is happening, take a little time to enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing all of you in October.

Cindy

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Discovery  
2018**



**October 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

## DISCOVERY 2018

Your board has been working very hard this past year to bring you a bigger, better, and brighter Discovery 2018 and we think you will be very impressed.

This year's symposium will be Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 at our new venue:

[Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center.](#)

## THE OAVT IS ON FACEBOOK



[Check out our Facebook page](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/ohiorvt?fref=ts>

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians is dedicated to promoting Veterinary Technicians and quality animal healthcare through education, legislation and high ethical standards.

The goals of the Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians:

1. To promote the professional and educational advancement of Ohio's Veterinary Technicians
2. To enlarge the technician's knowledge of necessary skills through continuing education programs and sponsored seminars
3. To provide information on job opportunities
4. To maintain and improve the professional standards of technician's practice
5. To foster high ethical standards within our profession
6. To promote the interest of Veterinary Technicians through state and federal legislation
7. To create and maintain a professional image of the Veterinary Technician
8. To provide for better and more humane veterinary medical care

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

### Online Membership Application Form

<http://goo.gl/uOaXcE>

This form is used to register those persons that are interested in becoming an active member, an affiliate member or an associate member of our organization. Becoming a member couldn't be any easier.

Download the .PDF Membership Form at:

[http://www.ohiorvt.org/download/form\\_membership.pdf](http://www.ohiorvt.org/download/form_membership.pdf)

Dues paid to the OAVT are for membership to the OAVT only and does not mean technicians are registered with the state of Ohio.

You need to contact the OVMLB (Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board) if you have any questions about your status. The link to the OVMLB website is listed below.

<http://www.ovmlb.ohio.gov/>

## CINCINNATI VETERINARY TECHNICIANS ASSOCIATION (CVTA)

Visit their website at: [www.cincyrvt.org](http://www.cincyrvt.org)

Phone (614) 436-0700

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**President: Cindy Curto, RVT**

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## **OAVT COMMITTEES**

### **The Constitution and By-Laws Committee**

Chairperson: Janet Lazarus

Members: Cindy Curto / Earl Harrison

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Chairperson: Christie Myers

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Members: Kim Myers

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Chairperson: Kim Myers

Members: Peggy Dahlhausen

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Chairperson: Christie Myers

### **The Website Committee**

Chairperson: Peggy Dahlhausen



## VETERINARY NURSE INITIATIVE UPDATE JULY 2018

OAVT sends out a huge thank you and much appreciation to all of those who stepped up with their show of support for the Veterinary Nurse Initiative (VNI) by making phone calls and/or sending e-mails to your local representatives in the Ohio State House of Representatives. We have come a long way and have had great success!

HB501 is the bill for the name change of Registered Veterinary Technician to Registered Veterinary Nurse in Ohio. With the gracious help of the OVMA, The Ohio State University School of Veterinary Medicine, and Columbus State Community College we were able to

pass over the first hurdle with a favorable pass in the Agriculture Committee of the House of Representatives in order to go to the main floor of the House. Several OAVT board members, veterinarians and staff members took time out of their schedules to come to the State House to stand up for technicians in a show of solidarity and gave witness testimony to the critical importance of our profession as well as the skill set and knowledge base required daily.

After our supporters gave favorable testimony the Nursing Association was allowed to give their testimony as well, which required an additional day of testimony at the State House. After members of the Agriculture Committee heard both sides of testimony they agreed almost unanimously and voted 14-1 in favor of changing the title to Registered Veterinary Nurse and gave allowance for HB501 to head to the floor for final approval by The House of Representatives.

At this point we are waiting on the House to reconvene for our bill to hopefully make it to the floor in August. The Speaker of the House stepped down in April which required the House to approve a new speaker. This process caused some delay and then there was a break over the Easter holiday. The House held additional sessions in an effort to catch up but we were not successful in getting into that docket list. The House is currently on a short summer break and will come back together in August.

The OAVT needs your support more so than ever once the House reconvenes. If we cannot get the bill to come to the Floor in August we will have to start the process from the beginning as the bill will have timed out. We will be sending out a Call to Action as soon as we have a date for the House. We ask all of you, your family, and friends to once again reach out to your representatives (both at home and where you work if different districts) with a phone call or e-mail showing the importance of this bill and the importance of what we do. We have come so far but have a little more to do.

If you would like to become more involved in the Veterinary Nurse Initiative please reach out to us via our Facebook Page or website.

<https://www.facebook.com/ohiorvt/>

<http://www.ohiorvt.org/>

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislators/find-my-legislators>

Thank you again for all your support and we hope we can continue to count on you to step up for yourself, your fellow technicians, and your profession. Let your voice be heard- because you matter and what you do on a daily basis matters!!!

**Christie Myers RVT, VTS (Clinical Practice-Canine/Feline)**

Northwest Ohio Veterinary Technician Association- founder

Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians- Vice President, Discovery Chair

National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America- Ohio and District V Representative



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

## Ohio Veterinarian and Veterinary Technician Ergonomics Study



**Are you a registered veterinarian or veterinary technician in the state of Ohio?**

**Have you been working in the veterinary medicine field for at least the past 12-months?**

**Then you might be interested in this study!**

**WHAT:** Researchers from the College of Engineering at The Ohio State University are performing an ergonomics research study with Ohio veterinarians and veterinary technicians!

**WHY:** The objective of the study is to understand the prevalence of work-related musculoskeletal discomfort and possible risk factors that contribute to discomfort in veterinarians and veterinary technicians. This the first study to investigate the ergonomics of Ohio veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

**WHO:** To make this study a success and truly representative, we encourage every veterinarian and veterinary technician in Ohio to participate!

**HOW:** Participants will complete this electronic questionnaire ([SURVEY LINK](#)), estimated 15-20 minutes to complete

\*Veterinarians, we ask that you please share this communication to your veterinarian technicians.

### **[SURVEY LINK](#)**

Or type this link into your web browser: [go.osu.edu/ergovetsurvey](http://go.osu.edu/ergovetsurvey)

Your help is needed to make this research study a success!

Whether or not you experience musculoskeletal discomfort, your participation in this study is important.

Thank you very much for choosing to participate in this important study!

Questions regarding the study or the questionnaire? Please contact Carolyn Sommerich ([sommerich.1@osu.edu](mailto:sommerich.1@osu.edu)) or Kelly Seagren ([Seagren.4@osu.edu](mailto:Seagren.4@osu.edu)).

# CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

<http://www.medvetforpets.com/ohio-ce/>

  
**CONFERENCE**  
9.30.18 NORTHEAST OHIO

Join us for an exciting day of RACE-approved continuing education, offering veterinarians, technicians, and practice managers the opportunity to earn up to 7.0 hours of CE credit, with courses ranging from traditional lectures to hands-on labs presented by some of the industry's most experienced and passionate professionals.

**DATE:** Sunday, September 30th

**TIME:** 8am-5pm

**VENUE:** John S. Knight Center, Akron

**COST:** Free for Veterinary Professionals

Visit [medvetforpets.com/Ohio-CE](http://medvetforpets.com/Ohio-CE)  
for full conference details.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

### **MedVet Continuing Education**

MedVet also offers  
Continuing Education courses  
in Columbus.

Technicians click on the link below  
to find the latest seminars available.

[Click here to view MedVet Seminars](#)

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

### **The Ohio State University**

The Office of Veterinary Continuing Education  
offers a wide variety of educational activities for  
veterinarians, veterinary technicians, breeders  
and owners.

<https://vetmedce.osu.edu/ceactivities>



# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## ONLINE CLASSIFIED AD FORM

You can now submit your employment ad "online" with our Classified Ad Form

<http://goo.gl/38bCNC>

For a fee of \$75.00, please fill out the OAVT Website Classified Ad Form and submit it to the OAVT Treasurer. Your employment posting will remain on the website for a period of 90 days. The ad will also be published in the next available newsletter.

For a fee of \$75.00, an employment posting using your format (which can be accompanied by a photograph of your facility) can be submitted to the OAVT Treasurer. Your posting will remain on the website for a period of 90 days.

All payments should be directed to our Treasurer:

In Care of The OAVT  
107 Browning Road  
Swanton, Ohio 43558

Please make checks payable to: OAVT Treasurer.

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## Registered Veterinary Technician

- We have an immediate full time opening for an experienced Registered Veterinary Technician.
- Our technicians are encouraged to continue learning, to use their skills, and to enjoy their jobs.
- Job duties include obtaining blood and urine samples, running lab tests, and monitoring anesthesia, assisting surgical procedures, dental and whole body radiology, dental charting and cleaning.
- Work-life balance is important to our hospital, so we alternate evening, weekend and daytime hours.
- Benefits, other than working for the best practice in Northeast Ohio, include 401k, C.E and uniform allowance, medical benefits and Veterinary service discounts.

## Detroit Dover Animal Hospital

AJ Scott, Hospital Manager

27366 Detroit Road

Westlake, OH 44145

Phone: (440) 871-5220

Email: [aj.scott@navnet.com](mailto:aj.scott@navnet.com)

Website: [www.detroitdoveranimalhospital.com](http://www.detroitdoveranimalhospital.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- Are you compassionate, detail-oriented, and love all things cats?
- Do you enjoy helping people to provide the finest care for their feline friends?
- Do you desire to be in a position where your company's culture demonstrates its care for you as well as its patients?
- If this describes you, then please continue reading!
- Cats Only Veterinary Clinic is the original, full service veterinary hospital, dedicated to the care and treatment of cats.
- For thirty years we've had ONE purpose - to provide the finest in feline healthcare and we're looking to expand our team.
- We need a full time, experienced veterinary nurse to administer care to our patients and education to their amazing owners.

### Cats Only Veterinary Clinic

Andrea Lukuch, Hospital Administrator

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Columbus, OH 43221

Phone: (614) 459-4105

Fax: (614) 459-5704

Email: [receptionist@catsonlyvc.com](mailto:receptionist@catsonlyvc.com)

Website: [www.catsonlyvc.com](http://www.catsonlyvc.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Intake and Foster Registered Veterinary Technician

- Job summary: to assist Veterinarians, Intake Manager, and Foster Manager with all treatment and care of animal patients.
  - DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
    - Assist with daily foster appointments and treatment of animals in foster
    - Assist with daily intake appointments
    - Complete daily treatments
    - Complete isolation treatments and daily cleaning of isolation areas
  - QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS
    - Knowledge of restraint, handling techniques, general animal safety practices, including recognizing animal behavior patterns
    - Ability to work effectively, independently and in a team; in atmosphere of multiple projects, shifting priorities, deadline pressures; to be flexible, detail orientated; to prioritize
    - Excellent interpersonal skills with customer service orientation.
    - Ability to communicate effectively, courteously, professionally
- Toledo Area Humane Society**  
Kelly Sears, Vice President  
827 Illinois Ave  
Maumee, OH 43402  
Phone: (419) 482-7101  
Email: [ksears@toledohumane.org](mailto:ksears@toledohumane.org)  
Website: [www.toledohumane.org](http://www.toledohumane.org)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- We are a small, close nit team of veterinary professionals seeking to add a Part Time Registered Veterinary Technician to our team.
- The right candidate will have strong interpersonal skills, the ability to multi-task and prioritize as well as keeping a level head under pressure while assisting clients in person and over the phone.
- Confidence with windows based computer systems and general office equipment is a must.
- Technical duties will include, but are not limited to restraint, venipuncture, intravenous catheter placement, nursing care, radiology, and anesthesia.
- Hourly rate based on experience.
- New grads welcome.

### Village Animal Clinic LLC

Jo Fleming, Hospital Manager

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Website: [www.villageanimalclinicllc.com](http://www.villageanimalclinicllc.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Pet CPR and First Aid Instructor

- Now Hiring Veterinary Technicians as independent contractors to teach Canine and Feline CPR and First Aid classes in their community.
- If you have experience working in the veterinary industry and are comfortable speaking in front of groups of people, this may be a great opportunity for you.
- Training is free and the part time schedule is flexible.
- We compensate our instructors \$20 per person in each class they teach and provide administrative and advertising support.

### Pet Emergency Education

Amy D'Andrea, Director of Operations

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Suite F #254

Littleton, CO 80127

Phone: (844) 738-2779

Email: [info@petemergencyeducation.com](mailto:info@petemergencyeducation.com)

Website: [petemergencyeducation.com](http://petemergencyeducation.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- Immediate Opening for a Registered Veterinary Technician – Full or Part Time.
- UCAN Nonprofit Spay & Neuter Clinic, a high volume, low-cost spay/neuter clinic, seeks a full or part time registered veterinary technician to help us conduct spay/neuter surgeries on dogs and cats and achieve our mission of ending the killing of cats and dogs in local shelters for space.
- You get to save lives every day with an incredibly talented and compassionate team!
- Competitive benefits include a Monday through Friday work schedule typically ending by 4 p.m., PTO, paid holidays, medical, dental, and life insurance, substantially discounted services for personal pets, and a 401(k) plan with an employer match.
- Requirements include a current Ohio registered technician license, capability to multi-task in fast-paced environment, great attention to detail, proficient restraint of dogs and cats, ability to handle a physically demanding job, ability to give vaccines and microchips, and helping prepare animals for surgery.

### UCAN Spay and Neuter Clinic

Jessica Klaers, Clinic Manager

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45225

Phone: (513) 762-0140

Email: [jklaers@ucancincinnati.org](mailto:jklaers@ucancincinnati.org)

Website: [www.ucancincinnati.org](http://www.ucancincinnati.org)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technicians and Veterinary Assistants

- The OSU Veterinary Medical Center is hiring Registered Veterinary Technicians and Veterinary Assistants at our Columbus and Dublin locations!
- Openings are available in the following departments: SA Emergency Critical Care, Community Practice, Anesthesia, and Orthopedic Surgery.
- Benefits include: comprehensive health coverage packages, retirement programs, shift differential pay, scrubs, paid holidays, vacation/sick leave hours, and more!
- Ohio State is an EEO/AA employer.

### The Ohio State University

### College of Veterinary Medicine

Lauren Parkins, HR Specialist

1900 Coffey Road

Columbus, Ohio 43210

Phone: (614) 292-0656

Email: [cvm-humanresources@osu.edu](mailto:cvm-humanresources@osu.edu)

Website: [www.jobsatosu.com](http://www.jobsatosu.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- Assist with our wellness program, surgery, and general care of our animals.
- This is a full time position (approximately 36 hours per week) and is day shift.
- You will be working under the supervision of the Shelter Veterinarian.
- Possible sign on bonus.
- New grads welcome to apply.
- Please submit resume to:  
Executive Director, Animal Shelter Society, Inc.  
1430 Newark Road  
Zanesville, Ohio 43701  
or  
via email to: [assi@rrohio.com](mailto:assi@rrohio.com)

### Animal Shelter Society, Inc.

Jody Murray, Executive Director  
1430 Newark Road  
Zanesville, Ohio 43701  
Phone: (740) 452-1077  
Fax: (740) 452-1641  
Email [assi@rrohio.com](mailto:assi@rrohio.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Medical Laboratory Technician II – Nights

- As a Medical Laboratory Technician – Generalist at IDEXX, you will be a key contributor at one of the largest veterinary diagnostic companies in the world.
- You will perform laboratory testing that helps veterinarians diagnose and treat pets across the United States.
- You will join a fast-paced work environment that encourages teamwork and quality, and offers opportunities for personal growth.
- This is a full-time role with benefits and shift differential.
- This is full-time third shift position.

### IDEXX Laboratories Inc.

Ausra Reed

Website: <https://careers.idexx.com/jobsearch/job-details/medical-laboratory-technician-ii-nights/120450/1/>

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Veterinary Technician

- We are a full service veterinary clinic located in South Toledo that focuses on providing excellent, compassionate care at an affordable price while encompassing the believe in, and passion for, providing veterinary care for all pets who need it.
- We also believe that the only way we are successful is with the right team.
- That is why we offer competitive wages based on experience and benefits including vacation hours, paid holidays, and CE.
- Must be a registered veterinary technician in the state of Ohio with 1 year, or more, of experience preferred.

#### Community Pet Care Clinic

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Phone: (419) 214-1560

Email: [clinicmanager@communitypetcareclinic.com](mailto:clinicmanager@communitypetcareclinic.com)

Website: [communitypetcareclinic.com](http://communitypetcareclinic.com)

## ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Visit our Employment web page for a complete listing of Employment Opportunities at:

<http://www.ohiorvt.org/employment.htm>