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From the President

This year is already passing by so fast. In just over a month our technology classes will be coming to an end and a new batch of veterinary technology students will be entering the workforce. There are a couple of items I want you to consider and check out if you are interested.

First, I want you to think about KVTA speakers. We still need input as we plan the technician session. Even having ideas for future speakers would be great. We have received limited input so far. Remember this organization is for you. What would you like to hear? What topics would you like? Who would you like to listen to? This is your opportunity to provide feedback and get the speakers you want. I know that this time of year gets very busy for us all. Take a moment to send those ideas either through our website or by e-mailing them to me

directly.

This year at KVMA you will be able to present posters of case studies, innovative clinical techniques, or clinically relevant research studies for financial prizes. This idea came from our fellow technicians at Morehead State University and is open to any member of KVTA, student, associate, or full. Please visit the website or read the related article in this newsletter for more information.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2009, now is the time to do so. Members must have a copy of their membership cards sent in with their Mid-America registration in order to qualify for the KVTA discount this year. Also remember the dates for KVTA have been corrected on any printed material you may have received so far. The correct dates for the Mid-America con-

ference is October 9-11. Please mark your calendars.

If you have any ideas on membership booster activities or anything that can help our association and benefit technicians within our state and beyond, please let us know. We are here for you.



Dean Ann Provine, LVT
KVTA President
Continuing Education Chairman

Want to get extra certification?

Here are some links to the certification programs available for veterinary technicians. You can also find these links on the [NAVTA website](#).

[Academy of Veterinary Dental Technicians](#)

[Academy of Veterinary Technician Anesthetists](#)

[Academy of Internal Medicine for Veterinary technicians](#)

[Academy of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Technicians](#)

[Academy of Veterinary Behavior Technicians](#)

[American Association for Laboratory Animal Science](#)



If you would like to share CE opportunities with other Kentucky Techs send us the information At www.kyvta.org



Interested in presenting a poster at KVMA? Send your information to Amy Staton at a.staton@morehead.edu



Ms. Anna Doom, Vice President and Public Relations Chairman needs your ideas. You can reach her by filling out the feedback forms or by e-mailing her at anna.doom@murraystate.edu

Continuing Education Opportunities

April 18-19, 2009

Twin Lakes Veterinary Conference

Ken lake State Resort Park, Gilbertsville, KY

Speakers: Dr. Douglass MacIntire & Dr. A.D. Elkins

For more information and registration forms visit

www.KVMA.org

June 6-7, 2009

31st Annual Morehead Clinic Days Veterinary Conference will offer a variety of large and small animal topics. Preregistration for veterinarians is \$135, for technicians \$45; 15 CE hours available for veterinarians, 6 for technicians .

For more info call 606-783-2326.

October 9-11, 2009

KVMA Mid-America Conference
Galt House, Louisville, KY

Speakers: Planning in progress

For more information visit www.KVMA.org or www.kyvta.org

Posters at Mid-America - October 10-11th, 2009

There will be an exciting new opportunity at the Mid-America conference this year called "Posters at Mid-America". Only members of KVTA will be able to present posters on case studies, innovative clinical techniques, or clinically relevant research studies.

Intent to Submit forms must be filled out and sent to Amy Staton by the August 31, 2009 deadline to be considered.

Posters will be displayed during the conference in the exhibitor's hall. Posters will be judged on clinical merit and a

financial award presented during Sunday's luncheon.

Posters will be assembled and dismantled by the presenter, and must be set up by Saturday at 10:00 am and remain until Sunday at noon. Presenters must be on hand from 5:00-6:00 pm on Saturday, October 10th to answer questions.

Posters should be no larger than 36" x 48" and must include title and author in very large type (at least 1" lettering or 36 point font) usually located in the top center of the board.

The content should primarily include pictures, photos, diagrams and other graphics. Concepts and graphics may be explained with limited enhanced text (underlining, bold, color). Appropriate inanimate objects may be placed to enhance the project. Properly cited references should also be included in the text, if applicable.

For further details and an intent to submit form, please visit our website at www.kyvta.org or contact Amy Staton at a.staton@morehead.edu or 606-783-2326.

KVTA Member Spotlight-Meet Your New VP

Do you like the recent changes to our website? That would be the work of your new vice-president and public relations chairman, Ms. Anna Doom.

Anna grew up on a farm in Lyon County, Kentucky. Since Anna was young she knew she wanted to pursue a career involving animals. She is a 2006 graduate of the Animal Health Technology Program at Murray State University. She obtained her certification in July, 2006

and began graduate work soon after. She graduated with a Masters of Science in Agriculture in December 2007. Anna took a job as a full-time LVT at Lyon County Animal Hospital until an opening became available in the Murray State University AHT/Pre-veterinary department. She is currently a Lecturer/Clinical Instructor at Murray State University and is enjoying her second semester teaching in various areas of

laboratory diagnostics, sample collection, and animal restraint and handling .

Anna has recently joined the ranks of home ownership and in her off time enjoys shopping for items and decorations for her new abode. Her furry companions include her 11 year old sheltie named "Max" and two one year old cats "Shadow" and "Sunny."

Our Veterinary Technology Programs

Kentucky currently has three colleges that offer programs in veterinary technology. All programs are seeking or have received full accreditation of the AVMA.

Brown-Mackie College of Louisville is the newest veterinary technology program in Kentucky. Their program gives students the opportunity to earn an associate of applied science degree in veterinary technology.

Morehead State university has an AVMA accredited program

that offers both an associate of applied science and bachelor's degree in veterinary technology. There is also a program for students to complete pre-requisites for veterinary school. Morehead's program has been accredited since 1977.

Murray State University also has an AVMA accredited program that offers students a bachelor's degree in agriculture with an emphasis in animal health technology. Students work with their advisor to tailor their studies to their

interests in the field. Available options include pre-veterinary medicine, veterinary technology, zoological, equine, laboratory animal, or large animal emphasis.

If you are an alumni, faculty or student in any of these programs feel free to contribute news, upcoming events or updates by sending us information for inclusion in our newsletter and for posting on our website.



Students at Murray State University groom dogs as part of the "Doggie Day Spa" fund-raising events.

Murray State University's AHT/Pre-vet Club

The student organization of the AHT/Pre-vet Club is very active on campus and within the community. Students plan monthly activities that enhance their student development and contribute to the well being of animals in their neighborhood. Examples include once a month "Doggie Day Spas" in which community members bring their pooches for a day of pampering. Students are able to practice their restraint and grooming skills as they bathe,

trim nails, clean ears, and express anal glands. Another big event for the club is the annual "AHT Day" which is held in late March or early April. In addition to the services offered at the doggie day spas, students perform complete physical exams, heartworm tests, FeLV/FIV tests, and any other diagnostic testing as necessary. Owners are provided with results and referred to local veterinarians for treatment. The local humane society pro-

vides microchipping, photos for the pet registry and tags. Students also get to practice their client education skills as they counsel pet owners on any abnormal findings. Funds raised are used to help local animal welfare groups and programs.

The club hosts speakers weekly on a variety of topics and incorporates trips to continuing education seminars and other career building opportunities.



Morehead State University's new Equine Health Education Center

Morehead veterinary technology students work on a horse in the new center



Morehead Opens Equine Health Education Center

Morehead State University has officially opened its new and unique Equine Health Education Center at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex on KY 377 north of Morehead.

"This state-of-the-art surgical and medical treatment facility for horses will greatly benefit our veterinary technology, equine science and animal science students as well as regional horse owners," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "It is a major enhancement of our efforts to support the equine industry in Kentucky."

Built at a cost of \$881,000, the facility was financed with a \$550,000 grant from the Kentucky Equine Trust and additional funds from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and MSU. The grant application was developed by Dr. Judy Willard, associate professor of agriculture, and Dr. Philip Prater, associate professor of veterinary technology.

The 6,000 square foot building will be dedicated to the training of veterinary technicians in modern equine veterinary technology, including ultrasound, fiber optic

endoscopy, surgery, advanced reproductive techniques, intensive care management and digital radiology. Dr. Prater predicts that the new center also will be very helpful to private veterinary medical private practitioners in East Kentucky.

Also involved in the project were Dr. J. Mike Phillips, chair of Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences; Mike Padula, technical consultant to the building project manager; Paula Reynolds, departmental specialist; and Joe Fraley, farm manager.

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We are on the web
www.kyvta.org

Got a story to share or information to get out to our members and Kentucky techs? Send it to us and we will include your information in our newsletters and on our website. Know someone that you want to give special recognition to? Our member spotlight column may be just the place to honor that individual. Each issue we would like to feature a KVTA member or veterinary professional who is making a difference to enhance our profession within the state. Send us your information along with a digital picture and we will feature your special technician. Individu-



Whitney Cantrell & Jordan Wuthrich in Cabo St. Lucas with their team

Some of our Favorite Websites

Do you find yourself scrambling trying to find out the latest news in veterinary medicine? Here are some of our favorite websites to stay in the "know" in the veterinary field.

www.DVM360.com

www.myvnn.com

www.veterinarypracticenews.com

www.medicalnewstoday.com

Interested in the latest news in biomedical research? Here are some sites that will keep you informed on the latest breakthroughs.

www.fbresearch.org

www.amprogress.org

Want to stay informed on new laws and legislation regarding animals?

www.awionline.org

www.awic.nal.usda.gov

Looking to adopt, find homes for animals, or find a lost pet?

www.petfinder.com

www.planet-pets.com

www.pgaa.com

www.pets911.com

www.adoptapet.com

www.worldanimal.net

www.alleycat.org



Member Article by Whitney Cantrell & Jordan Wuthrich, KVTA Student Members Humane Society de Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

We were chosen by Dr. Peterson to take part in a service project to spay and neuter dogs and cats in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. In addition to Dr. Kimberly Peterson, our team also included her husband, Dr. Eric Peterson, and Dr. Mike Gotchev, a former classmate of theirs.

When we were on our way to the humane society after we landed, we started to realize that the culture in this area concerning animal welfare was completely different than what we were used to. There were many dogs running the streets everywhere you looked, most un-altered, but people in the community didn't seem to pay them much mind. We weren't sure that the humane society would be much better.

To our surprise the upkeep was higher than we were expecting considering the surrounding community. There was a main area where dogs that had tested negative for distemper were kept. Along with this they also had three

different isolation areas; one with distemper positive dogs, one with dogs that had tested negative once for distemper and one with dogs that hadn't been tested yet. For an area that is mostly third world we weren't expecting this much organization.

The biggest assets were the people who ran the site. They consisted of the President of HSCSL, Aida Trujilla; Center Manager, Evaristo Castro; and numerous volunteers and full time kennel helpers.

In over a three day period, working about 8 hour days, we sterilized 119 dogs and cats and tested them for a number of diseases. Some of these diseases included Heartworm, E. canis, Anaplasma, and Lyme. Most of them tested positive for both E. canis and Anaplasma, which you hardly ever see in the US. This allowed the people at the society to begin a treatment, so the animals would have a greater potential for being adopted. Overall this was an amazing

opportunity that helped both of us fine tune our skills. It's not everyday that you get to help the community, do what you love, and see the benefits of your work at the same time.

This trip wasn't only all work and no play. We spent evenings out on the town and relaxing in the hot tub/pool, and our last day we explored the ocean. We got to see seals, stingrays, dolphins, and whales all on one boat ride. Then we got to enjoy the crashing waves of the Pacific on the beach. The last few hours of the day we spent souvenir shopping.

We completed our goals that we set before our trip, gained a wealth of knowledge, and acquired new friends along the way. If asked to do this again we wouldn't hesitate to say yes!

