

Message from the Editor

Welcome to our updated newsletter! We are always open to any questions, concerns, hints, or content ideas. If you would like to contribute simply email us at: bsvtnewsletter@gmail.com the month prior to the next release date. We will be sending out print and digital copies quarterly (March, June, September, December).



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BSVTA Goal:

To advance the profession of the veterinary technician through continuing education, dissemination of information and the promotion of integrity and compassion in our field.



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Message from your President

Greetings to all my fellow technicians! I am pleased you have selected me to be your new President of the Big Sky Veterinary Technician Association. I hope to bring leadership and enthusiasm to our great Association! There are some exciting plans in store for us. We will be hosting a strategic planning and technician development event in May with Rebecca Rose, CVT. She brings her knowledge of creating a productive technician association, as well as how to understand the legislative process, to our board member meeting in May. Then she will provide some of the most inspirational technician development C.E. I have ever seen!

We are also finally able to say that Montana will have its' very own technician program in Dillon! It will be provided in conjunction with Pima Medical Institute and the University of Montana. Classes are tentatively slated to begin in May or June 2015. I will be representing our association as a member of the advisory board for this program.

We have also been hosting events around the state in the last few months to gain support and create awareness of our association. We hope to pass new legislation in the near future that would define what we as certified veterinary technicians provide for our patients and the public. I feel we are very close to mak-

ing this happen, but we need every technician to join us in our campaign!

I hope my experience with various programs as a board member will help with the organization, vision, and productivity of the Big Sky Veterinary Technician Association. I am truly passionate about the work I do and promise to represent our technician community to the fullest extent!

Cheers!

Candice Hoerner, CVT, VTS



More about your President

Candice began her veterinary career in 1998 and has been a Certified Veterinary Technician since 2004. Her drive for continuing her education in the area of dentistry led her to the Academy of Veterinary Dental Technicians in which she received her designation of a Veterinary Technician Specialist in Dentistry in 2011. She has since become a board member-at-large of the AVDT. Candice is also a Trustee for the Foundation for Veterinary Dentistry. She is the current President of her state technician association, Big Sky Veterinary Technician Association. Candice is the only VTS-Dentistry in Montana. She is currently the lead Veterinary Technician at Ponderosa Veterinary Hospital in Kalispell, MT. She enjoys sharing her knowledge and passion of dentistry through lectures, wet labs and in-clinic trainings internationally through her company Big Sky Veterinary Dentistry Education LLC. Her hobbies include knitting, fishing, camping, and hiking with her family in the great outdoors.

The Executive Board

President: Candice Hoerner-Columbia Falls
 President Elect: Eli Olind-Whitehall
 Secretary & Treasurer: Billie Manning-Great Falls
 State Representative: Marcia Cantrell-Livingston
 Second Term Board Member: Sadie (lee) Morey-Bozeman
 First Term Board Member: Dixie Mack-Havre
 Continuing Education Chair: Ann O'Hara-Manhattan
 Newsletter Chair: Leah Anderson-Belgrade
 Website Chair: Crystal Sharp-Bozeman
 Membership Chair: Serena McElroy-Cascade

Employment Opportunities

TECHNICIAN/ASSISTANT NEEDED

Looking for a veterinary technician or assistant to be part of our team. Skyline Veterinary Clinic is a fast-paced, multi-doctor practice. We are a mixed clinic working primarily with small animals but also work with equine.

For inquiries please contact Billie at
 406-761-8282 or
skylinevetclinic@yahoo.com

Tricks of the Trade

Cut a hole in a trash bag and put over the animal's head when giving activated charcoal or barium to help keep the animal clean and for easy cleanup!

Smash a pill pocket onto the exam tablet for stressed out, but food motivated, dogs so the exam/temperature/vaccines can be given stress free!

Send your tricks of the trade to bsvtanewsletter@gmail.com with "tricks of the trade" in the subject line.

"Do your little bit of good where you are. It's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."
 -Desmond Tutu

BSVTA Spring Meeting

Who: All Montana Veterinary Technicians

What: BSVTA Continuing Education Spring Meeting

When: May 2-3, 2015

Where: Great Northern Best Western in downtown Helena

Why: To support your state association and to get some awesome continuing education

Speaker: Rebecca Rose, CVT and Owner of Catalyst Veterinary Practice Consultants

BSVTA welcomes you and your family to make a weekend of it!

Be on the lookout for registration forms!



Note: The executive board will be having a meeting before this event where strategic planning for the association will be held. The board is open to feedback via email only. If you have any thoughts, concerns, or questions you would like the association to address please email bsvtanewsletter@gmail.com

Upcoming C.E./Technician Meetings

Regional Meetings

The following meetings are being held to discuss the current legislation on being a veterinary technician and how the association is spearheading making positive changes:

- ◆ March 24 University of Montana in Dillon
- ◆ March 31 in Kalispell-this event will also have 1 hour of continuing education from Royal Canin
- ◆ Contact Marcia Cantrell for details at marciacantrellcvt64@gmail.com

MVMA Summer Meeting

Sunday June 21, 2015 through Tuesday June 23, 2015 in Big Sky

See www.mtmva.org for more details

C.E. Recap

On January 14, 2015 there was a continuing education meeting held at the Best Western in Bozeman. It was a huge success, there were almost 50 people in attendance! Dr. Rachel Jampsa from Royal Canin spoke on nutrition and the current animal obesity dilemma. She gave great insight on how the veterinary hospital staff can make a difference. This was a RACE approved event.

The meeting was concluded by a brief discussion regarding veterinary technician licensure in Montana. Currently becoming certified in the state of Montana is optional and is not required to be titled as a veterinary technician. Marcia Cantrell (BSVTA's state representative) has been working with other technicians, veterinarians, and political entities to work towards changing the legislation to allow technicians to have more rights. This process has been deemed lengthy and in need of supporters. If you would like to get involved please contact Marcia Cantrell at marciacantrellcvt64@gmail.com.