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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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1. Your career is in your hands and it is up to you to choose your path, define your passion, outline a path and create your own success!
2. Follow your passion, career choices are only limited by your imagination.
3. If you don't know where you are going, how will you ever get there? By writing down your ideas and creating a plan you are 75% more likely to achieve your goals.
4. Find a mentor— they are worth their weight in gold!
5. Every person has the potential to be a professional, make the conscious choice.
6. Burn out and compassion fatigue are prevalent in veterinary medicine, take care of yourselves for a change. Without over thinking your answer: "On a scale of one to ten, ten being full, how full is your personal self-care cup?"
7. Let go of perfection and experience the journey!
8. Life is short; enjoy it, each and every moment, at work and in play.



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The mission of the Big Sky Veterinary Technician Association is to advance the profession of veterinary technicians through continuing education, dissemination of information and the promotion of integrity and compassion in our field.

PIMA Medical Institute Veterinary Technician Program

Through a collaboration with the University of Montana Western, PIMA is offering a veterinary technician associate degree program and veterinary assistant certificate program. The Dillon campus is located on the University of

Montana Western's campus. Students who enroll in PIMA's programs will have use of the University of Montana Western's facilities, including housing, dining, recreation and the library.

The first classes will start on November 9th.

There has been a date scheduled with AVMA for the Accreditation. As of now there are 6 students enrolled and there is still a CVT needed for the clinical director position. Online registration is available for prospective students.

Go to the following website for more information:
<http://pmi.edu/Locations/Montana/Dillon>

Employment Opportunities

Please visit www.bigskyvettech.org for further details and even more opportunities!

PIMA Veterinary Technical College Dillon

Looking for a Certified Veterinary Technician for a full-time, salaried position that requires about 15 hours of teaching a week and 25 hours of administrative (developing the clinical network for student externs).

Sorensen Veterinary Hospital Belgrade

Full-time veterinary technician wanted for a busy mixed animal practice in Belgrade, MT. Certification is a plus but not required for an experienced candidate.

Highlands Veterinary Hospital Butte

A high quality, fully equipped small animal veterinary hospital located in Butte is seeking a motivated, enthusiastic, team-oriented certified veterinary technician to complement our veterinary health care team. Applicant must have at least one to two years' previous experience as a veterinary technician. Some weekends and evening hours required.

Big Sky Animal Medical and Surgical Referral Center Great Falls

Immediate opening for two veterinary technicians. We are looking for a detail oriented individual to provide high quality care to our patients and high quality service to our clients. A positive attitude and excellent communication skills are a must at this progressive AAHA certified hospital.

Become a Member of BSVTA Today

Membership is open to Technicians, Assistants, Receptionists, and any other veterinary professional interested.

Visit our website for more details or send us an email!

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Continuing Education Opportunities

Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter

September 25-27, 2015

Behavior Conference covering the following topics: feline body language, dealing with fractious felines, canine body language, long-term care in a shelter setting, the human animal bond, and aggression and reactivity in dogs.

Currently this event will NOT be eligible for BSVTA CE credits

MSU Western in Dillon

Saturday October 17, 2015.

The topic will be Large Animal Emergency Rescue. Dr. Winderhl and Dr. Rankin will be speaking on HS and FEMA current information. There will also be a social time.

Look for registration paperwork about one month in advance.

Tech On The Go

Adrienne Skitch

I was raised in northern Ontario, obtained my BSc from Mount Allison University and my vet tech diploma from Douglas College in British Columbia. I joined the animal care team at the University of British Columbia after graduation and have worked with and provided medical care for everything from mice and rats, to birds, large reptiles, pigs, sheep, monkeys and a crazy llama named Sam.

Being a tech in research was hard, but I feel it's important to give a voice to the voiceless and ensure that the animals are well cared for and appreciated for their sacrifice. I will be joining the great crew at Highlands Vet Hospital in the fall and look forward to being back in clinic and working with owners and their pets. In my spare time I relax with my family and enjoy camping and hiking.

