

Big Sky Veterinary Technician Association
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Messages from the Editor

Please note that THIS newsletter will be the LAST newsletter sent out to non BSVTA members. Starting with the Spring 2017 issue ONLY BSVTA MEMBERS will receive the newsletter, either in print or email formats. If you would like to continue receiving this benefit please become a member today!

Be on the lookout-a digital edition of the newsletter will be coming to your inbox soon!
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Hello BSVTA members,

On January 29th, the BSVTA held another successful CE on **Behavior 101** in Bozeman. This event's speaker was Marcia Rafter Ritchie LVT, CPDT, VTS-Behavior. She has over 30 years of experience as a pet obedience instructor, and is an amazing speaker. Marcia covered many topics during the day. **Toolbox for the veterinary behavior team, Stranger Danger, don't leave me!, Triaging pet behavior problems, a 2 hour live behavior consultation on cats, and finished up with a 2 hour live consultation with "Koda", a 2 year old Coon Hound.**

While covering these topics, Marcia gave many recourses that we as CVTs and veterinary team members can turn to in order help our clients be as successful as possible with their pets at home, as well as in the clinic setting. These references will be posted on our association website, www.bigskyvettech.org.

During the lunch break a BSVTA general membership meeting was held. Updates on legislation, regional meeting, newsletter, website, committees, and the cost of putting on CE events were discussed. A vote was held for the Director 2 position on the board. Congratulations to Kristen Bailey, CVT for being chosen! Keep in mind the **President-Elect, Secretary, treasurer, Certification Coordinator, and Director 1** positions are coming up for election in Oct of 2017. Nomination forms will be available in the newsletter and on the website.

Thank You to all the hard working Veterinary Teams!!!

Eli Olind, CVT
President-Elect BSVTA

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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.

Continuing Education Opportunities

Navta	Vetbloom
Wcea education	Onlinece.com
Idexx Learning Center	Vetmedteam.com

Employment Opportunities

For more details and contact information for these positions please visit our website at bigskyvettec.org

- Amherst Animal Hospital, Butte, Seeking Certified Veterinary Technician
- ARK Veterinary Practice, Belgrade, Seeking Veterinary Technician
- Creekside Veterinary Hospital, Bozeman, Seeking experienced Veterinary Technician for multiple locations
- Best Friends Animal Hospital, Great Falls, Seeking Experienced Veterinary Technician
- Big Sky Animal Medical and Surgical Referral Center, Great Falls, Seeking 2 Certified Veterinary Technicians
- Bridger Veterinary Hospital, Helena, Seeking experienced Veterinary Technician
- Highlands Veterinary Hospital, Butte, Seeking Certified Veterinary Technician
- 360 Pet Medical, Bozeman, Seeking Veterinary Technician
- Sorensen Veterinary Hospital, Belgrade, Seeking Full or Part Time Receptionist and Certified Veterinary Technician
- East Main Animal Clinic, Miles City, Seeking experienced Veterinary Technician
- Moore Lane Veterinary Hospital, Billings, Seeking experienced Veterinary Technician
- Bridger Veterinary Hospital, Helena, Seeking experienced Veterinary Technician
- Cats on Broadway, Missoula, Seeking Veterinary Technician
- Indian Hammer Veterinary Service, Vaughn, Seeking Certified Veterinary Technician

Be advised that all listings may not be current as of printing

What has your board been up to?

At the beginning of January two of your board members, Eli Olind and Marcia Cantrell, flew to Chicago for the NAVTA Leadership Summit. While there, they were able to gain the latest knowledge on what is happening in the profession at a national level as well as hear a speaker that coached participants on team building and leadership skills. They were also able to gather important information to aid the BSVTA in moving forward with the Montana Veterinarians to pursue the legislation that has been in progress since 2015.

Tech On The Go

Kristin Bailey

I received an Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology from the College of Southern Idaho- Twin Falls and a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from MSU- Bozeman. I worked as a vet tech at Chuteside Veterinary Service in Three Forks from 2003 - 2014. In 2008, I became a UGC Certified Carcass Ultrasound Technician. My husband and I along with our two boys moved back to my family's ranch at Dell in the fall of 2014. I am currently not actively working as a CVT but continue to carcass ultrasound throughout Montana. Working as a vet tech allowed me to combine my interests in medicine and animals. I enjoy spending time with my husband, Ryan and boys, Rowen and Keegan, helping out on the ranch and doing home improvements.

Kristin is also your new Director 2 board member.

