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BSVTA Newsletter

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Upcoming 2016 Regional Meetings

Beginning in January and throughout the Spring, the Big Sky Veterinary Technician Association in conjunction with Hill's Pet Nutrition will be hosting regional meetings. The Association NEEDS participation from anyone involved in the industry for these meetings. Doctors and Technicians will have the opportunity to obtain 1 hour of Continuing Education (with dinner) if they stay for the Hill's nutrition lecture on pet food labels.

The main goal of these meetings is to discuss the intended changes to the BSVTA Constitution and By-laws. This is your chance to give feedback and have the potential to make changes to YOUR association. The bylaws will be voted on at the next BSVTA sponsored continuing education event, which will be late Spring, early Summer.

A secondary goal of these meetings is to discuss legislative issues and discuss a proposed list of tasks that can be performed by CVTs vs. Assistants. If you have any interest in politics, please attend these meetings and get involved. The first of these meetings will take place at the MVMA Winter Meeting in Bozeman during a lunch break.

- ◆ **Bozeman:** Meeting will be during the winter MVMA lunch meeting-there will not be a Hill's Pet Nutrition Lecture at this meeting
- ◆ **Great Falls:** February 16th at 6:30pm
- ◆ **Billings:** February 17th at 6:30pm
- ◆ **Kalispell:** March 1st at 6:30pm
- ◆ **Missoula:** March 2nd at 6:30pm
- ◆ **Dillon:** TBD

Stay tuned on BSVTA's Facebook page and website for more details as they become available.



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Messages from the Editor

We are always open to any questions, concerns, hints, or content ideas. If you would like to contribute simply email us at: bsvtanewsletter@gmail.com.

In the Fall 2015 newsletter, there were 2 articles that were cut off before finishing. Below is the remaining text from those articles. We apologize for the inconvenience.

From Thoughts from a Tech:

...obtained their degree. I think that it is awesome that the veterinary technician field is progressing the way it is and I hope it continues to do so.

From Tech on the Go

...based in Elizabeth, CO.

Contact us:

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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

NAVC Conference
January 16-20
Orlando, Florida

MVMA
Winter Meeting
January 22-23rd, 2016
Bozeman, MT

Western Veterinary Conference
March 6-10
Las Vegas, Nevada

Become a member of BSVTA today

Membership is open to Technicians, Assistants, Receptionists, Students and any other veterinary professional interested. Visit our website for more details or send us an email!

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Employment Opportunities

Please visit www.bigskyvettech.org for further details on these employment opportunities

- Amherst Animal Hospital, Butte, Seeking licensed Veterinary Technician
- Creekside Veterinary Hospital on 8th, Bozeman, Seeking experienced Veterinary Technician
- Banfield Pet Hospital, Bozeman, Seeking experienced Veterinary Technician
- Best Friends Animal Hospital, Great Falls, Seeking Certified 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
- RES at Copper Spring Ranch, Bozeman, Seeking equine anesthesia technician
- Highlands Veterinary Hospital, Butte, Seeking Certified Veterinary Technician
- Pet Emergency and Trauma Services, Bozeman, Seeking Veterinary Technician
- 360 Pet Medical, Bozeman, Seeking Veterinary Technician
- Moore Lane Veterinary Hospital, Billings, Seeking Certified Veterinary Technician

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

PIMA Medical Institute Update

The first sequence of Pima Medical Institute Vet Tech Program is completed. We have 10 terrific students, most Montanans, that have interests in all aspects of Veterinary Medicine. During the next 6 week sequence, the courses will include Comparative Veterinary Anatomy and Physiology and Clinical Lab Procedure and Pathology.

The modular classroom arrives today and is brand new and custom built for our students. There will be classrooms, a computer lab and a veterinary lab. This building will house the VA students. By June the remodel on the brick building should be completed for when the VA's return from their externships and start their VT training. These are exciting times!

If your clinic is interested in having a VA student for internship, please contact Trisha Stone, CVT at tstone@pmi.edu or 406-640-2654 or Jan Winderl, DVM at jwinderl@pmi.edu or 406-865-0233.

Tech On The Go

Shandell Sando

Hello! My name is Shandell Sando. I am a Certified Veterinary Technician at Bear Paw Veterinary Service in Havre. I am originally from Butte, but I now live in the Big Sandy area on a farm and ranch. I graduated from Penn Foster College in May of 2015 with my degree in Veterinary Technology and then earned my certification in August of 2015. In my "free" time the farm and ranch keeps me very busy! I personally have a few cows, horses, cats, a Pygmy goat, and a three-legged dog. Being a Veterinary Technician is very rewarding and has allowed me to embrace my love and passion for animals!

