

WYVTA Newsletter

Greetings,

It has been awhile since a WyVTA newsletter has been put out. I would like to take this time to thank Kris Paige and Nanette Walker Smith for taking on this daunting task. The Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association has changed a lot since its founding in 2000. We are now going through the process of updating the Constitution and Bylaws to reflect the changes as well as the government requirements to be a non-profit.

In 2013, there was a bill that was going through the legislature to define veterinary technicians. The bill passed the Senate but was defeated in the House. This bill would have differentiated credentialed technicians from veterinary assistants, office staff, kennel people, etc. The definition would have set veterinary technicians apart because of our education, continuing education requirement, and passing the VTNE. It was hoped that those technicians who are currently grandfathered in would also be added in the ranks of veterinary technicians. We have a few technicians in the state that were grandfathered in the early 2000s.

Kati Martin has been doing an excellent job in putting together our fall continuing education seminar. You should all have received a CE flyer via email or mail already. Registration information is included in this newsletter! Remember in order to maintain your CVT credential, you must prove that you have received ten hours of continuing education over two years. This can be from any source including on site meetings/conferences, online courses, in house training that includes a certificate, etc. At this time the hours do not have to be RACE approved. Proof needs to be a certificate that includes your name, date, event, the amount of credit hours received, and the name of the course or event.

The WyVTA is made up of volunteers. We do not have a paid Executive Director. Any help donated to the organization no matter how small, is appreciated. For example, we have not had a newsletter for many years because no one had the time to put one together consistently. You do not have to be an officer to be involved. Our next meeting will be at the **September 6 conference**, where we will be going over the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws and electing a new Board.

www.VSPN.org is free to veterinary personnel. Not only are there meeting rooms and chats, but it is a good place to get some excellent continuing education. If you are not currently signed up please look into the site even if you cannot attend the meeting. It is a great resource.

Sincerely,

Deana Baker, CVT
WyVTA President

**CONFERENCE!! September 6, 2014,
Ramkota Inn, Casper, WY**

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get all your information the fast
way:**

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Id=6363128](http://www.vin.com/doc/?Id=6363128)

Treasurer's Report**Jan-June 2014**

						INCOME		
							Beginning Balance	\$12,735.00
Month	Membership Dues		CE Registration		Sponsorship		DONATION	Other
January								
February	\$1,135.00							
March	\$250.00							
April								
May	\$90.00							
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Totals	\$1,475.00							
						EXPENSES		
Month	Mem. Reimb.		CE Speaker Fees		Office		Gifts	Other
January								
February	(\$10.00)							
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Totals	(\$10.00)		\$0.00		\$0.00			\$0.00
							Beg. Bal	\$12,735.00
							Income	\$1,475.00
							Expenses	(\$10.00)
							ENDING BALANCE	\$14,200.00

Notes from the Editor

Welcome to the new WYVTA newsletter. I hope you find great information, tips, and multiple reasons to support and be active in YOUR veterinary technician association.

I'm Kris Paige, CVT, your new newsletter editor. If you have comments, questions about something you've read, or tips and techniques you'd like to share with your fellow technicians, please send them to me! I can be reached by email: krispaige@mac.com, or snail mail:

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The Board has been working hard for months, updating and revising the Constitution and Bylaws, to bring them into accord with current regulations and requirements. There have been several changes, so please take the time to read the information coming to you by mail, and make sure to come to the Annual Meeting on September 6, 2014, at the Ramkota Inn in Casper, WY, to participate in affirming these items.

Also during that Annual Meeting, you'll be able to pick up CE's in dental work! Sara Sharp, CVT, VTS (Dentistry) and a charter member of this speciality and Julie Art, CVT VTS (Dentistry), will be speaking on dental technique. Since this is an important part of everyone's practice, come learn the new techniques, get wonderful tips on managing that challenging case, and ways to improve on what you already know!

Thanks for reading! See you in September!

Kris

News from the VIN news service

Many of you work with mobile veterinarians, and know the frustration about not being able to carry the pharmaceuticals you need with you. Great news:

OBAMA SIGNS VETERINARY MEDICINE MOBILITY ACT

August 4, 2014
By: Jennifer Fiala
For The VIN News Service

President Barack Obama signed the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act on Friday, making it legal for veterinarians to transport controlled substances beyond their brick-and-mortar practices.

The new law is two years in the making, representing the lobbying of thousands of practitioners as well as officials with the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Both chambers of Congress [unanimously passed the measure](#).

"By passing and signing this legislation, the president and our legislators recognize the critical role veterinarians play in treating sick animals and relieving their pain and suffering," AVMA President Dr. Ted Cohn said in a [blog post](#).

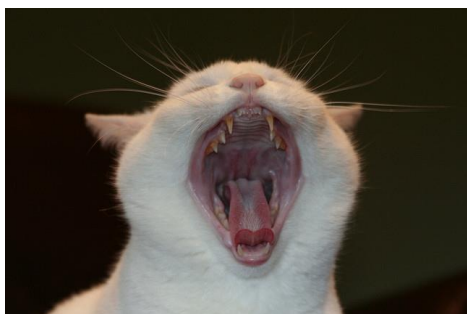
The Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act amends the Controlled Substance Act (CSA) to permit veterinarians to freely transport the drugs they need to euthanize, anesthetize or manage pain in animals as long as they have a license to practice and are registered with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

The DEA previously barred veterinarians from transporting, dispensing and administering controlled drugs away from where they are registered to handle them, per an interpretation of the CSA that many in the profession deemed to be [overly restrictive](#).

Veterinarians often administer controlled substances for pain management, anesthesia and euthanasia. The newly revised CSA permits practitioners to carry and administer those drugs when providing medical care in rural areas, making house calls and responding to emergencies in the field.

The AVMA advises veterinarians who are still unclear about how to comply with the updated regulations to consult the Diversion Control Program Manager at their respective [DEA field offices](#).

WYVTA ANNUAL CE AND MEETING



Take advantage of our special room rate of \$83 per night at the Ramkota by calling 307-266-6000 and mention us.

Registrations postmarked by August 23rd is \$75 for WyVTA members; \$95 for non-members. **Due date for registrations is Aug 23rd.** Registrations postmarked after August 23rd are \$100 for WyVTA members and \$125 for non-members.

Please contact Kati Martin at 307-677-2188 or koliver15@yahoo.com with any questions.

Registrations can be mailed to:

Kati Martin
334 N Deer Mtn Rd
Bear River, WY 82930

Dental Techniques (radiographs, blocks, etc.)

Sara Sharp CVT, VTS (Dentistry) will be presenting in a lecture/lab format on local blocks and other dental techniques.

Julie Art CVT, VTS (Dentistry) is our other speaker who will be going over patient care and radiology techniques. Julie works in a small animal clinic and is a very favored speaker throughout the Colorado/Wyoming areas when it comes to any Dentistry topics.

We will begin the morning with lecture and follow in the afternoon with a hands-on lab in the afternoon.

The board will have an election meeting during the lunch break and encourages everyone to attend. Morning snacks, lunch and afternoon desserts will be provided and are included in your registration.

Hope to see you there!!!

September 6, 2014 8:00am-5:00pm
Best Western Ramkota Inn Casper, Wyoming



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Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association Continuing Education Registration September 6, 2014

Name:

Mailing Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone Number:

Email:

WyVTA member? Yes____ No____

Lunch options included with registration: (select one)

Plain Caesar Salad____

Philly Cheese Steak____

Southwest Chicken Wrap____

Registration: (select one)

Early Member Registration \$75____ Post marked before August 23rd Early Non-Member Registration \$95____ Post marked before August 23rd Late Registration \$100____ Post marked after August 23rd

Make check payable to: Wyoming Veterinary Technician Association

Please mail registration and payment to:

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