

Veterinary Medical Board Addresses RVT Issues and PacVet Highlights

The Veterinary Medical Board (VMB) and Multidisciplinary Committee (MDC) Meeting Updates

The CVMA Executive Director Valerie Fenstermaker and Assistant Executive Director Dr. Dan Segna attended both January VMB and MDC meetings. Dr. Marshall Scott, CVMA VMB liaison, attended the VMB meeting.

The board discussed regulations pertaining to California approval of AVMA accredited RVT schools. Under current law, all RVT schools must be approved by the VMB. To be approved, they must meet several standards. AVMA accredited schools are exempt from meeting some of the standards, but must meet all others and register with the board. There was a discussion about changing the regulations to state that AVMA standards are equivalent to California standards for school approval.

AVMA Accredited RVT Schools

- **RVT Student Exemption and Alternate Route**
The regulations on RVT student exemption and alternate route RVT school approval were previously approved by the VMB and are awaiting further review.
- **Veterinary Assistant Controlled Substances Permit**
Once implemented, veterinary assistants who obtain or administer controlled substances under the direction and supervision of a licensed veterinarian will be required to register the VMB. Fingerprint background checks by the Department of Justice will replace the current employer background check requirement. The regulation is currently at the Department of Consumer Affairs for legal review.

See page 14 for the full VMB report.

The Veterinary Medical Board Shifts to New and Easy Data System

The VMB transitioned to the new BreEZe online licensing and enforcement system in January 2016. BreEZe allows licensees and license applicants greater access for consumers to interact with the Department of Consumer Affairs. The new BreEZe system will, among other things, allow online applications or renewals, verify a license, allow payment with a credit card in a secure environment, and allow individuals to track their applications. For more information on BreEZe, visit vmb.ca.gov.

Register for the PacVet 2016 Place that Lifeline! Lecture and Lab

Join us in San Francisco on June 23-26, 2016 for the Pacific Veterinary Conference. RVT Kenichiro Yagi will lead this year's technician lecture/lab. The lab accompanying the lecture, Place that Lifeline! Advanced Vascular Access, will provide practical experience in the placement of jugular and peripherally inserted central lines and intraosseous catheterization using models simulating the process in a stress-free environment.

The lecture is open to all attendees. The lab is limited to 24 registrants (RVTs and veterinary assistants only) and pre-registration is required. For more information about the lab, visit PacVet.net > CE Program > Speakers.

Technician Track Speakers

- Monique Feyrecilde, BA, LVT, VTS (Behavior) Behavior
- Allison Gottlieb, BS, CVT, VTS (ECC) Feline Medicine
- Amy Newfield, CVT, VTS (ECC) Nursing/Radiology
- Andrea Steele, MSc, RVT, VTS (ECC) Emergency Critical Care

Tech Tips

The following tech tips were submitted by Fatima Trujillo, RVT at Spay Neuter Project of LA.

- **When cutting back nails, trim until you see a white circular shape at the end of the nail. This is usually a good indicator that the quick is near.**
- **To gauge a cat's temperament, use a pen to stroke the top of its head to see its reaction. In case it's not a friendly kitty it's better to use the pen than your hand.**

Do you have any tips, tricks, or other useful ideas you'd like to share with your colleagues? Email them to Laura Phillips at lphillips@cvma.net. *We reserve the right to publish any tips that are sent in to our RVT Committee liaison.

