

New Updates, Tips, and National Veterinary Technician Week

National Veterinary Technician Week is October 16–22, 2016

The National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America, Inc. (NAVTA) celebrates the veterinary technician's role in the veterinary profession by recognizing National Veterinary Technician Week (NVTW), which takes place this year from October 16–22. The theme of this year's NVTW is "Veterinary Nursing in Action." This week acknowledges the relationship veterinary technicians have with veterinarians and encourages other veterinary technicians to work together and continue team building. NVTW has been an annual tradition since 1993. For more information, visit navta.net and download the NVTW Media Kit which features ideas, suggestions, and templates for celebrating NVTW by clicking on the States tab then the National Veterinary Technician page.

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

The CVMA Executive Director Valerie Fenstermaker, Assistant Executive Director Dr. Dan Segna, and the CVMA RVT liaison Leah Shufelt attended both the July VMB and MDC meetings.

The board discussed regulations pertaining to the level and type of supervision required for compounding drugs by a registered veterinary technician as well as RVT school approval criteria.

Veterinary Compounding

Senate bill 1193 includes a provision that would authorize veterinarians and RVTs under direct supervision to compound drugs for animal use. The bill also requires the VMB to develop regulations to address, at a minimum, the storage of drugs, the level and type of supervision

required for compounding drugs by a RVT, and the equipment necessary for the safe compounding of drugs. There was a discussion about what needed to be included in the regulations. Draft regulations will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Registered Veterinary Technician School Approval

Under California law, all RVT programs must meet a specific set of criteria to be approved by the VMB. AVMA accredited RVT programs are exempt from certain requirements (CCR Sections 2064-2066). The board discussed the possibility of recognizing AVMA-accredited RVT programs as California approved with no additional conditions. After much discussion, there was no decision. The proposal will continue to be reviewed.



Tech Tips

The following tech tips were submitted by Adobe Animal Hospital, in Los Altos, CA.

- **When inducing emesis in dogs, cut a hole in the upper part of one side of a garbage bag. Place the hole over the dog's head. The garbage bag will act like a large bib and catch everything for you. Makes clean up much easier!** – *by Kelsey Carpenter, RVT*
- **If your IV fluid line goes to air, draw 3cc from the new bag. Hold the line distal to the y-port, inject the 3cc into the y-port, and it will travel up to refill the line and your drip chamber.** – *Robyn Baillif, RVT*

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.

