

The background of the slide is a photograph of Earth as seen from space. The horizon of the planet is visible, showing a thin blue line of the atmosphere against the blackness of space. The surface of the Earth below is covered in white clouds and dark landmasses.

30 Years of Lessons from the Veterinary World.....

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When it all begun for the Vet Tech Field...



- 1951: US Airforce develops Animal Technician training program for enlisted personnel, graduating first class in 1952
- 1961: SUNY Delhi in NY – established an Animal Technician training program, graduating 8 students in 1963
- 1965: Dr. Walter Collins, DVM – The Father of Veterinary Technology, developed model curriculum for training/educating veterinary technicians
- 1968: 4 new programs added to the established, making a total of 7: Michigan State University, Central Carolina Community College, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, and Colorado Mountain College
- 1972: AVMA started accrediting training programs for Animal Technicians
- 1973: First 2 programs accredited by AVMA – Michigan State and Nebraska College
- 1977&1978: The first written and practical National Exam was administered in NY



Accredited Vet Tech Programs Growth.....

- 1999: 80 programs
- 2000: 86 programs
- 2003: 103 programs
- 2007: 144 programs
- 2011: 172 programs
 - 21 having BS degrees, 9 Distant Learning accredited.
- Today – over 200 accredited VT Programs..... and growing.....

A close-up photograph of a tabby cat and a German Shepherd puppy. The cat is on the left, sitting and looking towards the puppy. The puppy is on the right, lying down and nuzzling the cat's nose. The background is a plain, light gray.

National Associations History.....

1970's.....



- The Canadian Association of Animal Health Technician (CAAHT) was formed, now known as the Ontario Association of Vet Techs (OAVT)
- The NY State Association of Animal Health Technician formed
- First National CE conference held for Animal Techs at Western States in Vegas
- The AATE was formed, changed name to AVTE in 1985.

The 80's.....

- 1981: NAVTA and VHMA both were formed
- 1982: NAVTA adopted its first official journal: *The Compendium on Continuing Education for the Animal Health Technician*, then changed name to named to *Veterinary Technician* in 1984
- 1984: NAVTA adopted the National Code of Ethics
- 1985: AAVE changed name to AVTE
- 1988: AVMA votes NO to changing the term “Animal Health Technician” to “Veterinary Technician”
- 1989: AVMA approves the term “Veterinary Technician”



1990's & 2000's..... NAVTA and VTS's

- **1990's:**
 - 1990: NAVTA adopts mission statement and begins strategic planning process
 - 1992: NAVTA declares the third week of October as National Veterinary Technician Week
 - 1993: CVTS was created to oversee the VTS's
 - 1994: NAVTA grants the first provisional specialty – The Academy of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Technicians.
- **2000's:**
 - 2003: AIMVT was formed, adopted constitution in 2004
 - 2006: NAVTA celebrates 25 years
 - 2008: AIMVT charter members pinned
 - To the Future..... VTS academies – 16 and growing fast.....



A close-up photograph of a person with blonde hair wearing a white surgical face mask and a blue long-sleeved shirt. They are holding a calico cat, which is also wearing a white surgical face mask. The cat has green eyes and is looking directly at the camera. In the background, there is a large window with a view of bare trees outside. The window has a red and white checkered valance. The text "Now Let's Talk... The Lessons from the Front Lines..." is overlaid in yellow on the image.

**Now Let's Talk... The
Lessons from the Front
Lines...**



1970's.... When it all started for me.....

- As far back as I can remember... I would tell anyone who would listen.....
 - *“I want to help animals” “I want to be in animals”*
- Make a plan.... Go after it....
- Make a goal... Achieve it..... Then make another....
- Think outside the box...



Dreaded High School Days..... Those Negative Comments.... Believable or Motivator.....

- Some comments that were motivators:
 - Never make it out of high school..... Done!
 - Never will be accepted to college..... Done! Early acceptance.....
 - Never make it in vet med..... 😊
 - You'll have a short career..... 😊
- Motivation from negativity
- Don't let anyone or anything stop you from your passion, vision, plan.... *Just do YOU and work your journey!*



**Off To Becker....
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ME.....**

**The Story Behind my
Collection....**

Becker 1988-1990..... The stories from the classroom from the best teachers...

1988 – 1990....



Greyhound Mom, 13 pups – Learning teamwork..... Learning from colleagues – finding respect and work ethic is important

Positive experiences – human-animal bond.... *Why we do what we do!*

Baby kittens – trust your training.....

Internship..... Golden pup – money is always a concern

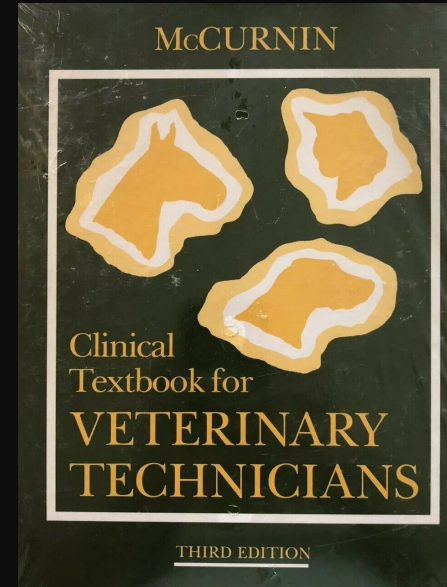


**From Becker Student to
Graduate.....
Ready for Vet Medicine**



Twist and Turns of First Position.....1990-1995

- Each day.... learn something new or upgrade your learning from previous day
- Listen to the lesson, trust your knowledge and skills you learned in school and in life
- Lessons:
 - Passed out in surgery:
 - Lesson – Eat before surgery – nervousness and lack of food = passing out..... 😊
 - Big 4 questions/vitals:
 - Lesson – Listen and hear what is being ask – don't listen to respond, listen to hear, especially with clients
 - Beagle HBC:
 - Lessons – When you feel positive about what you did, don't let others bring you down.



Flash the Wonder Cat

- “College Graduate”
- 20 years old Calico – Mammary gland Adenocarcinoma, surgery, no other treatments.
- 6 month after diagnosis, Euthanasia
- First time as a “client” for Euthanasia
- Lesson: Sympathetic and empathetic towards clients with pets/clients at the end of life experiences



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Life
Stages

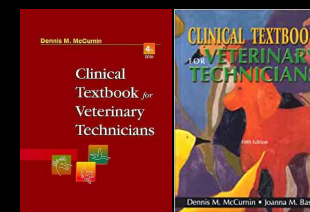
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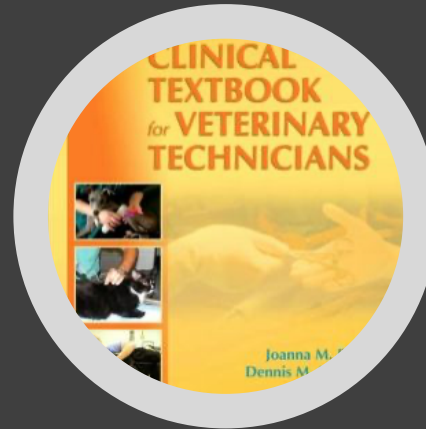
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Tufts..... My Dream..... 1995-2007

- Open Doors.....
- Weekends and Holidays:
 - If your dream go after it, no matter if it is not the ideal situation
- Working two jobs and getting my BS in Psychology
 - Never stop learning
 - Learn on your own
- Buoy:
 - Patient Love
 - Best “Teacher” for Everyone
 - This is the Client that we all wish for....
 - Front Cover – *Veterinary Technician*

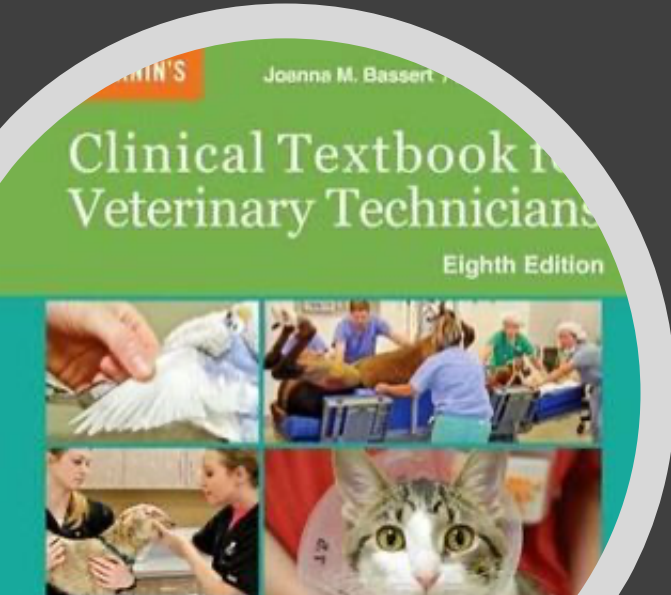
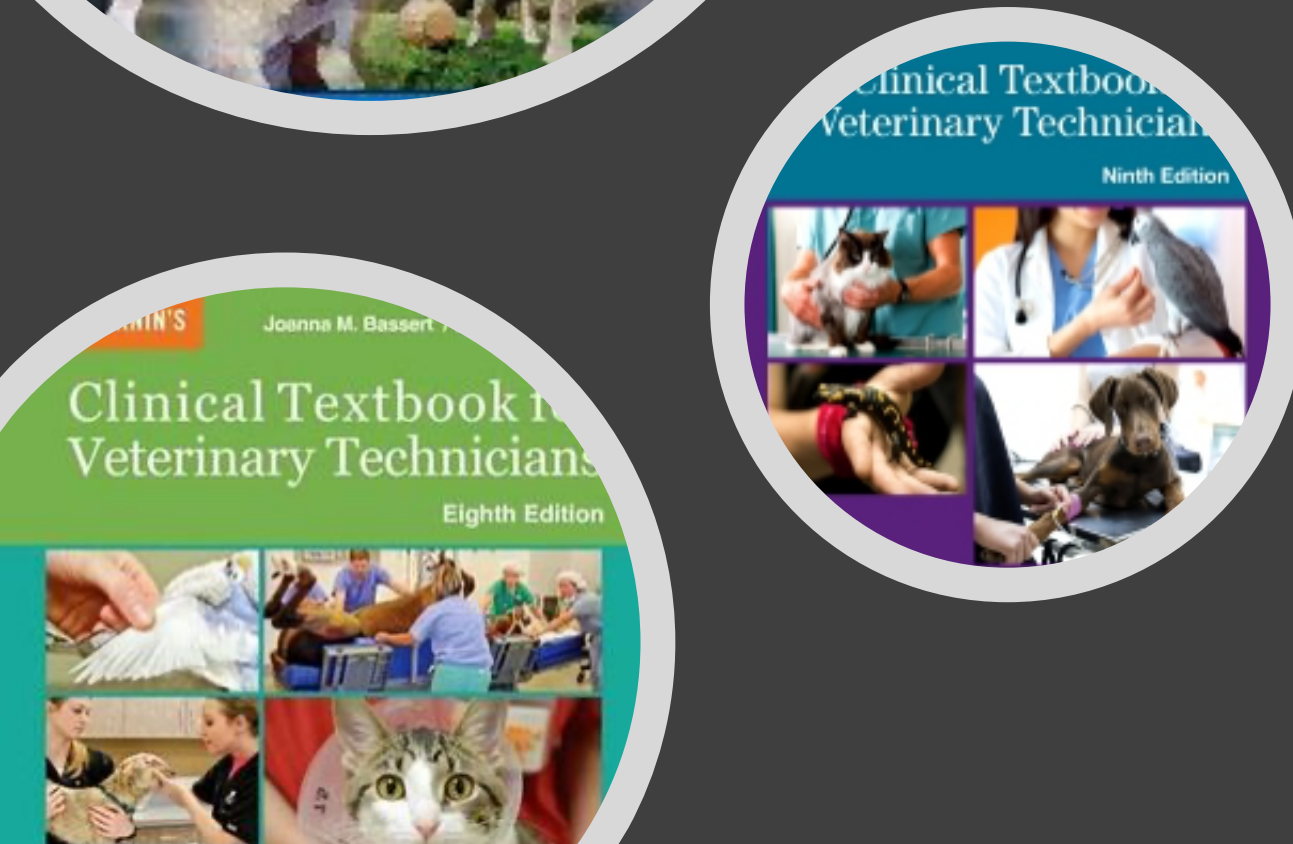


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Got the Education Bug – starting in 2007

- **Becker – August 2007**
 - Don't let fear stop your dreams
 - Do take yourself so seriously
 - Stop the negative talk
- **Worcester Public Schools – December 2011**
 - Always expand your horizons
- **Quinsigamond Community College – August 2013**
 - Every student learns differently



A Little Unexpected Turns.... My Return to Clinical Practice....

- VCA
- Amerivet
- Pathway
- Make A Difference..... No matter how long you are there.....



Found my “Rare”breed Family.....

- Director, Learning and Development....
- Love... Respect.... Fun....
- Bringing all lessons and passions to one position
- Do What You Love.... Love You Do.....
- What Brings out your Passions again.....



A PERSON
WHO FEELS
APPRECIATED
WILL ALWAYS
DO MORE
THAN WHAT
IS EXPECTED



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Giving Back to Our Community



Educational Advocate for the Veterinary Team

- Loss of friends and colleagues
- How can I give back
- How can I help
- Studies.... Resources
- Awareness.....

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