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American Association of
Equine Veterinary Technicians
and Assistants
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of Equine
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AAEVT Mission Statement:

- *To promote the health and welfare of the horse through the education and professional enrichment of the veterinary technician and assistant.*


We are the AA-EVT Community...



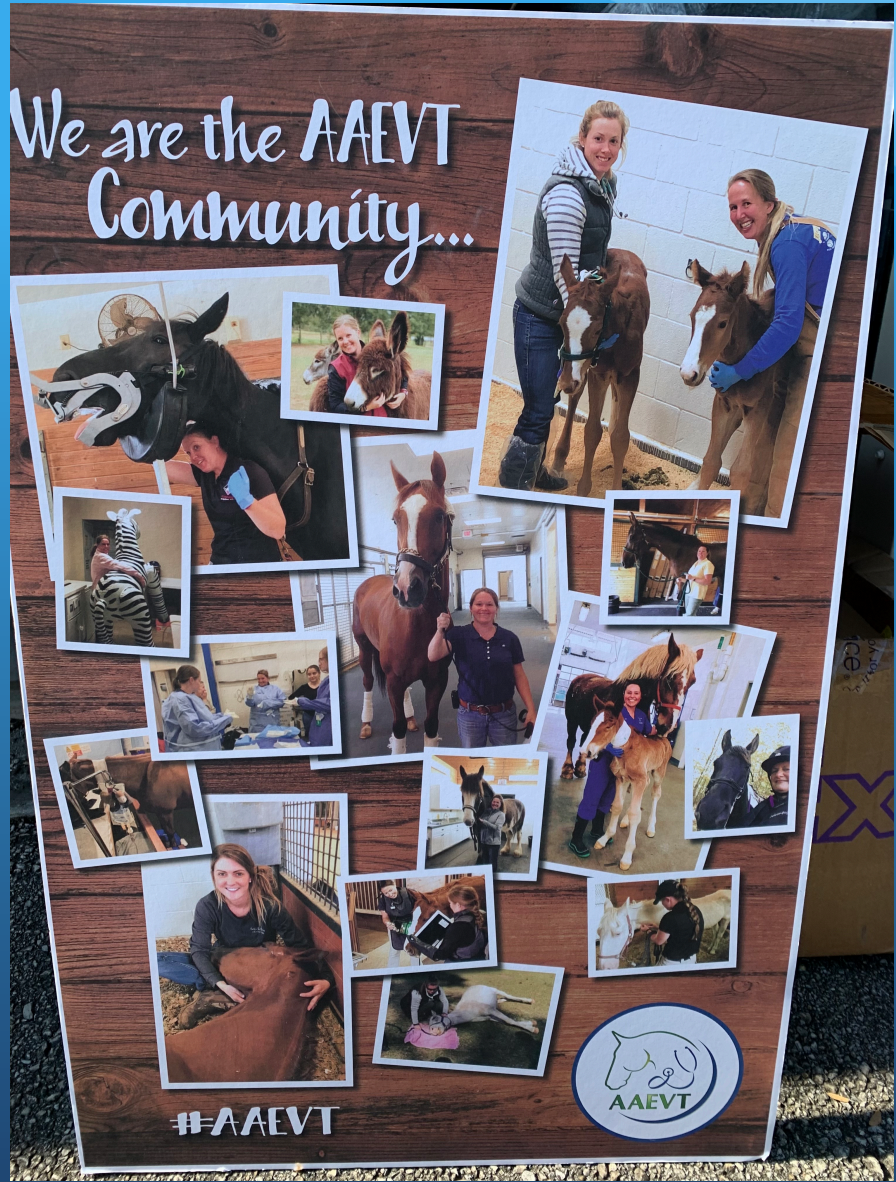

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The objectives and purposes of the AAEVT

- To promote and provide continuing education opportunities which are relevant and accessible to equine technicians and assistants.
- To encourage and improve communications between equine technicians and assistants by creating a network so that ideas can be shared, individuals can connect with others with similar interest and areas of expertise, and employment opportunities can be posted.
- To be informed on legislative matters that may affect the equine veterinary community.
- To educate the public and the veterinary profession as to the value and benefits gained by employing and supporting trained professionals.
- To promote and maintain professionalism and ethical behavior for all equine technicians and assistants and to improve the development of the vocation.
- To promote and maintain the professional relationship between the AAEP and members of the AAEVT.
- To assist in providing the best medical care to improve the health and welfare of the horse.
- To provide resources and leadership for the benefit of the equine industry and the veterinary community that serves it.
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Accomplishments

- Web Site, On line Membership registration and data base
- Facebook (6500) and Linkedin Pages
- Regional, National and state CE Events.
- On Line Equine Certificate Program
- Regional Contacts - Thirteen including Canada and Great Britain
- BEVA / Australia Relationships
- Member Benefits - NTRA, Working Advantage, Blackwell Publishing, AAEP, Scholarships
- Anesthesia Society and in the works: Practice Managers Society
- Academy: AEVNT
- Industry support
- Scholarships
- Presence at Major meetings- Booth and Speakers
- Brand New Booth, Logo, Logo Wear
- Newsletter/ Email Blasts
- FAEP/ TEVA/ NEAEP/ THE HORSE, EquiManagement, Modern Equine Vet Educational Partnerships
- Published articles in MEV, EVE, EM, The Horse, VPNews

- Membership 900 - Second largest independent National Technician Association. We have members in Canada, UK, Ireland, Germany, France, Australia, South Africa and the Netherlands.
- Potential of at least 7,000 (There are that many AAEP members and they each have at least one staff member)
- Only Inclusive Association - President/ Board members can be non credentialed, as well as members - Our Board is from all aspects and all areas of the US including Canada.
- This is an Association for and about the equine veterinary support staff....







Who can Join the AAEVT?

- Membership in the AAEVT is open to all technicians, assistants, practice managers and paraprofessionals, regardless of licensure or certification, and those employed in the veterinary industry worldwide.
- Student membership is open to those currently enrolled in an AVMA/CVMA accredited veterinary technology program.
- International membership is also available.

Membership

- Full/ Charter \$60.00 a year
- Student \$25.00 a year
- International \$70.00 a year
- *We offer a discount for large practices that enroll 6 or more as members at one time: first 6 are at full price, additional at half. Excludes students.
- Membership year is one year from date of application.

AVMA VT Student Membership

- We offer individual student memberships for \$25.00
- We offer discounted registration rates for students
- We offer a Student Program where 8 of your students and your Equine Director/ Instructor can join for a total of \$150.00 - with all the same benefits
- Kristi Ely is our Veterinary Technology , Ag Science Student Liaison - dedicated

Member Benefits

- “HoofBeats” Email Newsblast - 3-4 times a month
- Bi-annual printed Newsletter
- THEHORSE Magazine - Compliments of MERCK
- Advance Notification of Regional CE Events
- Access to Member Only Section of Website
 - Career Center
 - CE Announcements and Industry News
 - Library
 - Professional News and Resources
- Reduced Registration Fees
 - Annual AAEP/AAEVT Meeting
 - Regional AAEVT Symposiums
- Member Discounts
 - CE Events
 - Books/ Publications
 - Membership Renewal
- Member Eligibility
 - Official Position on the AAEVT Executive Board
 - Regional Contact
 - AAEVT Academy: AEVNT
 - Equine Online Certificate Program
 - Eligibility for AAEVT Scholarships
 - Attend Purina Veterinary Technician Weekend- Complimentary
- Purchasing Power
 - NTRA Purchasing Program
 - Working Advantage
 - Platinum Performance Discount Program
 - TAMU Library
 - Blackwell Publishing
 - AAEVT Logo Wear
- Professional Networking
- Speaking Opportunities
- Public, Industry and Professional Awareness
- Representation at Veterinary Conferences





2021 AAEP Regional Symposia

- June 18-19 Anesthesia Event - Montana Eq and BSVTA
- August 4-7 AAEP TEVA Lectures and Wet Lab Day Marble Falls, TX
- September 24th- 26th NEAEP Wet Labs and Demonstrations Saratoga Springs, NY
- October 15-17th AAEP Anesthesia Society CE Event, Ocala, FL
- October 8-10 PURINA Annual Equine Veterinary Conference
- December 4-8th AAEP AAEP Annual Conference Nashville, TN



*Join us at our first AAEVT and
BSVTA combined CE Event!*

Friday, June 18

6:00-7:30 p.m. Welcome & BBQ Social
Sponsored by the AAEVT

Saturday, June 19

8:00-8:30 a.m. Breakfast – *Sponsored by BSVTA and MWI*

8:30-9:30 a.m. **Field Anesthesia I: Fluid therapy**

Discussion of goals and strategies of fluid therapy for pre-anesthetic horses based on physical examination and when available, laboratory values. Comparison and contrast of fluid therapy strategies for healthy horses (elective procedures) vs sick horse (emergency procedures).

9:45-10:45 a.m. **Field Anesthesia II: Injectable Anesthesia & Monitoring for Field Anesthesia**

Discussion of induction and maintenance of injectable anesthesia for healthy and sick horses.

11:00 a.m.-Noon **Field Anesthesia III: Blood gas analysis: Electrolytes & Acid/Base Analysis**

Discussion of how to DE-COMPLICATE basic patient-side blood analysis, and straightforward strategies to minimize complications and improve patient safety.

Noon-1:15 p.m. Lunch – *Sponsored by Zoetis*

Afternoon **Anesthesia Wet Lab**
Inhalant if bad weather
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Instructors/Speakers:



Peter Heidmann DVM,
MPH Dipl ACVIM



Wendy Hirsch, LVT



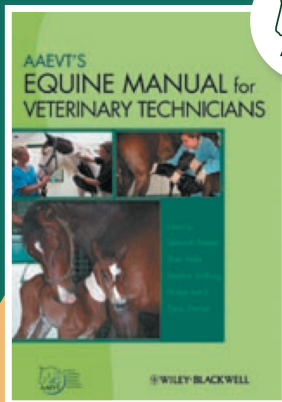
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AEVNT

- In 2008 the AA EVT formed and received approval for the first Equine specific Academy: Academy of Equine Veterinary Nursing Technicians (AEVNT), specialty (VTS) in Equine Veterinary Nursing (EVN). This is an Academy of recognized credentialed AA EVT members who have achieved an exceptional level of advanced CE, training and skills in equine veterinary technology and nursing, who have completed an approved list of requirements, documentation, and CE, as well as passed an examination, as set forth by the Charter Committee. These individuals will be considered the mentors and educators for the equine veterinary technician.
- You will see the designation following: VTS-EVN.



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AAEVT'S Equine Manual for Veterinary Technicians

Edited by **DEBORAH REEDER, SHERI MILLER,
DEEANN WILFONG, MIDGE LEITCH, & DANA ZIMMEL**

AAEVT's Equine Manual for Veterinary Technicians is a complete compendium of information on the care and treatment of horses for equine veterinary technicians. Highly accessible and easy to use, the book builds on the basics of equine care to thoroughly cover equine information and skills. Carefully organized for easy reference, *AAEVT's Equine Manual for Veterinary Technicians* brings together the body of knowledge on equine veterinary technician education and practice in a single quick resource.

With chapters on key areas such as nutrition, reproduction, anesthesia, and technical procedures, the book covers vital skills, training, and technical information. *AAEVT's Equine Manual for Veterinary Technicians* is an invaluable guide for qualified equine veterinary technicians and assistants, particularly those earning their equine certification, vet tech students, and equine practices.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Acts as a complete reference specific to equine practice
- Covers all aspects of the care and treatment of horses
- Conveniently serves as a single resource for information on equine veterinary technician education and practice
- Highly accessible and easy to use

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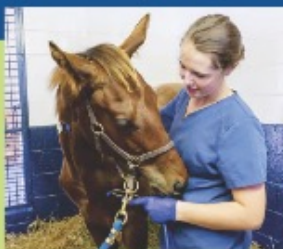
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20% off!

- In 2008, the AA EVT finished publication of the AAEVT-Equine Veterinary Technician Manual, through Blackwell Publishing. This text will serve as a resource for our members, for those working in the equine practice, as well as for AVMA Accredited Veterinary Technology Programs to use as an equine oriented text book for their students.
- We are in the process of completing the 2nd Edition which should be available the end of 2021 or early 2022.



AAEVT has teamed with **VetStream** to bring you a newly revamped program that provides **equine specific training** – basic to advance – to those employed by the equine practitioner and those with an interest in the equine veterinary profession.

This online program is designed for:

- Credentialed Veterinary Technicians
- Veterinary Assistants
- Receptionists, office managers, and all other members of the veterinary support team staff
- AVMA veterinary technician students or those pursuing a career in the equine veterinary profession

You do not have to be a credentialed equine veterinary technician to go through this program... but you **DO** have to be an AAEVT Member!

Join AAEVT today at www.aaevt.org/membership/

*"This additional education I received helped to grow and solidify my knowledge, giving me greater self-confidence and enabling me to be a more valuable asset to my practice and **MOST** importantly, to the equine patients I care for! **HIGHLY** recommend this Certification Program!" – Felicia*



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AAEVT ACT Equine Veterinary Certification Program

AAEVT Online Program The AAEVT has created an online equine certification program (certificate of completion only) which is comprised of three courses and 10 modules of areas of focus. The objective of this program is to create a standard of training and education the equine employer can rely on, as well as provide the veterinary technician, students, and the assistant with a means of acquiring additional equine- focused education.

- **The ten equine specific modules are:**
- Anesthesia and Surgical Assistance and Alternative Therapies
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Diseases, Treatment protocols and Emergency
- Equine Basics: including Breeds, Vitals, Vaccinations, Restraint, Dentistry and Reproduction - Behaviour
- Diagnostic Imaging and New Modalities
- Laboratory Procedures
- Rehabilitation
- Equine Medical Terminology
- Parasitology
- Pharmacology
- Office Procedures and Inventory

To Create a Standard:

- **Additional Requirements:**
- Clinical competency skills list - requiring supervision and sign off by an AAEP veterinarian
- Purchase of the AAEVT's Equine Manual for Veterinary Technicians
- Attendance and participation in an AAEVT Regional Continuing Education Symposium with Wet Lab and assessment of horsemanship skills

Certification

- All courses are taken on line through VetLexicon/ Vetstream
- It is self-paced with exams at the end of each module and a final exam
- Those who complete the program (geared to be completed within a year) will be recognized as Certified AA EVT Equine Veterinary Technicians or Assistants (*depending on their current designation).
- This is a certificate of completion and does not qualify them to be AVMA credentialed or eligible to take the VTNE/ National/ State Exams.

Why is this program needed?

- The AA EVT realized that a strong equine component was missing in the accredited programs and that training and educational tools were not available to the many assistants supporting equine practices. This option will provide the training needed to supplement the primarily small animal focused curricula of the current AVMA accredited technician training programs.
- The AA EVT is working with several AVMA accredited veterinary technician programs to affiliate its equine certification with the established online program.
- There are about five online colleges that currently offer programs which permit students to complete preceptor requirements with identified equine clinics - but often those students need to find their own
- We promote those programs that have an equine focus- facilities, instructors, breadth of study

- The goal of the AAEVT is to set a standard that the equine veterinarians and employers can trust and for which participants can be recognized. Our long term goal is to promote the credentialing of equine veterinary technicians, which will help elevate the role of this member of the equine health care team.
- The AAEVT also wants to provide graduates of accredited programs, and assistants who desire more equine knowledge, with the opportunity to attain a higher level of equine focused education and training. Experienced equine veterinary assistants may also take advantage of this program to supplement their knowledge base or as a step toward accreditation.

Challenges to AVMA VT Programs

- Not enough Equine oriented applicants
- Not enough Equine veterinary trained Instructors
- Access to Horses, Donkeys, Herds
- Resources, Support
- Difficult for those already working in the Equine Industry and know that is their area of specialty and focus to leave their current place of employment to go and attend college to predominantly study dog and cat
- And then come out and not receive the pay/ additional areas of responsibility because someone else has taken that over...

What is being taught now:

- CVTEA guidelines are still outdated - they are not seeking input from the actual employers
- VTNE relevant questions
- Group demonstration is often not enough
- Asking DVM's/practices to video and submit for students is not being accepted well
- Not enough time on the program to properly teach, show, individual instruction

What your students need to know

- Horsemanship! Keeping the DVM, the Client and the horse safe
- PPE - all that is involved
- Joint Injections - where and how to scrub, bandage
- Surgical Instruments (Arthro, Colic)
- Anesthesia - Inhalent and Field, Standing

Machines, Fluids, Anesthetic agents, Sedation, and Support therapy - Knockdown, Monitor and Recovery

How to document, invoice, enter medical records from the field

- Endoscopy and Gastrosocopy
- Modalities: Scintigraphy, Shockwave, PRP, StemCell, Laser and Pulse - More and more technicians are being asked to do US/ DR/ Telemedicine
- Bandaging - especially Foot
- Treatments and Pharm - *** They are different!
- Racetracks, Showbarns, Rodeo's, Horse Expo, Satellite, Events, Shows, Breeding Farms, Rescue, Rehab
- Import and Export, Travel Between States, Passport
- Laboratory tests and Labs...
- Where are they doing their externships ? Key...



- Ownership, Agents, Farriers, Trainers, Syndicates, Haulers - who do they get consent forms signed by ?
- Who is responsible for payment ?
- Who pays for and owns Xrays from a PPE ?
- Ambulatory, making appointments, stocking the truck
- Equine Emergencies - Colic, Choke, Bleeding, FX, Birth
- Equine is not restricted to one room or inside one building- so level of supervision is different

How to Utilize Your **Equine Veterinary Technician**

Having a Credentialed Equine Veterinary Technician (**CEVT**)
can increase your revenue by over \$50,000.*

Save yourself time and money – let your **CEVT** do what *they* have been trained to do, so that *you* can concentrate on why you became a DVM.

Work at the top of your DVM license: Diagnose, Prescribe, Perform Surgery – and let your **CEVT** fill in the gaps by anticipating your needs, and supporting and assisting you in performing the following:

Obtaining high quality diagnostic images: radiographs, ultrasounds, MRI, CT, scintigraphy, fluoroscopic & endoscopic exams

Monitoring anesthesia: from induction, through administration, to recovery

Assisting with surgical procedures

Maintaining current, accurate and timely medical records

Delivering regenerative treatments & therapies

Implementing and overseeing Income centers: parasitology, wellness, nutrition

Performing nursing duties such as:

- Pre-surgical exams and laboratory workups
- IV Catheter placement
- Collecting and processing lab samples
- Monitoring fluids and performing treatments
- ICU care
- Applying and changing bandages, casts and splints

Organizing:

- Appointments and client call backs
- Client education and communication
- Equipment maintenance and orders
- Inventory management and Pharmacy oversight
- Training interns and new hires



Learn more at **www.AAEVT.org**



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How can the AA EVT Support You?

- Our CE Events - wet labs, networking
- Externships/ Mentors
- Online Certificate program
- The AA EVT Equine Manual
- Guest Speakers/ Instructors
- Resources - recorded webinars, proceedings, papers
- Our Career Center
- Educating the public and the AAEP as to the value of the Veterinary Technician

We need your help too !

- Equine practitioners have little confidence in the current graduates - it is an education initiative for us!
- They would rather train their own - assistants
- Supply and Demand
- If we can help create and graduate stellar VT program graduates, they will get noticed... and the word will get out.
- We realize not all programs can meet this initiative - but we want to work with those who can



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