

AAEVT Hoof Beats – December 19, 2017

Happy Holidays from the AAEVT!



An inspiring note from this year's AAEVT President, Ali Harmon:

This past year, I was asked why I chose to join the board. I recalled about how I was at my first AAEP and was sitting at the Membership Meeting. The group of people sitting in the front of the room were so confident, knowledgeable and unified and I was in awe. At the time, I didn't know technicians could be doing so much and I was inspired. I wanted to learn as much as I could, become the best tech I could be, and become just as strong as any one of those board members that inspired me.

I cannot thank those people enough for all of their time and wisdom over the past years. It is my sincerest hope that the 2017 board has somehow inspired you. Maybe it's to do more CE, maybe it's to become licensed/certified/etc., maybe it's to become a board member- whatever it is, I hope you know we are all here for you to help support you along the way. I officially pass the reins over to your 2018 Executive Board, and could not be more excited about your President, Nicole LaGrange. She has a huge heart, is filled with enthusiasm and has some amazing ideas. I look forward to watching the organization, and Nicole, grow next year.

Thank you to all of the members for allowing me the opportunity to achieve my dreams. Ride on. Ali Harman

A motivational outlook for 2018 from our incoming President, Nicole Lagrange:

Dear AAEVT Members,

I am honored to have been elected your 2018 President. My passion for horses began before I could even crawl. Growing up, I often wondered how I would be able to combine my passion of horses with a fulfilling career. After obtaining my bachelor's degree I bounced around in a few equine positions, one of those as a professional groom, before accepting an administrative position at San Dieguito Equine Group. It was there I was nurtured and encouraged to pursue a formal technician education. With their support, I obtained my RVT degree.

When I first joined AAEVT I was searching for that sense of community within my new found industry. I can still remember my first AAEVT wet lab, it was a milestone for me. I fumbled through putting on sterile gloves (in a very non formal manner!) and volunteered to process IRAP in front of the group. What was most significant about that moment was the opportunity to share a learning experience with others through great mentorship. My teachers were knowledgeable and my peers were patient. They supported me as I became a better technician and a stronger AAEVT member.

As this year's president, my goal for 2018 is for EVERY member to have that moment. I want each and every one of you to reach new career highs. I want the activities of the AAEVT to be the cornerstone of the support you need to enhance your careers and our profession through our wet labs and CE events.

With these enhanced skills, I want our technicians to be recognized for the important role they can play in the delivery of compassionate and sophisticated equine veterinary medicine. The AAEVT's mission is "To promote the health and welfare of the horse through the education and professional enrichment of the equine veterinary technician, assistant, and staff". In 2018 I challenge you to get involved in our association and take part in elevating yourself and our profession!

Sincerely,
Your 2018 AAEVT President, Nicole Lagrange, RVT



Veterinary Nurse Initiative Updates:

This initiative is more than just a name change! The goal is also to standardize credentialing requirements across all 50 States, as well as, standardize the scope of practice throughout the nation for our profession.

Please read the following updates from the AVMA and NAVTA. We have also included a short survey so that we may compile your thoughts and concerns about this movement. We want to be sure that our AAEVT members are represented throughout this process!



AVMA supports technician standardization

The AVMA is backing a campaign to standardize the credentials, scope of practice, and title for U.S. veterinary technicians.

But the Association remains neutral on a campaign goal that the title should be "registered veterinary nurse." [\[Read more here\]](#)



NAVTA information sheet and video update on the Veterinary Nurse Initiative

The goal of the initiative is to standardize the credential for our profession in terms of credentialing requirements, title, and scope of practice throughout the nation.

[\[Read more here.\]](#)

[\[Watch the VIDEO update here.\]](#)



AAEVT survey on the Veterinary Nurse Initiative

It will only take about 3 minutes and we NEED to hear what YOU think!

[Take survey NOW!](#)

NAVTA's National Credential Initiative

- The goal of the initiative is to standardize the credential for our profession in terms of credentialing requirements, title, and scope of practice throughout the nation.
- A standardized title should be used in all 50 states; in addition, a standard should be set in all 50 states for maintenance of credentials

- A standardized credential will unify the profession and grow professional recognition
- The veterinary consumer needs to understand what credentialed veterinary technicians/nurses do on a daily basis in regards to patient care
- Pet owners are demanding qualified veterinary nursing personnel, which leads to consumer protection and patient care

Industry News:

Shortage of pain relief drugs due to manufacturing issue

The FDA is reporting a shortage of three pain relief drugs: fentanyl, morphine and hydromorphone. The shortage is due to upgrades being made at a pharmaceutical manufacturing plant in Kansas, and is unrelated to any federal policies on opioids or manufacturing quotas, according to FDA officials. [Learn more.](#)



Trifecta Equine staff shines in vital SLR rescue effort

AAEP members Dr. Nick Huggons, Dr. Korin Potenza and their staff jumped in to assist the San Luis Rey fire equine victims after evacuating their own equine hospital. Thank you to all AAEP members who are assisting horses impacted by the California wildfires. [More here.](#)



Findings and strategies for treating horses injured in open range fires

Eight horses with varying degrees of burns sustained in an Australian bushfire were treated over several months. The horses were attended at the scene of the fire and then hospitalized from 4 days to 4 months for burns sustained to the head, ventral body and legs. [Read more here.](#)



Equine Disease News & Reporting

Veterinarians are encouraged to report any and all cases resulting in a confirmed diagnosis of an infectious or vector-borne disease, including outbreaks and cases of non-reportable diseases. To report a disease, [download the EDCC Alert Request](#), fill in as much information as can be provided, save the form, and email the completed form to edcc@aaep.org.

The EDCC can only report cases and outbreaks that have been diagnostically confirmed by an accredited veterinarian. Visit the EDCC's ["Reporting an Outbreak"](#) page for more information.

