# AAEVT Hoof Beats – February 7, 2018



## Exciting Updates to our 2018 Event Calendar

We have finalized the dates for several of our Regional and Anesthesia events for 2018. There are various locations around the US, as well as, numerous topics to choose from!
See our complete CE bulletin HERE

## Registration now OPEN for AAEVT Anesthesia Society SouthWest Educational Event





Join us in beautiful Scottsdale, Arizona – March 23-25 – where Dr. Lori Bidwell will kick off our 2018 Anesthesia series at SouthWest Equine Hospital.
Registration includes all meals, supplies, handouts and Social events. There will be a Welcome Reception on Friday night (March 23rd) and a CE Dinner, sponsored by DECHRA on Fluid
Therapy, Saturday evening (March 24th).
\*\*\* This course will count toward the Anesthesia Certificate Requirements and has been approved for 15 hours of RACE approved CE.

**Topics will include:**

an overview of Anesthesia
Anatomy & Physiology
Anesthesia drugs & protocols (with an emphasis on Pain Management)

**Wet labs will be a combination of:**

dissection
gas anesthesia
catheters
 suturing

### Click here to Register online TODAY



### Downloadable Registration Form HERE

**$500 AAEVT Scholarship now offered twice per year**!

**Find out more about this Scholarship and how to Apply HERE**

We are so excited to announce that our **AAEVT Online Equine Certification Program Scholarship** (formerly known as the Milissa Finnegan Scholarship) will now be offered twice per year.
 Due to a generous donation to our 2016 Scholarship Raffle by Coolmore America's Ashford Stud, garnered by our 2017 AAEVT Member of the Year - Lynne Hewlett, and the *overwhelming support from OUR MEMBERS* at our annual Raffle and Silent Auctions, we are now able to offer this educational scholarship twice a year.

 **The intent of this scholarship is t**o assist veterinary technicians, assistants, practice managers, and students who are employed by a licensed Veterinarian or enrolled in an AVMA/ CVMA accredited Veterinary Technology Program in being able to enroll in the AAEVT Online Equine Certificate Program, as well as complete the courses or attend the required AAEVT Regional Symposium and wet lab. Application deadlines are April 1st and October 1st, 2018.

 **Interested?** Did you know that we have two other Scholarships for our AAEVT members ONLY! Learn more HERE

## Do you have any "Tech Tips" to share?
We are on the search for unique techniques, tricks, or tips that you have figured out in your practices! We are hoping to include your ideas in our upcoming AAEVT Newsletter.
Along with a description, please send a few quick cell photos of you performing the "tip" to our 2018 AAEVT Secritary, Rexanne Morrison, at rexannmorrison@yahoo.com





## AAEVT Announces New Partnership in Equine Initiative
Each year, hundreds of thousands of horses are transitioned from career or ownership. A growing number of these horses end up at risk of inhumane treatment. Led by the WaterShed Animal Fund, The Right Horse Initiative has been developed to unify horse industry professionals, equine welfare advocates, and the broader horse loving public to improve the lives of horses in transition.

The Right Horse Initiative promotes horse adoption as one of the preferred methods of finding your next horse. This unique partnership commits the time, talent, and resources to promote horse adoption through education, training, and public awareness on a national level. Together we will work to achieve our goal to massively increase the number of horse adoptions nationwide.

As a partner in The Right Horse Initiative, we're proud to support a national movement reframing the conversation about equine adoption. AAEVT is working with The Right Horse Initiative to promote equine adoption as well as the bond between horses and humans. We are good people for good horses, and everyone who loves horses has ownership in this movement. To learn more about The Right Horse Initiative, visit the righthorse.org.

# Industry News:

### First State Legislature Bill regarding the Nurse Initiative introduced in TN

Bill: HB 2288 - This new legislation would change the title of veterinary technician to veterinary nurse. A "veterinary nurse" would be defined as any person who is a graduate of a veterinary nursing or veterinary technician program accredited by the American Veterinary medical Association (AMVA).
Under this bill, all licensed veterinary technicians in good standing on or before January 1, 2019, would be in compliance with the registered veterinary nurse requirements, and would be granted a registered veterinary nurse license. To view text of the bill, click here.

### Labor Statistics for Veterinary Technologists and Technicians

The US Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics has info on national, state, metropolitan, and non-metropolitan areas. You'll often find significant differences between not only different states, but different cities. These statistics do NOT differentiate between credentialed veterinary technicians and those working as vet techs without credentials. So it is possible that if there are many non-credentialed individuals in a particular state, the number may be skewed. Also, you have to remember that these numbers include those working in ALL aspects of veterinary medicine including private practice, shelter medicine, specialty, emergency, large animal, small animal, exotics, zoo, academia, industry, research, government, etc, etc. So if you have a lot of institutions that typically pay veterinary technicians more, the number may be falsely elevated in that area, but these numbers are really quite accurate. Learn more here

### And what is the outlook for our Industry?

Here is a look at the Occupational Outlook Handbook for Veterinary Technologists and Technicians.

### Provide your thoughts on Model Veterinary Practice Act by March 25
American Veterinary Medical Association members and non-members are invited to review and comment on the proposed changes to the MVPA here. Direct any questions to the AVMA's Dr. Warren Hess or Dr. Gail Golab.