NAVTA Set to Strengthen the Voice of Veterinary Nurses and Technicians Globally as it Joins the WSAVA

The National Association of Veterinary Technician’s in America (NAVTA) was elected into membership of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) during its World Congress in Toronto in July. NAVTA, which works to advance veterinary nursing and veterinary technology in the USA, joins the Canadian Registered Veterinary Technologists and Technicians of Canada and the New Zealand Veterinary Nursing Association as the WSAVA’s third veterinary technician-focused association member.

Commenting, Erin Spencer NAVTA’s Member Representative to the WSAVA, said: “The WSAVA’s mission - to advance the health and welfare of companion animals worldwide through educated, committed and collaborative global community of veterinary peers – aligns well with ours, which is to advance veterinary nursing and veterinary technology.

“Joining the WSAVA enables us to open a door to an international veterinary community. We will use our membership to raise awareness of the important role of veterinary nurses and technicians in enhancing animal welfare and to collaborate with fellow members to raise standards across the entire veterinary team.”

The WSAVA works to enhance the clinical care and welfare of companion animals globally, representing more than 200,000 veterinary professionals around the world through its 113-member associations. Its core activities include the creation of Global Guidelines which set standards for veterinary care in key areas of practice, including nutrition, pain management and welfare.

Dr. Shane Ryan, WSAVA President, added: “Veterinary nurses and technicians play a pivotal role in the efficient running of our veterinary clinics and in caring for the health and welfare of our patients. Our global veterinary community is significantly strengthened by the addition of our nursing and technician colleagues and we are delighted to welcome NAVTA.”

About NAVTA

The National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) was formed in East Lansing, Mich., in 1981 with the goal of allowing veterinary technicians to give input on national issues involving the veterinary profession. Since then, NAVTA has grown and seen many successes, including the
declaration of National Veterinary Technician Week, the formation of the Committee on Veterinary Technician Specialties, the development of a scholarship program and much more.

**About WSAVA**

The WSAVA is a global community of more than 200,000 veterinarians worldwide, drawn from 113-member associations, working to advance the health and welfare of companion animals throughout the world and to speak on behalf of companion animal veterinarians globally.