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**NAVTA Committee on Veterinary Technician Specialties (CVTS) Announcement
Committee on Veterinary Technician Specialties (CVTS) Guidelines – 2018 Revision
Approved**

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The National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) announces the approval of the Committee on Veterinary Technician Specialties (CVTS) Guidelines. The CVTS Guidelines set the standards and procedures by which the CVTS operates and governs the specialty academies. Additionally, The CVTS sets the standards and requirements for the formation of a specialty academy.

The NAVTA board would like to thank the members of the CVTS Guidelines Ad-Hoc committee for their time and effort in developing the new guidelines. Their guidance and expertise was invaluable and will benefit the Committee on Veterinary Technician Specialties, the VTS academies, NAVTA, and the profession overall.

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The NAVTA Committee on Veterinary Technicians Specialties was formed in 1994 and is recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association. The committee provides guidelines to veterinary technician organizations to facilitate the formation of a specialty and assists the Academies throughout their years while in existence. Academies develop pathways and advanced standards that candidates must complete and maintain in order to be awarded the designation of VTS (Veterinary Technician Specialist) in their specific discipline.

The National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America is a nonprofit organization that

represents and promotes the profession of Veterinary Technology. NAVTA provides direction, education, support and coordination for its members. Incorporated in 1981, NAVTA is the national organization devoted exclusively to developing and enhancing the profession of veterinary technology. For more information about NAVTA and the veterinary technician specialties, visit their website at www.navta.net.

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