

CaRVTA Board of Directors



Allyne Moon, RVT, CaRVTA President



Allyne Moon has been practicing since 1992. She received her LVT license from the State of Alaska in 2003, and her Californian RVT license in 2004. She works at an open-admission municipal animal shelter in Southern California where she treats a wide variety of animals and conditions ranging from upper respiratory infections to gunshot wounds and vehicular trauma. Allyne has been teaching Radiation Safety to veterinary assistants since 2011. She is an Expert Witness for the State of California and is a past VMB Hospital Inspector. Allyne chairs the Para-Professional Chapter of the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association, and is President of the California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association using both groups to help assistants and RVT's continue to move ahead in the field of Veterinary Medicine. Contact Allyne: president@carvta.org

Stephen J. Cital, RVT, SRA, CaRVTA Vice President



A self-professed science geek, Stephen always knew he wanted to be involved in the sciences. His career in veterinary medicine began in high school with a job at a veterinary hospital. Before obtaining his RVT license in 2009, he worked for many years as a veterinary assistant in general practices and specialty hospitals. In 2010, Stephen became a Surgical Research Anesthetist. He is an instructor at UC Davis and works relief at the Oakland Zoo. Stephen has contributed to veterinary textbooks and is an active conference lecturer. "I love knowing my research is bettering pain management for our animal friends and advancing anesthesia monitoring for all my colleagues." Stephen also is the Vice Chair and RVT representative for the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Sacramento City Shelter and a committee member for the Society of Laboratory Animal Veterinary Technicians.

Tuesday Cool, RVT, LATG, CaRVTA Secretary



Tuesday Cool graduated from Foothill College and became a Registered Veterinary Technician in 1996. Her career has spanned many areas of practice. Starting in small animal and exotics private practice, Tuesday then moved into shelter medicine with Santa Barbara County Animal Services where she ran a high volume, high quality spay clinic, and vaccine clinics. Working as the county's only RVT, she used her skills in emergency animal sheltering, medical triage of hoarding cases, infectious disease control, and animal behavior evaluation and assessment. Currently Tuesday is part of the dedicated veterinary team caring for non-human primates for UC Davis at the California National Primate Research Center. Tuesday's has great respect for fellow technicians, and an ongoing passion for veterinary medicine in its many varieties. She is a Certified Instructor Trainer for Companion Animals and Certified Small Animal Behavior Consultant, and an AALAS certified Laboratory Animal Technologist. Tuesday's has great

respect for fellow technicians, and an ongoing passion for veterinary medicine in its many varieties. She is a Certified Instructor Trainer for Companion Animals and Certified Small Animal Behavior Consultant, and an AALAS certified Laboratory Animal Technologist.

CaRVTA Board of Directors

Nancy Ehrlich, RVT, CaRVTA Treasurer & Regulatory/Legislative Liaison



Nancy worked in a general practice and a dental specialty practice as an RVT/Practice manager from 1969-2005. From 2006-2007, she was a part-time instructor in Veterinary Dentistry at Foothill College. Since 1994, she has been the owner/manager of DentaLabels, a company that distributes veterinary dental charts.

Nancy is well known at the VMB. As CaRVTA's Regulator/Legislative Committee, she attends VMB and its relevant committee meetings on behalf of CaRVTA. She is also CaRVTA's Back-to-School Conference Committee chair.

Nancy has also served as a member of the Veterinary Medical Board RVT Committee from 1998-2007, as a CVMA RVT Committee Chair from 1991-1994, and as a Wild West Veterinary Conference Technician Program Chair from 1991-1997. She founded and served as a Board Member for the Bay Area Veterinary Technicians Association from 1976-1998.

Nancy currently lives in the San Francisco Bay Area. Contact Nancy: nehrlichrvt@gmail.com

Jeffrey Backus, RVT, CaRVTA Director



Jeffrey started as a veterinary assistant in general practice in 1995. He began working at an overnight ER in 2004 and fell in love with his job. He became a RVT in 2009 and now works in emergency and critical care. Jeffrey also now teaches part time at his alma mater, Professional Veterinary Assistant School, and is a Program Advisory Committee member for Platt College, Alhambra. He is currently in the application process for the 2013 VTS(ECC) exam. Jeffrey is a frequent CE presenter and lecturer.

Leslie Boudreau, BASVT, RVTg, CVPM; CaRVTA Director



Leslie has been a veterinary technician and practice manager in Southern California for over 25 years. She received her A.S. in Veterinary Technology in 1995 from Mt. San Antonio College, and her BASVT in Veterinary Technology – Hospital Management, from St. Petersburg College in 2008. In 2011 she became a CVPM (Certified Veterinary Practice Manager) a designation held by less than 400 Veterinary Practice Managers worldwide. Leslie is currently a Practice Manager at Animal Hospital of Huntington Beach, a 6 veterinarian, AAHA accredited practice.

As an RVT, Leslie enjoys exotic animal medicine including wildlife rehabilitation. She has been a volunteer with the California Turtle & Tortoise Club and with an Opossum rescue group. She has a special interest in pet nutrition and enjoys educating pet owners on proper nutrition including therapeutic and wellness diets.

CaRVTA Board of Directors

Jody Nugent-Deal, RVT, VTS (Anesthesia/Analgesia) (CP-Exotics), CaRVTA Director



Jody Nugent-Deal is a Registered Veterinary Technician and Veterinary Technician Specialist (VTS) in Anesthesia and Clinical Practice – Exotic Companion Animal. Jody has worked for the UC Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital since 1999, working in the Companion Exotics Department for 10 years and currently the Small Animal Anesthesia Department where she is the head technician.

Ms. Nugent-Deal is a founding member of the Academy of Veterinary Technicians in Clinical Practice and is the executive secretary for the group as well as the appeals committee chair. Jody is an active member with the Academy of Veterinary Technicians in Anesthesia and Analgesia having served on the nominations, credentials and appeals committees. Jody is currently a Member at Large for the [AVTAA](#).

Ms. Nugent-Deal has lectured throughout North America for over 13 years on anesthesia and various exotic animal topics. Jody has published multiple articles and chapters for both canine/feline and exotic animal medicine and anesthesia topics. Jody is an instructor for VSPN and teaches classes on reptile, avian and exotic small mammal anesthesia. Lastly, Jody teaches an exotic small mammal medicine and diseases class for VetMedTeam. Jody has a special interest in anesthesia, analgesia, pain management and critical care in exotics and dogs and cats.

Sandy Gregory M.Ed., RVT, CCRA, CaRVTA Director



Thirteen years as a veterinary technician has allowed Sandy to work with Hawaiian Monk Seals in Hawaii, gorillas at Gladys Porter Zoo in Texas, marine mammals and birds at Alaska Sealife Center for starters. She also shares a passion for such animals as rabbits, rodents, exotics, reptiles, large animals and of course dogs and cats.

In 2008 Sandy started teaching at Foothill College in the Veterinary Technology Program. She has been the advisor for the Student Chapter of NAVTA since 2011 and was awarded Advisor of the Year in 2012. Small Animal Surgery day were started by Sandy who invites local veterinarians, alumni and students to help spay and neuter small animals from local rescue groups. Since that time there has been over 200 small animals altered in 10 of these surgery days.

Another event that Ms. Gregory has instituted is the Annual Pet Ready Event that allows the community to learn how to deal with their pets in an emergency. Coordinating with vets, fire department, alumni, students and animal control to teach how to prepare and bandage their pet in a disaster.

Currently she also works part time for Mid Peninsula Animal Hospital, Wildwood Veterinary Clinic, Scouts House and Marine Mammal Center

Sandy Gregory was honored to be nominated the California RVT of the Year Award for 2014 and excited to be on Board of Directors.

CaRVTA Board of Directors

Jennifer Lee, RVT, CaRVTA Director



Jen has been a Registered Veterinary Technician since December 2009 and has worked in the profession since 2001. She started in the field at the UC Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital working as kennel staff for the polycystic kidney disease research cat colony. Since 2000, she has also worked closely with rescue groups and humane societies, assisting with high volume spay and neuter clinics, adoption counseling, and behavior modification.

For the past 8 years, Jen has worked at Pet Emergency and Specialty Center of Marin, a 24-hour specialty and emergency hospital servicing the Bay Area. She is currently the weekend supervising technician, responsible for managing the hospital flow and leading a team of between 5 and 12 other technicians during any given shift. She continues to challenge herself and is currently working towards becoming a Veterinary Technician Specialist in Emergency and Critical Care. She loves her job and hopes that her enthusiasm for critical care is infectious to those she works with.

Jen is joining the California RVT Board of Directors to contribute to the profession statewide. She wants to emphasize the importance of education and support individual growth. She has been the fortunate recipient of continuing education throughout her career, and she hopes to inspire and energize future RVTs. She plans on mentoring, coaching and leading by example.

Past CaRVTA Presidents

Pam Maurer, RVT, MBA, MSc, Assoc CIPD

Jennifer Boyle, RVT, VTS (ECC)