



**Academy of Physical Rehabilitation Veterinary Technicians  
is Recognized as NAVTA's 15th Veterinary Technician Specialty**

**February 17th, 2017 - Albert Lea, Minnesota:** The National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) announces the fifteenth veterinary technician specialty academy to the veterinary technology profession. The Academy of Physical Rehabilitation Veterinary Technicians (APRVT) has been provisionally recognized as an official specialty by NAVTA. The APRVT joins the existing fourteen NAVTA recognized veterinary technician specialties: dentistry, anesthesia/analgesia, internal medicine, emergency & critical care, surgery, equine, zoology, behavior, clinical practice, nutrition, clinical pathology, dermatology, ophthalmology, and laboratory animal.

"The NAVTA Veterinary Technician Specialties give veterinary technicians an option for career advancement by taking their skill set to a veterinary technician specialist level by mastering an advanced skills and education in a specific area driven by their passion," stated Ann Wortinger, BIS, LVT, VTS (ECC, SAIM, Nutrition), Chairperson of the NAVTA Committee on Veterinary Technician Specialties (CVTS). "We are thrilled to have an increasing number of veterinary technicians seeking this level of specialization, as well as an increasing interest in recognition in various areas of veterinary medicine."

"It is the Mission of the Academy of Physical Rehabilitation Veterinary Technicians (APRVT) to provide assistance in veterinary physical rehabilitation, encouraging veterinary professionals and colleagues to further their education, while improving the quality of animals' lives." stated Kristen Hagler, BS(An.Phys), RVT, CCRP, CVPP, COCM, CBW. "We are excited to have achieved this recognition."

The NAVTA Committee on Veterinary Technician Specialists was formed in 1994 and is recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). The Committee provides guidelines to the 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 Veterinary Technician Specialist (VTS) in their specific discipline.

The National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA), is a non-profit 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](http://www.navta.net).

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