

2018 CaRVTA Veterinary Technology Symposium
February 25, 2018 - Foothill College – Los Altos Hills, California
(7 hours of California approved CE)

8:00 am	Registration and check in with coffee and doughnuts	
	TRACK 1 – ECC/Analgesia	TRACK 2 – Management/Wellness
9:00 am to 9:50 am	Pain Medications and How They Work <i>-Stephen Cital, RVT, SRA, RLAT, VTS (Lab Animal Medicine)</i>	Canine Influenza Outbreak in the San Francisco Bay Area 2018 <i>-Nicolette Zarday, DVM</i>
10:00 am to 10:50 am	Common Myths in Pain Management <i>-Stephen Cital, RVT, SRA, RLAT, VTS (Lab Animal Medicine)</i>	Grapes, and Raisins, and Chocolate, Oh My! Common Toxic Exposures Seen in the Veterinary ER <i>-Nicolette Zarday, DVM</i>
11:00 am to 11:50 am	Rabbit Anesthesia: What is Everyone So Scared Of? <i>-Stephen Cital, RVT, SRA, RLAT, VTS (Lab Animal Medicine)</i>	Tame the Lion- Dealing with Difficult Clients <i>-Leslie Boudreau, BASVT, RVTg, CVPM</i>
12:00 to 1:00	Lunch	Raffle
1:00 pm to 1:50 pm	The ABC's of ECG <i>Jeff Backus, RVT, VTS (ECC)</i>	Communication Tips for Techs <i>-Leslie Boudreau, BASVT, RVTg, CVPM</i>
2:00 pm to 2:50 pm	Just Breathe! Respiratory Emergencies <i>-Kenichiro Yagi, MS, RVT, VTS (ECC), VTS (SAIM)</i>	How to Save a Life <i>-Allyne Moon, RVT</i>
3:00 pm to 3:50 pm	Evidence-based CPR: The RECOVER Guidelines <i>-Kenichiro Yagi, MS, RVT, VTS (ECC), VTS (SAIM)</i>	“Go to PROM with Our Animals “- Passive Range of Motion <i>-Sandy Gregory, M. Ed, RVT, CCRA</i>
4:00 pm To 4:50 pm	A Toxic Challenge <i>-Jeff Backus, RVT, VTS (ECC)</i>	Neurological Conditions - What We Might See and Need To Know About Them <i>-Sandy Gregory, M. Ed, RVT, CCRA RVT</i>
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Good-bye	

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Speakers

Jeff Backus, RVT, VTS (ECC)
CaRVTA Member at Large

RVT of the Year Committee Chair.
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 splits his time between Tufts University on the east coast and lecturing in California. Jeffrey is a frequent CE presenter and lecturer and has also been a subject matter expert for the Veterinary Medical Board.



Leslie Boudreau, BASVT, RVTg, CVPM
CaRVTA President Elect

Leslie has been a veterinary technologist and practice manager in Southern California for over 25 years. She received her A.S. in Veterinary Technology from Mt. San Antonio College, and her BASVT in Veterinary Technology – Hospital Management, from St. Petersburg College. In 2011, she became a CVPM (Certified Veterinary Practice Manager) a designation held by less than 400 Veterinary Practice Managers worldwide. Leslie holds 2 human resource certifications that she uses daily in practice. Leslie is currently a Practice Manager at Animal Hospital of Huntington Beach, a 7 veterinarian, 50 staff, AAHA accredited small animal & exotic practice.



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Stephen Cital, RVT, SRA, RLAT, VTS (Lab Animal Medicine)

I have been working in the veterinary field since high school starting as a kennel assistant. I did this knowing I would be exposed to interesting medical procedures in hopes of familiarizing myself before moving on to humans. Or so the plan was. Originally starting college to become an RN this goal vanished after finding my real interest, veterinary medicine. This of course was after I had to start touching peoples' feet and watching my mother give birth twice, among other gross human things...

I instead became a Registered Veterinary Technician and enrolled in a Bachelors of Health Science degree program, not wanting to waste my already hard-earned credits. I obtained certification as a Surgical Research Anesthetist through the Academy of Surgical Research, followed by the designation of a Registered Laboratory Animal Technician through the American Association of Laboratory Animal Science. This past year I also sat for the Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner exam through the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management. I serve as the Executive Director for the Academy of Laboratory Animal Veterinary Technicians and Nurses, holding a VTS in Laboratory Animal Medicine (Research Anesthesia). I also spend a lot of time online as the COO for the Facebook groups, the Veterinary Anesthesia Nerds and the Veterinary Cannabis Academy. I provide contract services in the research setting as an interventionalist and anesthetist. Just because I can't sit still I provide relief work at the amazing Oakland Zoo and San Francisco Zoo. In my limited spare time I participate in other veterinary related activities, such as writing, moderating various discussion boards or serving as a Director for the National



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Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA). I also am serving as a liaison for the Society of Laboratory Animal Veterinary Technicians and the California RVT Association. I have contributed to multiple books, written a handful of articles and conduct my own research with a focus on anesthesia. I can be seen at national and international veterinary conferences lecturing and sharing fun experiences with other veterinary professionals. I have a sincere passion for teaching and hope to use my talents to help veterinarians, veterinary technicians and assistants become much more comfortable being able to care for any animal they come across.

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Sandy Gregory, M. Ed, RVT, CCRA RVT

Since 2001, Sandy has traveled through the U.S. as a RVT to work with a variety of animals including monk seals in Hawaii, gorillas in Texas, marine mammals and birds in Alaska. She also shares a passion for such animals as rabbits, rodents, exotics, large animals and of course dogs and cats.

Sandy was awarded California Veterinary Technician of the Year in 2014. 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. She is on the California RVT Association Board Of Directors and served on the Subcommittee to the Veterinary Medical Board for Animal Physical Rehabilitation.

She is the founder and creator of the Small Animal Surgery day. This is an event that invites local veterinarians, Foothill College alumni and students to help spay and neuter small animals from local rescue groups. Since that time there has been over 300 small animals altered because of this event.

Sandy has become an active conference lecturer on animal physical rehabilitation and marine mammals.

She became certified through the Canine Rehabilitation Institute in Animal Physical Rehabilitation and has been in the field since 2004. She is on the Academy of Physical Rehabilitation Veterinary Technicians.

Sandy also spends time at Holistic Veterinary Care, Wildwood Veterinary Hospital and the Marine Mammal Center in California.



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Allyne Moon, RVT

Allyne Moon has been working in veterinary medicine since 1992. She received her LVT license from the State of Alaska in 2003, her Californian RVT license in 2004, is an Expert Witness for the State of California, and is a former VMB Hospital Inspector. As a result of a continued interest in improving the veterinary community, she lectures nationally and locally on a variety of subjects including: veterinary forensics, shelter medicine, radiation safety, compassion fatigue, and veterinary law. Allyne's love for animals led her to work for an open-admission municipal animal shelter in Southern California, treating a wide variety of animals and conditions ranging from upper respiratory infections to gunshot wounds and vehicular trauma. She now works as the Lead RVT and Staff Trainer at Tustin Santa Ana Veterinary Hospital, in Santa Ana, CA. In her "spare time," Allyne volunteers at veterinary free clinics run by Downtown Dog Rescue (South Central LA) and Amanda Foundation (Watts). She is also heavily involved in veterinary professional organizations, to include having served as the chair of the Para-Professional Chapter of the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association (2009-2015), and currently serving on the SCVMA Wellness Task Force, on the advisory board of Cal Poly Pomona and Stanbridge University's RVT programs, as secretary of the SCVMA Educational Grant Board, President of the California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association, and is the first non-DVM to be appointed to the SCVMA Board of Trustees. These groups enable Allyne to help assistants and RVT's continue to move ahead in the field of Veterinary Medicine.



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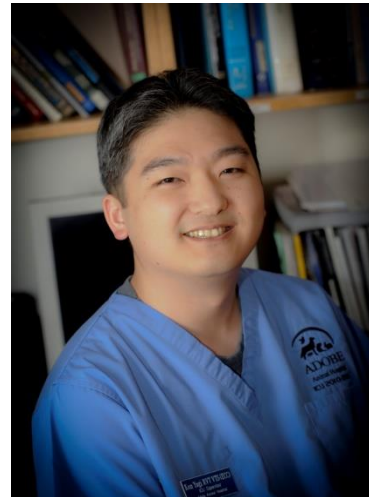
Kenichiro Yagi, MS, RVT, VTS (ECC), VTS (SAIM)

A switch inside Kenichiro Yagi's head was flipped on when a mentor asked him the question "Do you like being a veterinary technician?" many years ago and the spontaneous answer was "Yes. I really do".

Over the 17 years in practice, Ken has discovered and refined his role as a veterinary technician by promoting compassionate and progressive care for the patients and their family. He obtained his VTS certification in emergency and critical care as well as small animal internal medicine and obtained his master's degree while practicing at his current place of employment, Adobe Animal Hospital, as an ICU Manager and Blood Bank Manager. Ken's role has progressed from directly caring for patients to providing an environment for others to do the same.

Ken works to encourage further recognition of the vital role of the veterinary nurses and technicians through work with organizations such as the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America co-chairing the Veterinary Nurse Initiative, and serving as a board member of the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society, the Academy of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Technicians, and the Veterinary Innovation Council. He pursues these goals by showing the value of the profession's perspective in veterinary medicine.

His endeavors are made possible through support from his family, Iris, Haruto, and Haruka. Ken invites everyone to ask "Why?" to understand the "What" and "How" of our field, and to constantly pursue new limits as veterinary professionals and individuals.



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Nicolette Zarday, DVM
Adobe Animal Hospital

Dr Zarday started at Adobe Animal Hospital in 2000 straight out of vet school at UC Davis, after having grown up on the east coast and attended Brown University. She pursued a Master's in Public Health degree at UC Berkeley because of her interest in the connection between human and animal health. During this time, she has had the opportunity to conduct a study on leptospirosis in dogs living in the slums of Brazil. After finishing that program, she returned to Adobe, worked as an associate veterinarian until 2016, when I was promoted to Head of the Veterinary Team. She enjoys all aspects of patient care, especially emergency and critical care medicine, ultrasound, endoscopy, and infectious disease. She primarily cares for dogs and cats but also birds, reptiles with legs, and goats. She is always striving to provide ever better patient care for the amazing creatures she sees.



Dr Nicolette Zarday