



SAVT *update*

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The leaves are turning, the wind is getting cooler - fall is definitely here! And with fall comes some important events for the SAVT.

National Veterinary Technician Week was held Oct 14-20/07. The week is our time to promote veterinary technologists to the general public to help them understand and appreciate what we do. Technicians across Canada are encouraged to celebrate their profession that week. This can be done by putting up posters, picture displays, submitting newspaper articles or any other way you or your techs can think of to recognize them as a valuable part of your veterinary team. SAVT is a proud supporter of Pet Expo held in Saskatoon Oct 19-21/07 coinciding perfectly this year with NVTW!

Our board terms are coming to an end with elections being held at our AGM during the SAVT conference November 2-4/07. We've made a lot of exciting new changes to our board including the addition of three new member-at-large positions to encourage more techs to be a voice for our association. If you have a tech at your practice that is enthusiastic about being a tech, someone who you think would be a valuable addition to their provincial association please help motivate them to become more involved! It's a great way to meet new people and to keep up-to-date on current issues and developments in our profession.



Our conference committee is furiously working on the last minute details for our annual conference and it's shaping up to be a fantastic time! If you haven't already done so please encourage your techs to go. It's the best way to get all of their CE points for the year, to keep current with new products and services out there that could benefit your practice and it's an excellent opportunity to re-motivate them and feel good about the veterinary profession!

SAVT has been actively promoting the Doggone Safe program to our members. Dr. Lorraine Forster and I have been showing the presentation in the Humboldt area with an excellent response so far.

One comment from our members that we often hear is the program is hard to do as many events are scheduled during working hours. If you can afford to let your techs slip away for a few hours to present this important dog bite prevention program, we strongly recommend it. As an added bonus to your clinic, send a sign with them. "The Doggone Safe presentation today is sponsored by: (insert your clinic's name)." Excellent advertising for those new pet owners out there!

Keep warm everyone!