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WVC Sells Out Veterinary Technician Symposium for the Second Year
Successful CE event will continue in 2017

LAS VEGAS (July 19, 2016) – The second annual WVC Veterinary Technician Symposium welcomed another sold-out crowd to the Oquendo Center in Las Vegas from June 27 – 29, with over 120 veterinary technicians from around the U.S. and Canada coming together for the continuing education (CE) event. This year, WVC partnered with the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) to provide all participants with a complimentary one-year membership to NAVTA.

“Our goal for the Veterinary Technician Symposium—and all of our events—is to provide veterinary professionals with practical techniques and knowledge that they can immediately apply in their practices,” said WVC CEO David Little. “The success of this event proves there is a hunger among veterinary technicians for CE developed specifically for them, and we look forward to continuing to provide that opportunity into the future.”

Offering up to 24 CE hours, the three-day event focused on three practice areas: Behavior, Nutrition and Rehabilitation. David Stearns, RVT, Board Member for WVC and guest speaker for the symposium, inspired the participants by addressing quality performance with his topic, “What Makes Us ‘The Best.’” Interactive exercises in small groups enabled each participant to master the knowledge gained from the hands-on labs, lectures, workshops and active learning stations. Topics ranged from towel wrap techniques for cats to feeding tube management followed by understanding pet food labels and also canine gait assessment.

“I was delighted by how enthusiastic and engaged the participants were,” said Kara Burns, MS, Med, LVT, VTS, who served as a nutrition instructor at the event. “Because of the intimate learning environment, we were able get to know the participants, which allowed us to cater the instruction to their needs.”

Participants were welcomed to the event with a keynote address by Harold Davis, RVT, VTS, manager of emergency and critical care service at the University of California, Davis, William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. Among his many
honors include the Merck AgVet Award for Creativity in Teaching and the California Veterinary Medical Association Outstanding Animal Health Technician Award.

The survey feedback received from participants following the event was extremely positive. “It was nice to get to know the instructors and know they want you to be as successful as you can be,” wrote one participant. Another cited their appreciation of how the “symposium places the veterinary technician at the center of the event and treats them as important keys to the profession.”

The Veterinary Technician Symposium will return in 2017 from June 26 – 28. More information will be released later this year.

To register for an upcoming educational event, or to learn more about the variety of courses available, visit wvc.org.

WVC would like to thank all of the event sponsors who helped make the Veterinary Technician Symposium a success, including Hill’s Pet Nutrition, Inc. and Banfield Pet Hospital, as well as equipment sponsors: the Assisi Loop, Ceva, Walkin’ Wheels, Pet Vet Mat, Jorgensen Laboratories, Kong, Lafeber Company, Medtronic, Mila International, Smiths Medical and Victor Medical Company.

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