



Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians  
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The Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians (OAVT) supports the Veterinary Nurse Initiative (VNI) and the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA).

The veterinary nursing and technology profession has developed over the past several decades to serve a vital role in the veterinary health care team. The OAVT has represented and elevated the veterinary technician profession in their importance in providing high quality patient care, client communication, and client education as well as the promotion of public health and advancements in scientific knowledge.

The OAVT views the goals of the VNI in uniting the profession under a single title with consistent credential standards and associated scope of practice that is protected to those that meet the educational path set forth as a priority for the future of the profession. While there is clear evidence the presence of credentialed veterinary technicians has a positive impact on patient care and the success of veterinary practices, there is minimal public and professional understanding of the profession which contributes to current challenges in the profession today. Joining the national call for standardization and elevation of the profession will raise the intrinsic value of the credential and benefit the individuals in the field by further raising the awareness within the profession and public expectations of the knowledge, expertise, and passion required for high quality veterinary care.

Title change is not new to the technicians in Ohio. We were included in the veterinary practice act as registered animal technicians back in the 1970's. In the mid 1980's the title was changed to registered veterinary technician which more closely aligned us with the veterinary profession. Ohio has continued to have a strong state technician association working collaboratively with the state veterinary medical association to bring quality continuing education to its constituents. This partnership is vital in bringing about yet another change to the credential for veterinary technicians but certainly one that will become universal from state to state.

It is essential that the veterinary medical profession strives to meet the ever increasing professional and economic challenges while continuing to serve the needs of the public. A single, unified title and a standardized credential of Registered Veterinary Nurse throughout the nation will better align public perceptions of the role of the veterinary nurse and elevate standards met by each credentialed individual. Achievement of these goals will assure the highest quality of care to patients and animal owners, improve public relations, promote the use of veterinary services, and enhance the sustainability of the veterinary profession.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017

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