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The San Francisco SPCA Position Statement on the Registered Veterinary Nurse Credential

The San Francisco SPCA endorses efforts by the Veterinary Nurse Initiative (VNI) and the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) to establish standardized credentialing, scope of practice and the title of Registered Veterinary Nurse (RVN) for all credentialed veterinary technicians in the United States.

Veterinary care delivery is dependent on the skills and expertise of veterinary technicians. Technicians provide high quality nursing care to patients, education and support to guardians and advance scientific knowledge to better treat and serve patients. Clarifying the title will decrease guardian confusion about technicians' role on the healthcare team and improve the understanding of their extensive training and skills. Standardizing credentials and scope of work will benefit technicians by allowing for clear job duties, mobility and career advancement.

The San Francisco SPCA believes achieving the RVN title is crucial to advancing the field of veterinary medicine. We wholeheartedly welcome and support this change.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Scarlett, DVM

President