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National Veterinary Technician Week

Certified Veterinary Technicians (CVTS) are educated in the latest medical advances and skilled at working alongside veterinarians to give pets the best humane medical care possible.

They work closely with veterinarians, assistants, practice managers and pet owners to provide essential care to all species of animals; pets with fur, feathers, scales or fins!



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"I enjoy my personal connections with pet owners. It's vital for them to become educated about the proper care for their pet and for me to understand how I can best communicate this information to the pet owner. CVTs provide a vital, invaluable link between the pet owner and the veterinarian."

-Jeanice Wiard, CVT, Champaign



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CVTs compassionately work with clients whose beloved animals need care. They work tirelessly in exam rooms, labs and operating rooms, putting to work their vast technical and scientific knowledge treating and caring for every species of animal.



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"CVTs have been trained in so many disciplines, from nursing, to medicinal knowledge to human psychology. I'm passionate about my CVT role, being part of the veterinary clinical team and helping the veterinarian to do the best job possible in treating companion animals."

-Caroline Miskell, CVT, Chicago



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Illinois requires CVTs to have graduated from a veterinary technology program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and pass the Veterinary Technician National Examination.

Illinois schools offering AVMA-accredited programs include: Joliet Junior College; Parkland College, Champaign; Rockford Career College; Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market, Herrin; and the Vet Tech Institute at Fox College, Tinley Park.



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"Certified Veterinary technicians wear many hats in a clinic. we greet the pet owner, understand their pet's problems and determine the best possible way the pet can be given care, informing the veterinarian about the pet's status. CVTs must be knowledgeable and proficient with many methods and techniques about how to assess an animal's problems."

-Tracy Porter, CVT, Joliet/Chicagoland



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There are more than 100 accredited programs throughout the U.S. which provide intensive study of the skills and knowledge to work competently as a CVT, including:

- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Microbiology
- Pharmacology
- Clinical techniques
- Anesthesiology
- Surgical/medical nursing
- Radiology
- Clinical pathology training

