

New Mexico Registered Veterinary Technician Association



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The New Mexico Registered Veterinary Technician Association held its annual CE conference and general membership meeting on October 21, 2023. This conference was put together by board members Carolynn Hamilton, RVT EUT (President), Hannah Serra, RVT (Past President), Janelle Reynolds, RVT (Treasurer), Lindsey Schoepfle, RVT (Secretary), Carol Young, RVT (Publicity Coordinator), and JoLynn Chacon, RVT (NAVTA State Rep). This conference was held both virtually and physically at the University of New Mexico Continuing Education Center in Albuquerque from 7:30 am until 5:00 pm. Topics included **Working at the top of your License** – Rebecca Rose, RVT; **Courageous Conversations: Articulating your Needs and Wants** – Rebecca Rose, RVT; **Equine Critical Patient Assessment** – Ashleigh Sanches, DVM; **Snakes at a (Surgical) Plane (of Anesthesia): Surgical Nurse of the Snake** – Wren Abbot, DVM; **Let's Talk about Pain Management: How to Successfully Advocate for Your Patient** – Julia Donnelly, DVM, **Demystifying Vaccine Safety: When to Worry Less and When to Worry More** – Tamara McArdle, DVM; **Advances in Cancer Treatment** – Barbara Kitchell, DVM. There were 82 members who attended either virtually or in person. A taco bar was provided for in-person attendees sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition. Our Grand Prize Winner was Ashley Snider, RVT who won \$50 as well as the 2024 membership and conference fee. We awarded Megan Padget, a Vet Tech Student, \$1000 scholarship for her winning essay. Maquela Mier, RVT won the T-Shirt Design contest and was awarded a free T-shirt with her design. The annual business meeting was held and our newly elected officers for 2024 include: President – Janelle Reynolds,

RVT, President Elect – Jessica Oppen, RVT, Past President – Carolynn Hamilton, RVT, Secretary – Joseph Miranda, RVT; Treasurer – Hannah Serra, RVT; NAVTA State Rep – Carol Young, RVT; and Publicity Coordinator – Ann Fernandez, RVT.



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