



VETERINARY ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM

MEET YOUR INSTRUCTORS...



Gail Counts, DVM

Founder and Co-Owner, Shawnee Animal Clinic

Dr. Gail Counts earned a Bachelor's from Ohio Dominican College in Anthropology, a Master's in Animal Nutrition from University of Wyoming, and a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Ohio State University. She worked in the Amish area of Indiana for several years where she gained extensive equine, bovine, and porcine experience, while continuing to add to her small animal skills. She returned to Ohio to build and run her own practice in 1989. She also serves as a district representative to the OVMA Board of Trustees. Gail has 4 dogs, Jake, April, Briar Rose and Zack, and 3 cats, Corona, Tawny and Chad.

Tim Wells, RVT

Co-Owner, Shawnee Animal Clinic

Tim is native to Scioto County, Lucasville area. He graduated from Valley High School in 2002 and is a 2006 Alumni of Morehead State University where he earned a Bachelors In Animal Science & Agriculture. Tim is a Registered Veterinarian Technician and was first employed by Shawnee Animal Clinic 2002. His interests include small animals, horses and exotics. He has been a member of the Ohio Veterinary Technician Association since 2007 and has been co-owner of Shawnee Animal Clinic since 2007. Tim has twins Owen and Olivia and two dogs, Molly and Candy.



WHAT IS A VETERINARY ASSISTANT?

A veterinary assistant is an important part of the veterinary medical team. Working with veterinarians and veterinarian technicians, the assistant helps provide medical care to sick and injured animals. Working with animals requires a love of animals and the knowledge of how to work with and take care of them.

A typical day in the life of a veterinary assistant includes giving medicines, feeding and bathing of the animals, assisting with examinations and tests. Veterinary assistants play a very hands-on role under the supervision of the licensed Veterinarian and the Veterinarian Technician.

The Veterinary Assistant training program is intended to help individuals gain knowledge, basic skills and abilities necessary to perform in a veterinary office, animal shelter, pet store or kennel at an entry level position. Candidates for the program will have a strong background in biology and math.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

If you love working with animals and if you have a strong science background, including high school biology and math, this training program is for you.

Ohio does not currently require certification to become a Veterinarian assistant, and most training is only available on the job. This program is a non-college credit professional development training program designed to help you have the professional edge when it comes to hiring and job placement.

VETERINARY ASSISTANT TRAINING I

Tuesdays and Thursdays January 10 - March 8, 2012
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Course Description

The student will learn essential skills to help them to keep animals healthy, care for them when they are ill, and assist veterinarians in the office.

Topics

- Week 1- Introduction to Veterinary Laws and Ethics
- Week 2- Communication and Client Relations
- Week 3- Medical Terminology
- Week 4- Animal Identification and Breed Identification
- Week 5- Animal Restraint and Behavior
- Week 6- Safety Concerns and Cleanliness
- Week 7- Pet First Aid and CPR
- Week 8- Euthanasia and Pet Ownership Responsibilities

VETERINARY ASSISTANT TRAINING II

Tuesdays and Thursdays April 3 - May 24, 2012
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Course Description

The course builds on the skills and knowledge of the Veterinary Assistant Training I. Part II of the program will require Off-Site labs at Shawnee Animal Clinic. Labs will be held every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. only during Part II of this program.

Topics

- Week 1- Pharmacy and Pharmacology
- Week 2- Laboratory Procedures
- Week 3- Diagnostic Imaging
- Week 4- Patient Care and Small Animal Nursing
- Week 5- Small Animal Dentistry
- Week 6- Small Animal Surgical Preparation and Assisting
- Week 7- Large Animal Procedures and Practices
- Week 8- Putting It All Together and Making It Work

TEXTBOOKS

Students are required to purchase two textbooks, available at Barnes & Noble Bookstore on the campus of Shawnee State University:

Learning Veterinary Terminology, 2nd, Edition, 2002, Douglas F. McBride
Tasks for the Veterinary Assistant, 2nd Edition, 2009, Paula Pattengale

The following textbook will be provided:
The American Red Cross Pet First Aid



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