SVBT strives to support veterinary technicians who might be considering the venture to become a VTS (Behavior). Hopefully their stories will inspire others to take that first step.
Felicia Asher LVT, KPA-CTP
Little Friends of Ferndale Veterinary Care
Ferndale, Michigan

As most veterinary professionals and others who devote their lives to our non-human counterparts, I’ve loved animals ever since I can remember. I dreamed of becoming a zoologist, with a particular interest in researching wolves. However, the show Emergency Vets (yes, with Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald) specifically peaked my interest in veterinary medicine when I was ten-years-old. I decided I wanted to devote my time caring for animals, physically and emotionally. I earned a veterinary assistant certification through a vocational program during my senior year of high school; graduating with honors in 2006.

Soon after, I was employed at Little Friends of Ferndale Veterinary Care in Ferndale, Michigan and quickly realized my true goal was to become a veterinary technician and I enrolled in Macomb Community College’s Veterinary Technician Program, which is where I first learned of the behavior specialty.

I began training dogs when I was 12 years old with my mixed breed dog Bear and it was a revelation for me. I was a shy individual but when I began interacting with my “canine student” I found myself also gaining confidence in my interactions with my peers.

Wanting to expand my animal training abilities, I applied for and received the “Faith Scholarship” from SVBT/AVBT and attended and successfully passed the Karen Pryor Academy for Animal Training and Behavior earlier this year and became a certified personal dog trainer. When I began training, I did not have enough exposure to marker-based training to use it properly or fully. I wonder how many more tricks I could have taught Bear if I’d had the knowledge I now have.

My advice to veterinary technicians who are interested in behavioral medicine and improving the human-animal bond includes; seeking opportunities to observe professionals in the field, self-educating through reputable literature and seminars and joining the Society of Veterinary Behavior Technicians.

I hope to pursue specialty certification in behavior and realize the process will take dedication and continued learning but feel with commitment and hard work I will reach my goal.

I remain loyal to my exclusively small animal, one doctor practice; I am surrounded by an exceptional and compassionate team and sincerely look forward to going to work everyday. Most importantly, I currently share my life with three wonderfully talented dogs, two inquisitive cats, a bearded dragon and two white mice.
Dear SVBT members and potential members,

The SVBT board of directors is glad to bring you this edition of The Behavior Perspective.

When I assumed the position of president-elect and Sherrie Yuschak accepted the position as president (2012), the situation for SVBT was uncertain. The Society was an organization in crisis, with few members, no money, no remaining board members, except for Donna Dyer who adopted the position of treasurer when the previous treasurer resigned. Our new, very willing and very green board members were Kait Hembree assuming the role of recording secretary and Shannon Coyner as corresponding secretary. All other board members had left for various reasons that could be attributed to a lack of leadership, guidance, support and appreciation. Our priority was to prevent that from happening with this new board. Sherrie and I met numerous times and created a plan.

The first thing we did was bring the new team together to meet face to face – we felt the only way to connect and bond as a group was to connect mentally, physically and emotionally. We didn't make this decision lightly – we had little money so every cent that we spent needed to be used wisely. Our solution - travel to Kait Hembree's parent’s house in North Carolina, lock ourselves in their basement for two days and do what technicians do. We assessed the damage, created a nursing plan and began fixing what was broken.

Fast forward 18 months:

- We have put generous grants from Ceva and Hills to work.
- We have now grown to 522 members and continue to steadily increase our membership with a goal of 800 members by 2015.
- We have moved our annual membership drive reception to WVC since more technicians attend and the veterinary technician specialties are more active there.
- We now offer an affordable and highly successful webinar series for members.
- We look forward to an outstanding SVBT Conference, September 12-14, 2014 in Las Vegas at the Oquendo Center.

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Help create awareness for SVBT

If you speak at conferences or belong to an organization that works with technicians, our public relations committee would like to periodically supply you or your organization with SVBT brochures and flyers that you can distribute to your audiences. Please contact info@svbt.org to have brochures sent to you.
It has been nearly a year since our last edition of *The Behavior Perspective* and many members have questioned why the newsletter suddenly vanished. Unfortunately, the newsletter was delayed because I’d developed a sudden and lengthy illness. I had not yet set up a strong strategy with my committee or board members as to how to proceed in my absence and no one was prepared for the seriousness or the length of my illness.

I am happy to say I am now nearly 100% back to normal and I’m grateful to be back working on *The Behavior Perspective*. I am always looking for new editors to assist with columns, or who have ideas for a new column. For instance, I would like someone to assist with the Geeks and Gizmos column; testing products and writing reviews. Our “In Action” section is about hands-on training and behavior modification - submit a “How I trained that” video.

Please contact me at president@svbt.org if you are interested in becoming an editor or have suggestions to improve *The Behavior Perspective*.

It’s great to be back,

Julie

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President's Message, continued

But, we have much more to do:

As members, our ability to share and communicate with each other is severely lacking. Currently we utilize an online forum, which few members utilize. Why? Some say the site is too cumbersome to use. Others have difficulty with getting their passwords to work. Would members be better served by another method of communication?

Are you one of the many who are calling for a dramatic update to our antiquated website? What would a new website look like? Should it become a dynamic website with blogs, etc.?

How can we better support technicians who would like to eventually become Veterinary Technician Specialists in Behavior?

How do we reach more students?

How do we build our relationships with allied professions and organizations?

We need to fill our committees with driven members who want to help us answer these questions and work on solutions.

In 2012 we stopped the bleeding. In 2013 we began the healing. 2014-15 is the time for incredible growth – I look forward to filling the board and committees with passionate, forward thinking members who are prepared to take SVBT to the next level. We have so much still to do, so many goals to achieve!

Julie Shaw  
KPA-CTP, RVT, VTS (Behavior)
Real Life

It is time to vote for SVBT Board of Director’s members. Professional members will receive an email with voting directions in July. The current positions that will be voted on include:

President – elect (previously vacant)

Corresponding secretary (vacated by Shannon Coyner)

Member-at-Large (vacated by Linda Campbell)

Member-at-Large (previously vacant)

Candidates for SVBT BOD 2014-2015

We are happy to announce the following candidates for the SVBT board of director’s positions.

Candidate for President-Elect

Shannon Coyner

Shannon Coyner obtained her Bachelors Degree in Zoology in 1996 from Sonoma State University. She then earned her Veterinary Technology Degree (AA) from Cosumnes River College and became a RVT in 1999. Shannon always had an interest in behavior and worked on research projects through the Sacramento and San Francisco Zoo. She was also employed at a private zoo in Santa Rosa, CA, Safari West, where she was a tour guide, volunteer coordinator and the Serval handler. Shortly after becoming an RVT, Shannon began to attend behavior related conferences and studied behavior on her own. She became a CPDT-KA in 2001 and graduated from the Karen Pryor Academy in 2012. She is the owner of her own business Ventura Pet Wellness & Dog Training Center where she teaches Puppy Kindergarten and Agility Classes, as well as works privately with animals that have behavioral issues. Shannon does follow up work with cases from Dr. Rachel Malamed, Board Certified Veterinary Behaviorist in Los Angeles. Shannon has held the member-at-large and corresponding secretary positions in SVBT over the last 2 years.

Candidate for Member-At-Large

Paisley S. Latham, RVT

Paisley Latham is an Eastern North Carolina native. As a child, Paisley was obsessed with animals. While having mostly cats in her household she was also exposed to hamsters, budgies, and even pet mice. Drawn to horses she spent many hours at the farms of family and friends riding and caring for every horse she met.

After finishing high school Paisley attended Martin Community College in Williamston, NC to further her education in Equine Technology, learning about the biology of horses, husbandry, and riding and training. While attending MCC Paisley took an interest in veterinary medicine thanks to the openness and teaching instincts of the local mobile equine veterinarians. It was during an internship with these veterinarians Paisley learned about Registered Veterinary Technicians. Paisley attended the Veterinary Medical Technology program at Central Carolina Community College in Sanford, NC. In 2010 she graduated with honors, passed her national and state board exams, and began her career as a RVT in Durham, NC. School also exposed her to the world of dogs and she adopted her very first dog, Ezra, from the school’s onsite colony.

Since childhood Paisley has understood animals are sentient beings with emotions and the ability to feel pain. As an RVT she strives to educate pet owners on the physical and emotional well-being of all animals. She continues her own education through self-study and seminars on animal behavior and dog training and hopes to achieve status as a CPDT KA and attain her VTS in Behavior.
Candidate for Member-at-Large
Joyce Allinger, CVT

Joyce was in the first graduating class of Pima Community College Vet Tech Program in 2003 in Tucson Arizona and went on to work in private practice before going into academia to become the Laboratory Specialist for Pima Community College's veterinary technician program in 2006.

Joyce has worked for Pima Community College Vet Tech Program for almost nine years and loves the student interaction and hands on labs and seeing that desire from the students to achieve their higher goals. She loves the interaction with the animals and helping them become suitable and adoptable pets at the end of the semester.

Joyce says, “I am very interested in moving forward in my career and seeking the training for being a VTS in behavior. If all goes well and I can get the hands on training and skills/time required, I hope to take my exam in 2016. This is something I have wanted to do for a long time. In my current job position, I have that opportunity to make a positive learning experience for both students and animals and make it a reality. I can also be the bridge between the new owners and their newly adopted, forever pet. I keep in touch with the adopters and check to see how their animal is doing. I get occasional questions and they send me pictures of their new addition and sometimes they will bring them in to visit. To see the transformation from where they started out here, to their happily ever after, is heartwarming. It makes the skills and support that I give- these students to use to achieve this goal really pay off in the end. I am very proud of them.”

She is also married to a very patient man, has one son, 4 demanding cats and 5 pampered dogs.

Candidate for Corresponding Secretary
Rachel Lees, KPA-CTP, RVT

Rachel graduated from Cuyahoga Community College in May of 2009 with her Associates Degree in Veterinary Technology. Immediately after graduation she was employed at a multi doctor general practice located in Parma, Ohio. There she began running puppy socialization classes in her clinic as well as seeing private training appointments, and teaching basic obedience classes. She also became the behavior advocate of her veterinary hospital, conducting happy visits and working with all the veterinary related aggression cases in the clinic. In June of 2013, she resigned from her position at the general practice and accepted her current position at The Behavior Clinic in Olmsted Falls, Ohio.

In 2014 she received the “Faith Scholarship” from SVBT/AVBT and attended and successfully passed the Karen Pryor Academy for Animal Training and Behavior and became a certified personal dog trainer. “My interest in animal behavior sparked when my parents purchased a ‘bargain’ Newfoundland puppy in the fall of 2006. Yogi was a very nervous and fearful puppy who has many behavioral diagnoses of his own. Due to this, I have a special interest in canine and feline behavioral development and socialization.”

Rachel’s overall goal is to aide owners in creating and maintaining a strong human-animal bond. She says, “I am currently working towards obtaining my VTS in Behavior. I enjoy educating other veterinary professionals and owners in the world of veterinary behavior. I currently share my time with my Miniature Pincher Mix, Connor and my Orange Tabby Cat, Ernie.”
A note from the editor: Most veterinary technicians leave school without understanding what research is or how it is properly performed – let alone how to interpret the results.

Research is designed to answer questions. By understanding a research article we can begin to learn the scientific method and critical thinking behind it, allowing us to keep up with new ideas and information. We can learn new discoveries directly from the source rather than through another person’s interpretation.

In our last edition (The Behavior Perspective vol. 12:2) Ginny began dissecting and discussing the aspects of a research paper beginning with the Abstract section.

**Part 2: The Importance of a Good Introduction**

For this column I will be using Gácsi, Vas, Topál, and et al.’s paper on how dogs’ interactions with humans in a social situation compares with socialized wolves’ interactions. This link will take you to the paper: [http://familydogproject.elte.hu/Pdf/publikaciok/2013/GacsiVTM2013.pdf](http://familydogproject.elte.hu/Pdf/publikaciok/2013/GacsiVTM2013.pdf)

The introduction of a journal article contains a description of the problem or question that sparked the author’s research, a brief literature review of the topic of research and an overview of the author’s research for this journal article. Not only does the introduction give the reader an idea about how these authors see the problem but you can also see how they attempted to tackle the problem with their study.

The opening statement of the introduction sets the stage. The researchers explain what they are curious about. In Gácsi, Vas, Topál, et al.’s paper they are concerned about the unique social qualities of dogs when relating to humans; if dogs could be used as a model for human social behaviors; and how dogs seem to be able to predict changes in human behavior during interactions where a dog and a human are coordinating their activities (2013). Included are ideas other scientists have regarding the manner in which dogs behave and react to human behavior. This first paragraph of the introduction sets the stage for the literature review that follows.

The literature review contains information from previous studies on the same or a similar topic. Here is where the authors will weave a cloth of known information about the topic alluding to holes in the knowledge their research can fill. In this paper by Gácsi et al. they write about research showing how dogs respond in situations when dogs and humans compete: agonistic and play situations. A missing piece of information from these studies is a comparison of the two situations. Here the scientists let us know what they might include in their study.

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Have you ever been pressured to perform an elective procedure (ie. a nail trim) when you knew it was not in the best interest of your patient’s emotional health?
Play has been difficult to define. A few of the many criteria scientists have used to define play are presented aligning some ideas while pitting conflicting ideas against each other. Now these authors’ are free to use their research to help us better understand the definition of play and how it relates to our interactions with dogs.

Their last point from previous studies explores how dogs and socialized wolves differ when interacting with humans. They compare the ease of dog socialization to the difficulties presented when socializing wolves to humans. How might the differences in socialization to humans affect their abilities to interpret and predict human behaviors during interactions?

The final paragraph of the introduction lays out the research plan for the remainder of the paper. These authors want to look at two questions: comparing dogs and wolves in socially ambiguous situations with humans and again comparing dogs and wolves in competitive game situations to try to predict how dogs can interpret human behavior.

The introduction allows the reader to learn much about a research paper quickly. The question(s) of interest to the researchers, pertinent previous studies on the topic and how the authors plan on answering their questions are all laid out in this section of the paper. It is tempting to stop here, but in the next sections come all the details of the research study itself. Without these details the quality of research can be difficult to judge.


Resources:
A link to find more publications by the same research group, The Family Dog Project: http://familydogproject.elte.hu/publications.html
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News and Review
Annual Meeting

SVBT’s annual meeting will be held via Webex on Sunday, July 27, at 8 PM EST. All professional-level members are invited to attend. Please RSVP to recordingsecretary@svbt.org to receive a Webex invitation. Meeting to include:

- Current state of SVBT
- Future goals
- Induction of new board members
In Action

Meet the Professionals:

By Linda Campbell, RVT, CPDT-KA, VTS (Behavior)

The Meet the Professionals column features a question and answer column to introduce SVBT members to a veterinary behaviorist, certified applied animal behaviorist and/or a veterinary technician who exemplify their profession.

This edition features Lisa Radosta, DVM, DACVB

Dr. Radosta is a 2000 Graduate from the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine and completed an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Coral Springs Animal Clinic. She then worked for 2 ½ years as a primary care veterinarian. Dr. Radosta completed a 3-year residency in behavior medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in 2006 and passed the board examination later that year. During her residency, she was awarded the American College of Veterinary Behaviorist Resident research award two years in a row.

In 2005 Dr. Radosta visited Baton Rouge, Louisiana to volunteer in efforts to help animals stranded as a result of Hurricane Katrina. She has owned Florida Veterinary Behavior Service since 2007.

Dr. Radosta lectures nationally and internationally for veterinarians, their staff, and for lay people. She has written book chapters for textbooks including Handbook of Behavior Problems for the Dog and Cat; Blackwell’s Five-Minute Veterinary Consult: Canine and Feline Small Animal Pediatrics as well as a weekly Palm Beach Post newspaper column, and many articles for scientific and lay publications. She is interviewed on a regular basis by publications, some of which have included Cat Fancy, Dog Fancy, Palm Beach Post, NAVC Clinician’s Brief, Sun Sentinel, WebMD and AAHA News Stat. She has also appeared on Lifetime television, Laurie Live, News Channel 25 (West Palm Beach, WPBF), Mitch Wilder’s Amazing Pet Discoveries, News Channel 10 (Miami, ABC), and Steve Dale’s Pet Talk. Dr. Radosta has participated in tracking, obedience, herding and therapy dog work with her own personal dogs – always Rottweilers. Currently she shares her life with an elderly black cat and a Labrador retriever. Dr. Radosta is a “Mommy” which she feels is the best job of all. She is obsessed with her job and running. At the time of this interview she was training for an off road marathon.

In Action continued on next page
**Question:** What factors influenced your decision to become a veterinary behaviorist?

**Dr. Radosta:**
I love it. It seems so simple, but that is it. I live it and breathe it.

I had considered many other specialties such as dermatology and neurology, but they didn't excite me nearly as much. I knew with this type of fire in me, I could make a huge difference for animals. I constantly tell my staff, we are going to help the patients or we are going to die trying.

Now that I am a Mommy, I really get that, if you are going to leave your husband, child, dog cat, whatever each day to do something, you had better love it.

**Question:** How would you characterize the importance of working with a veterinary technician/behavior nurse in your practice?

**Dr. Radosta:**
As important as the sun coming up in the morning.

As important as water is for life.

Imperative if the doctor wants to have any quality of life outside of her practice or make a good profit.

My practice is the only one to my knowledge with 2 full time support staff in the clinic in addition to the receptionist. One is a veterinary nurse) Kait Hembree) and the other is a behavior modification assistant (Cheryl Van Voorhies). My practice model is such that I rely heavily on their skills to run the practice each day and provide excellent patient and client care that we expect of our practice.

**Question:** What impact has working with a veterinary technician/behavior nurse had on the practice's efficiency and effectiveness?

**Dr. Radosta:**
Tripled it at least. We are now able to offer behavior modification appointments and board and train appointments at convenient times, which has increased the likelihood of scheduling.

In addition, my clients receive answers back quickly when they email or call in because they have a support staff member assigned to their case who knows their pet. We have increased our level of service, which increases our ability to help pets, which is what it is all about.

In my practice we are always pushing to the next level. We hold team meetings once monthly where we discuss concepts or I teach the staff CE. This forces me to stay up to date as well, which is great. I have enjoyed mentoring Kait, my behavior nurse, and take enormous pride in her accomplishments, even if I play a small part. I will definitely drink a beer (her favorite beverage) on the day she gets boarded.

**Question:** What are some common mistakes you see owners make with their pets?

**Dr. Radosta:**
Expecting more than their pet can give. Honestly this is a mistake in many of our relationships, isn’t it? Part of helping the pet is acceptance of who that pet is. If the pet is fearful, accept that. Yes, help to be brave, to accept things that scare him, to calm down when he would typically be upset, to be less reactive or stressed, but don’t expect him to be Lassie. It isn’t fair to him. Give the dog or cat a break.

**Question:** What do you find most rewarding about your work?

**Dr. Radosta:**
We save lives. It’s that simple. On a daily basis we snatch animals from the jaws of death. We keep them from euthanasia. We improve the quality of life for our patients. They come back happier and more relaxed. Their owners are happy too. Other than being a Mommy, is there something more rewarding? Maybe running a marathon?
Question: What do you find most challenging?

Dr. Radosta: Trying to communicate with owners who just don’t get it. It is on us to communicate with them in a way they understand and so that we can get “buy in” from them on the treatment plan I have laid out to treat their pet. It is on us to pull them to our way of thinking so that the pet can benefit. We are always finding better ways to communicate with our clients. We are a team with them, which can be challenging some days. It would be so easy if everyone understood what I said the first time and just followed the treatment plan!!

Question: Can you provide your definition of the term “reactivity” for us?

Dr. Radosta: Is this a trick question? There is no well accepted clinical definition of reactivity to my knowledge. Our working definition in my service is: a response to stimulus causing a deviation from a relaxed emotional state resulting in an outward expression, such as, but not limited to, vocalizations and hypervigilance, accompanied by a physiological stress response.

Question: What advice do you have for technicians seeking work in the field of behavior?

Dr. Radosta: Do not be arrogant about your skill level. There is always a lot to learn and no one wants to hire someone who thinks their skill level is higher than it actually is in reality. Keep your mind open to new knowledge. There are lots of things that we have believed to be true for years that we suddenly learn are not.

Seek out others and their advice. Get out there and ask questions. Yes you could look silly or stupid, but you might make a connection or learn something or spark an interest in someone else's mind. Those connections you make will come back to help you in the future. I met my nurse, Kait, about two years before I actually hired her. The early connection helped me to make the leap into hiring her. We are a small group. Get your name out there.

FUN FACTS:

Question: What is your favorite type of animal and why?

Dr. Radosta: Dogs of course, turtles are my close second. Dogs are amazing creatures. They are simple and loving. Aside from my super husband, a dog is the perfect companion. Turtles are prehistoric creatures right her in our time. Really cool.

Question: Do you have a favorite animal-themed movie/television series?

Dr. Radosta: I avoid these. The animal always gets hurt or dies. It's too upsetting.

Question: What would be your ideal vacation?

Dr. Radosta: The Galapagos Islands. Giant Tortoises—Cool.

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