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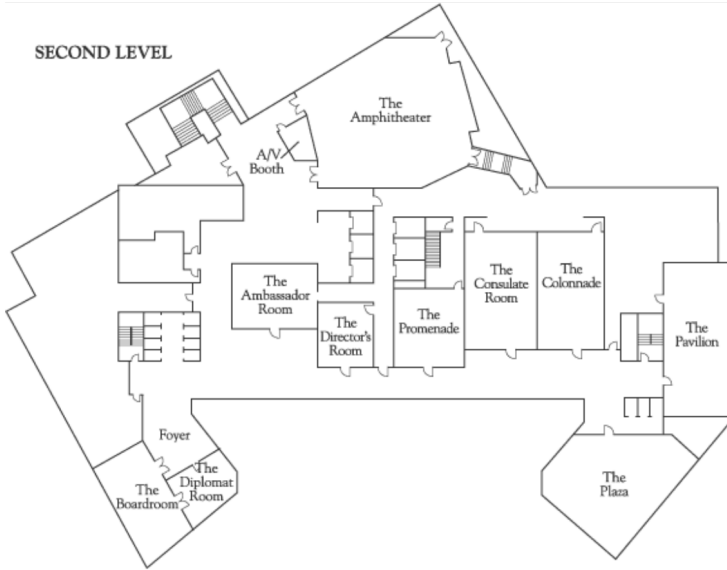
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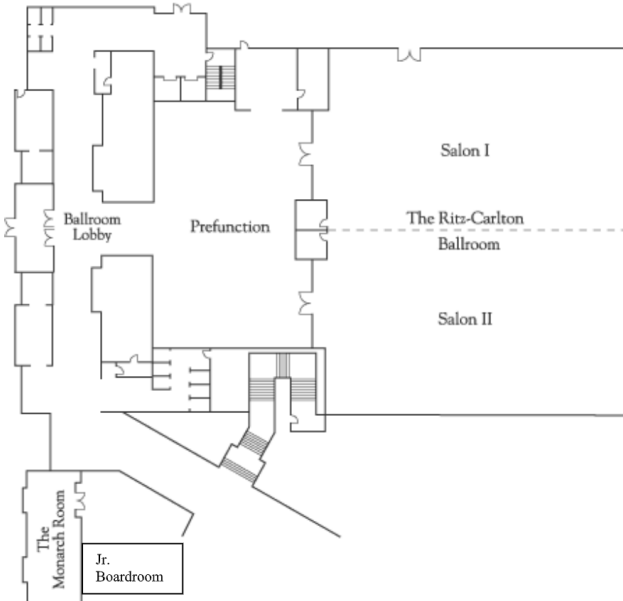
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COVID-19 RESOURCES

We take the health of our attendees and staff seriously. Please remember to complete your daily health screening prior to entering the conference. You will receive a bar code from your screening. We will scan the bar code at the registration desk each day.

We ask that masks be worn at all times inside the session rooms.

If you are feeling unwell, we recommend that you attend sessions virtually through the Swapcard app.

VIRTUAL RESOURCES

Track your favorite sessions and speakers, and network with fellow attendees through our event app, Swapcard! All registrants for the 2021 Annual Conference will receive an email from Swapcard with instructions for setting up your virtual profile.

Swapcard is available for download through the Apple App store and Google Play.

Welcome to St. Louis!

On behalf of the Association of Veterinary Technician Educators (AVTE), we are thrilled to welcome you, either virtually or in-person, to the 2021 Annual Conference. These next three days are sure to be filled with networking, knowledge-sharing, and energy.

When we set out to plan the 2021 conference, we didn't know what to expect. But, amid the uncertainties from the pandemic, we are thrilled with the program. We are here in St. Louis because of the committee's efforts, and for that, they have our thanks.

It takes a village to put together a conference like ours. Another key to our success is the collaboration and support of our exhibitors and sponsors. They are an integral part of the AVTE, and I hope you will take a moment to express your appreciation for their contributions as you interact with them over the next three days.

We designed this guide to be a resource and help ensure that your conference experience is robust. If we can be of any assistance, please reach out to a member of the AVTE staff (look for their badges) or our Board of Directors (look for their ribbon).

Thanks for joining us; we are glad you are a part of this special event.

Paula Kirkwood, DVM
President

Jennifer Serling, CVT, VTES, BVSc
President-Elect and Conference Chair

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

Time	Session	
7:00 AM	Visit Exhibitors Networking Breakfast	Ballroom
8:00 AM	<p>Track One: Self Care Self Care: Buzz Word or Essential Skill? <i>Joye Sears, RVT</i> <i>Dalhousie University</i></p> <p>Track Two: Teaching Skills Anesthetic Management Without the Terror: Getting Started with Immersive Simulation <i>Robert Keegan, DVM, DACVA</i> <i>Lethea Russell, LVT</i> <i>University of Arizona</i> <i>Washington State University</i> <i>Nicole Valdez, LVT, VTS (Anesthesia / Analgesia)</i> <i>Washington State University</i></p> <p>Track Three: The Road Ahead SCNAVTA Advisor Roundtable <i>Tammy Ege, CVT, MS</i> <i>Jessica Leary, RVT, HABc</i> <i>Wilson College</i> <i>Midwest Institute</i> <i>Barbara Robinson, LVT</i> <i>Coastal Alabama Community College</i></p>	Consulate Ampitheater Pavilion
9:15 AM	<p>Track One: Self Care Workplace Bullying and Violence Within the Veterinary Teams <i>Melissa Supernor, LVT, CVT, VTS (SAIM), CFE, CCFP</i> <i>Innovetive Petcare</i> <i>Sponsored by Innovetive Petcare</i></p> <p>Track Three: The Road Ahead The Unique Role of Veterinary Technicians in Academic Veterinary Medicine <i>Bonnie E. Price, DVM, MPH</i> <i>Katherine Fogelberg, DVM, PhD</i> <i>Lincoln Memorial University</i> <i>Lincoln Memorial University</i> <i>Micha C. Simons, VMD</i> <i>Heather Bhakta, DVM</i> <i>Lincoln Memorial University</i> <i>Lincoln Memorial University</i> <i>Melissay Loy, LVMT</i> <i>Malathi Raghavan, DVM, MS, PhD</i> <i>Lincoln Memorial University</i> <i>Purdue University</i></p>	Consulate Pavilion
10:15 AM	Visit Exhibitors Networking Coffee	Ballroom

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

Time	Session	
11:15 AM	Track One: Self Care	Consulate
	Veterinary Nurses' Well-Being and Resilience: Educational and Practice Leadership Opportunities <i>Dr. Tracey Heyder-Kitching</i> <i>Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College</i>	
	Track Two: Teaching Skills	Pavilion
	Microscope Skills in a Smartphone World <i>Cade Wilson, DVM</i> <i>Skoped Micro</i>	
	Track Three: The Road Ahead	Ampitheater
	Hindsight is 2020: Reflections and Lessons from an Unprecedented Time in Vet Tech Education <i>Tammy Ege, CVT, MS</i> <i>Mary Beth Wert, BS, CVT</i> <i>Wilson College</i> <i>Wilson College</i>	
12:15 PM	Lunch	Ballroom
1:15 PM	Track One: Self Care	Ampitheater
	6 Hacks for a Living Well Workday - Keep it Simple, Silly <i>Rebecca Rose, CVT</i> <i>CATALYST Veterinary Professional Coaches</i>	
	Track Two: Teaching Skills	Consulate
	Large Animal Models: Milking Them For All They Are Worth <i>Maralyn Jackson, BS, DVM</i> <i>Dana Cooper, CVT, VTSEd</i> <i>Mississippi State University</i> <i>Mississippi State University</i>	
	Track Three: The Road Ahead	Pavilion
	Bird Brain: How a White Necked Raven Can Teach Critical Thinking and Problem Solving <i>Sabrina Timperman, DVM</i> <i>Rebecca Williams</i> <i>Mercy College</i> <i>Mercy College</i>	
2:30 PM	Track One: Self Care	Consulate
	Boundaries - The Emotional Intelligent NO <i>Annika VanNoy, PhD</i> <i>Pathway Vet Alliance</i> <i>Sponsored by Pathway Vet Alliance/THRIVE Affordable Vet Care</i>	

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Time	Session	
2:30 PM	Track Two: Teaching Skills Beyond the Lecture Theatre: Using the Flipped Classroom Approach for Surgical and Anesthesia Training in the Midst of Covid-19 <i>Dr. Ji Zhen Low</i> <i>Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore</i>	Ampitheater
	Track Three: The Road Ahead The VTNE - What Does Reliability and Validity of the Test Mean? <i>Dr. Irene Moore</i> <i>American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) and University of Guelph</i>	Pavilion <i>Nancy Grittmann, MBA</i> <i>American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)</i>
3:30 PM	Visit Exhibitors Networking Coffee	Ballroom
4:15 PM	Track One: Self Care WELLBEING - Be There For Yourself <i>Mary L. Berg, BS, LATG, RVT, VTS (Dentistry)</i> <i>Beyond the Crown Veterinary Education</i>	Ampitheater
	Track Two: Teaching Skills How to Enhance Students' Clinical Reasoning in a Surgical Nursing Course Through Case-Based-Learning <i>Kelly Vearil, RVT, M.Ed., VTS (Dentistry)</i> <i>University of Cincinnati, Blue Ash College</i>	Pavilion
	Track Three: The Road Ahead IACUC Protocol 101: Tips for Writing Animal Use Protocols <i>Bonnie E. Price, DVM, MPH</i> <i>Lincoln Memorial University</i>	Consulate <i>Elizabeth Thompson, DVM, EdD</i> <i>Lincoln Memorial University</i>
6:00 PM	Zuku Review Veterinary Trivia Game <i>Hosted by Steven I. Mclaughlin, DVM, MPH, DACVPM</i> <i>Zuku Review</i> <i>Sponsored by Zuku Review, VCA, and Zoetis</i>	Ballroom

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

Time	Session	
7:00 AM	Visit Exhibitors Networking Breakfast	Ballroom
8:00 AM	<p>Track One: Self Care</p> <p>From Scalpel to Streaming: A New Professor's Experience in Teaching During a Global Pandemic <i>Rea Marcelissen, BSCh., MSc, DVM</i> <i>St. Lawrence College</i></p> <p>Track Two: Teaching Skills</p> <p>Integrating Community-Engaged Learning into the Veterinary Science Curriculum <i>Christina Loftin, MS, CVT</i> <i>Texas A&M University, Kingsville</i></p> <p>Track Three: The Road Ahead</p> <p>It's Not Personal. It's Business. Navigating Your Next Accreditation Visit! <i>Lisa Christenson, DVM</i> <i>Stacey Ostby, M.Ed., LVT</i> <i>North Dakota State University</i> <i>North Dakota State University</i></p>	<p>Pavilion</p> <p>Ampitheater</p> <p>Consulate</p>
9:15 AM	Business Meeting and Keynote - Dr. Andy Maccabe (AAVMC)	Ballroom
10:15 AM	Visit Exhibitors Networking Coffee	Ballroom
10:45 AM	Keynote - Temple Grandin, PhD	Ampitheater
11:45 AM	Lunch and NAVTA Awards	Ballroom
1:00 PM	<p>Track One: Self Care</p> <p>Diversity and How to Change Your Perceptions <i>Amanda Hackerott, RVT</i> <i>WSU Tech</i></p> <p>Track Two: Teaching Skills</p> <p>Activating Prior Knowledge in the Veterinary Technology Classroom <i>Tara Scales, DVM</i> <i>LaGuardia Community College - CUNY</i></p>	<p>Ampitheater</p> <p>Pavilion</p>

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

Time	Session	
1:00 PM	Track Three: The Road Ahead Organized Veterinary Medicine - Still Relevant? <i>Michelle Gundlach, DVM</i> <i>Jefferson College</i>	Consulate
2:00 PM	Visit Exhibitors Networking Coffee	Ballroom
2:45 PM	Track One: Self Care Critical Thinking and Teamwork: Building an Escape Room <i>Tara Groves, BS, LVT</i> <i>Owensboro Community and Technical College</i>	Consulate
	Track Two: Teaching Skills Being the 'Sage on the Stage' with the Memorable Content <i>Stacey Ostby, M.Ed., LVT</i> <i>North Dakota State University</i>	Pavilion
	Track Three: The Road Ahead AVMA CVTEA Site Visit Bootcamp <i>Kelly Black, DVM</i> <i>Lori Renda-Francis, MA, BBA, LVT, PhD</i> <i>CVTEA</i> <i>CVTEA</i> <i>Dale Cooper, DVM</i> <i>Tracy Blais, BS, CVT, MEd</i> <i>CVTEA</i> <i>CVTEA</i> <i>and CVTEA AVMA Staff</i>	Ampitheater
4:00 PM	Keynote - Marty Becker, DVM (Fear Free Pets)	Ampitheater
5:15 PM	Saturday Program Closes	

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

Time	Session	
8:00 AM	Program Directors' Breakfast <i>Sponsored by VCA</i>	Ballroom
9:00 AM	Track One: Self Care It Starts With You! Building Resilience Through Self-Care <i>Stacey Benton, DVM, PhD</i> <i>University of Cincinnati, Blue Ash College</i>	Consulate
	Track Two: Teaching Skills What Can Google Do For You? Help You Create Collaborative Communities For Your Classes <i>Keren Allen, LVT</i> <i>Skye Mayberry, LVT</i> <i>Baker College of Muskegon</i> <i>Baker College of Muskegon</i>	Pavilion
	Track Three: The Road Ahead Evaluation of Student Self-Efficacy in Veterinary Training: The Role of High Fidelity Simulation Models <i>Nadine Baez, BS</i> <i>Maralyn Jackson, BS, DVM</i> <i>SynDaver Labs</i> <i>Mississippi State University</i>	Ampitheater
10:00 AM	Track One: Self Care How to Show Up: Allyship as an Instructor from an LGBTQ+ Perspective <i>Erin Spencer, CVT, VTS, M.Ed</i> <i>Bonnie E. Price, DVM, MPH</i> <i>PrideVMC</i> <i>PrideVMC and Lincoln Memorial University</i>	Pavilion
	Track Two: Teaching Skills Creating a Classroom Outside of the Classroom <i>Kathleen M. Bliss, LVT, MALS</i> <i>SUNY Alfred State College</i>	Ampitheater
	Track Three: The Road Ahead Change the Way You Teach Online and Have Fun Doing it! <i>Amanda Colon, DVM</i> <i>Lisa Schenkel, DVM</i> <i>Mercy College</i> <i>Mercy College</i> <i>Sabrina Timperman, DVM</i> <i>Sandra Bertholf, LVT</i> <i>Mercy College</i> <i>Mercy College</i>	Consulate

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

Time	Session
11:00 AM	Track One: Self Care Ampitheater Stress Management, Burnout, and Compassion Fatigue for the Veterinary Teams <i>Melissa Supernor, LVT, CVT, VTS (SAIM), CFE, CCFP</i> <i>Innovetive Petcare</i> <i>Sponsored by Innovetive Petcare</i>
	Track Two: Teaching Skills Pavilion Teaching Analog Students in a Digital Age <i>Natalie D. Meier, CVT</i> <i>Pima Medical Institute</i>
	Track Three: The Road Ahead Consulate Red Flag/Green Flag: A Recruiter's Tips & Tricks in Applying for Jobs <i>Rebecca Rose, CVT</i> <i>CATALYST Veterinary Professional Coaches</i>
12:00 PM	Track One: Self Care Pavilion The Challenges of Teaching a Student with Autism Spectrum Disorder <i>Laurie Lobdell, MA, CVT</i> <i>Parkland College</i>
	Track Two: Teaching Skills Consulate Teaching Outside the Box - Useful Information for Engaging and Understanding, and Reaching Gen Z <i>Elizabeth Stark, CVT, AAS</i> <i>Elizabeth Payne, CVT, AAS</i> <i>Fox College, Vet Tech Institute</i> <i>Fox College, Vet Tech Institute</i> <i>Kate Ostrowski, CVT, BSc</i> <i>Fox College, Vet Tech Institute</i>
	Track Three: The Road Ahead Ampitheater Effective Teaching and Study Strategies for the VTNE <i>Steven I. McLaughlin, DVM, MPH, DACVPM</i> <i>Zuku Review</i>
12:45 PM	Thanks for Coming!

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2021 EXHIBITORS

VCA

VCA is committed to elevating Veterinary Technicians within our hospitals and within the industry by creating programs to support advancement within the profession for medical, communication, and leadership skills. We offer opportunities like Technician school scholarships for Assistants and paths to VTS for Technicians. Whether we have a new grad or have a technician with 20+ years of experience, our Development Program will bring your career to the next level.

VCA wants to partner with our nation's program directors to enhance the students' educational experience and continue to elevate the profession.

National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA)

NAVTA is a dynamic community of credentialed veterinary technicians dedicated to advancing the profession of veterinary nursing through advocacy, awareness, and professional development.

Platinum Educational Group

PlatinumPlanner.com, powered by Platinum Educational Group, is an online, cloud-based, lab and clinical program for Veterinary Technician/Nursing training programs. The program has all the required competencies for CVTEA/AVMA and Appendix I preloaded.

VetTechPrep

VetTechPrep: The Most Trusted Way to Prepare for the VTNE®. VetTechPrep is the most effective and efficient way for veterinary technician students to study for the VTNE®. VetTechPrep not only helps students prepare for the VTNE®, but it's a great tool for educators as well. VetTechPrep is a favorite resource among dozens of educational institutions.

Zoetis

Zoetis is the leading animal health company, dedicated to supporting its customers and their businesses in advancing care for animals. Building on more than 65 years of experience in animal health, Zoetis discovers, develops, manufactures and commercializes medicines, vaccines, diagnostics, technologies and services, including biodevices, genetic tests and precision livestock farming. Zoetis serves veterinarians, livestock producers and people who raise and care for farm and companion animals with sales of its products in more than 100 countries. In 2020, the company generated annual revenue of \$6.7 billion with approximately 11,300 employees.

American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri. We are an association of veterinary medicine regulatory boards whose membership includes licensing bodies in 62 jurisdictions, including all of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and nine Canadian provinces: Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and Saskatchewan.

Our mission is to support and advance the regulatory process for veterinary medicine.

Our vision is to be the primary source for comprehensive information that strategically strengthens the veterinary regulatory community.

BluePearl

BluePearl is one of the largest specialty and emergency veterinary practices in the country, with more than 90 hospitals in 26 states. Our compassionate team provides high-quality, advanced treatment for over one million patients each year and is committed to enriching lives through remarkable care for pets.

Pathway Vet Alliance + THRIVE Affordable Vet Care

Founded in 2003, Pathway Vet Alliance has grown from a single veterinary practice to over 400 general practice, specialty, and emergency veterinary hospitals throughout the US, including 100 THRIVE clinics. We are committed to creating the world's most trusted, innovative, and connected ecosystem for pet care that comprehensively serves the needs of veterinary caregivers, pets, and people who love them.

Salt House

Salt House is the best practice for tracking CVTEA Essential Skills. More than 60 schools have partnered with us to make documenting skills for accreditation easier and faster.

The Academy of Veterinary Technician Specialists in Education (AVTSE)

The Academy of Veterinary Technician Specialists in Education (AVTSE) credentials veterinary technicians specializing in education. The organization provides resources that elevate the skills, knowledge and professionalism of veterinary technicians in the education profession by igniting and maintaining passion throughout their educational career.

Bavarian Nordic

Bavarian Nordic is a fully integrated vaccines company focused on the development, manufacturing, and commercialization of life-saving vaccines. Our global commercial product portfolio contains market-leading vaccines against rabies and tick-borne encephalitis as well as an Ebola vaccine, licensed to Janssen. We have created a diverse portfolio of proprietary and partnered product candidates using our live virus vaccine platform technology, MVA-BN®.

Bluedoor Publishing

Putting Learners At The Center Of Everything: Developed by experts in the field, our veterinary technology solutions prepare your students to have success as they enter their veterinary careers. Our flexible and affordable course materials have been created to meet the needs of today's veterinary technology students and instructors. Additionally, we provide professors with access to Top Hat, a powerful platform to engage, motivate and assess students using easy-to-use teaching tools.

Elsevier

Elsevier Education empowers higher learning institutions and educators with exceptional content, learning technology, and assessment tools that help transform today's students into tomorrow's healthcare professionals.

Lincoln Memorial University

Lincoln Memorial University's School of Allied Health Sciences table will highlight undergraduate degree options, particularly the Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Medical Technology, and as others. Additionally, information about an online Master of Veterinary Education offered by the LMU College of Veterinary Medicine will be available.

MicroVet Diagnostics

MicroVet Diagnostics specializes in unique, cost effective, innovative diagnostic products designed to enhance the veterinary practice. Distributing and developing specialized, point of care testing that promotes a higher standard in diagnostics while containing cost is our primary mission. MicroVet Diagnostics has a highly skilled and seasoned team of industry professionals in all disciplines of diagnostics that work tirelessly to bring you the products and tools that can truly make a difference in the medicine you practice daily.

Skoped Micro

Skoped Micro was born from a need to capture high-quality images through a microscope without breaking the bank. You have a first-class camera in your back pocket, so why not utilize that as a tool instead of buying yet another device. With that mindset, we aimed to engineer the perfect solution.

SynDaver Labs

SynDaver manufactures the world's most sophisticated synthetic human and animal tissue analogs, body parts and full bodies. Our SynDaver Synthetic Human and SynDaver Surgical Canine can bleed and breathe, and both employ hundreds of replaceable muscles, bones, organs and vessels that are made from materials that mimic the mechanical, thermal and physicochemical properties of living tissues. This validated technology is used to replace live animals, cadavers and human patients in medical device studies, clinical training and surgical simulation.

Trajecsys Corporation

Trajecsys Corporation was founded in 2005 by two educators. It features an online clinical management and tracking system for students of health-related programs. Trajecsys centralized Clinical Recordkeeping's ease of use, customization, and flexibility assists Veterinary Tech program educators and students track Essential Skills, Assessment Rubrics and provides simpler CVTEA Accreditation Reporting.

University of Missouri, College of Veterinary Medicine

The University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine is excited to announce the Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Technology Program. This entirely online and asynchronous degree completion is launching in the fall of 2021 to provide advanced education for all interested veterinary technicians with an associate's degree.

University of Tennessee at Martin

The Online Completion Program for Veterinary Technology and Management is designed for self-motivated and self-disciplined students who graduated from an accredited 2-year veterinary technology program to complete a Bachelor of Science degree completely online. The degree is in Agriculture with an option in Veterinary Technology and Management. This online degree provides a balanced education aimed to jump start a rewarding career in animal-related fields. The curriculum can be tailored to individual needs for career advancement and includes optional courses in animal science, veterinary technology, accounting, agriculture economics, leadership, and education based on individual student needs.

Zuku Review

Zuku Review is the premier VTNE prep tool for visual learners, with 1750+ VTNE-format questions and a high pass rate for students from AVMA-accredited schools who complete the materials.

- Consults and customized study plans for students and educators
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- Study on the go with our mobile-optimized website and App

Veterinary Support Personnel Network (VSPN)

Veterinary Support Personnel Network is an online community that is part of the VIN Family. VSPN has resources for your students and instructors that is easily accessed. Membership to VSPN is free for all students and veterinary technicians!



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