



ACADEMY OF VETERINARY NUTRITION TECHNICIANS CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

This organization shall be known as the Academy of Veterinary Nutrition Technicians (AVNT) hereinafter referred to as the "The Academy".

ARTICLE II INCORPORATION

Section 1. The Academy shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Kansas as a not-for-profit organization organized exclusively for educational purposes, within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code).

- a. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Academy shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation/organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code) or (b) by a corporation /organization, contributions to which are deductible under, Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section at any future Federal Tax Code).
- b. No substantial part of the activities of the Academy shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Academy shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the Academy shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the Academy shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services

rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of Section 501(c) (3) purposes.

Section 3. The term for which the Academy is organized shall be perpetual. However, if dissolution of the Academy should occur its property shall be distributed evenly between the American Academy of Veterinary Nutrition and the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA).

However, if the named recipient(s) is not then in existence, no longer a qualified distributee, or is unwilling or unable to accept the distribution, then the assets of the Academy shall be distributed to a Veterinary Technician and / or animal welfare fund, foundation, or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purposes specified in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code).

ARTICLE III STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Section 1. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Academy of Veterinary Nutrition Technicians (AVNT) is to advance the area of and promote excellence in the discipline of veterinary nutrition. The AVNT provides a process by which veterinary technicians may become certified as a Veterinary Technician Specialist (VTS) in the field of nutrition thereby increasing the competence of those practicing in the field of veterinary nutrition. The AVNT mission is to enhance the skills and knowledge of veterinary nutrition technicians and promote technicians as integral members of the veterinary nutrition team.

Section 2. OBJECTIVES

- a. Promote advancement and high standards of practice for those accredited veterinary technicians involved in veterinary nutrition.
- b. Establish education and experience prerequisites leading to certification in the veterinary technician specialty of nutrition.
- c. Examine and certify veterinary technicians as specialized team members in veterinary nutrition.
- d. Encourage research and other contributions to knowledge relating to nutrition.
- e. Promote continuing education and dissemination of knowledge relating to veterinary nutrition.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. The members of the Academy shall be known as "Veterinary Technician Specialistll - nutrition (VTS - Nutrition).
- Section 2. VTS (Nutrition) shall be further classified as one of the following:
- a. Charter VTS (Nutrition): Veterinary Technicians having achieved distinction in the field of veterinary nutrition and having qualifications far exceeding those proposed as necessary for candidates desiring to take the certifying exam.
 - b. VTS (Nutrition): A veterinary technician of high ethical and moral character who has fulfilled the requirements for certification as set forth in the Bylaws of the Academy of Veterinary Nutrition Technicians.
 - c. Hereinafter Charter VTS (Nutrition) and VTS (Nutrition) will be referred to as VTS (Nutrition).
 - d. Honorary VTS (Nutrition): A person who has made substantial contributions to the development and progress of veterinary nutrition. Honorary members shall have all rights and privileges of members except the right to vote and hold office.

ARTICLE V ORGANIZATION / ADMINISTRATION

- Section 1. The Executive Board shall be the executive body of the Academy and shall consider first all business and policies pertaining to the affairs of the Academy. The Executive Board will consist of the elected officers (President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Member(s) at Large), the President and the Past-President.
- Section 2. Following provisional recognition, the Executive Board will be elected by the Charter VTS (Nutrition).

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers of the Academy Veterinary Nutrition Technicians shall be President-Elect, President, Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member(s) at Large.

- Section 2. The term of office for President-Elect and President is two years. Past- President is one year. Secretary and Treasurer are three Years. Member(s) at Large is one year.
- Section 3. The election of officers shall be held biennially (every other year) at the annual general meeting of the Academy of Veterinary Nutrition Technicians.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

- Section 1. This organization shall have the following standing committees: Nominating, Credentials Approval, Examination, Re-certification, Continuing Education, and Financial Affairs Committees. Additional committees may be appointed by the President.
- Section 2. The President shall appoint the chairperson and members of all committees at the President's discretion.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted to the Executive Board for review ninety (90) days before a scheduled meeting of the Academy, the distribution of a mail ballot, or secure electronic ballot to the membership. Proposed amendments shall be distributed to the entire membership with a recommendation by the Executive Board-at least thirty (30) days prior to a voice vote, the distribution of a mail, or secure electronic ballot.
- Section 2. An affirmative vote shall require that at least half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the members in good standing vote, and at least three quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the members voting approve the proposal.

