

### Credential Requirements:

*Provided is a brief overview of the requirements, see the web site for full details.*

- The VTS (Nutrition) must be a graduate of an AVMA approved Veterinary Technician program and/or credentialed to practice as a Veterinary Technician in some State or Province of the United States, Canada, or other country.
- Three years of nutrition experience, must be 75% of your time, a minimum of 4,000 hrs. All experience must be completed within three years prior to the application.
- A letter of intent must be e-mailed to [Nutritiontechs@aol.com](mailto:Nutritiontechs@aol.com) by October 1 at the beginning of the year you will submit your packet.
- A minimum of forty (40) continuing education (CE) hours. At least 10 hours the year the application is submitted.
- Completion of the Veterinary Nutrition Technician Skills Form.
- Clinical- A minimum of forty (40) cases (clinical) must be recorded, or Research- One (1) year within the three (3) years immediately preceding application
- Five (5) detailed case reports.
- Be a NAVTA Member
- Two (2) letters of recommendations



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# ACADEMY OF VETERINARY NUTRITION TECHNICIANS

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## AVNT 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.

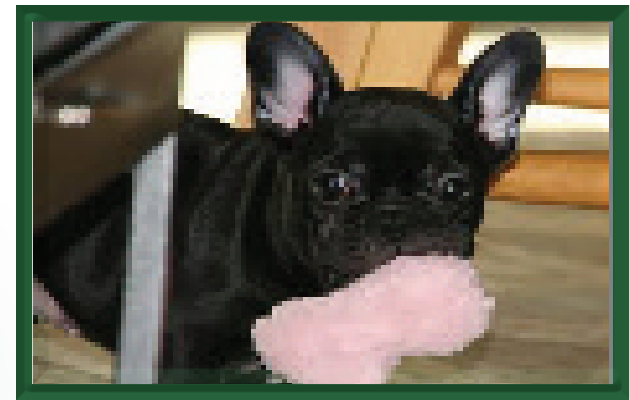


## Objectives

- 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.



Proper nutritional management is one of the most important factors in the health and disease management of pets. As pet owners become more aware of the importance of nutrition in their own health, they will expect a higher standard of nutritional care for their pets. The veterinary healthcare team should be the preferred, expert source of the best nutritional information for pets. Veterinary healthcare teams that understand and embrace clinical nutrition and demonstrate in-clinic behaviors consistent with that conviction will benefit their patients.

