

2026 NHVTA SPRING SYMPOSIUM

MAIN LECTURE HALL – LECTURE DESCRIPTIONS

Rehab Roadmap: Navigating Nutraceuticals- It feels as though the wide world of pet supplements is changing just as much as our New England weather these days. In this lecture we will review some of the current supplements relevant to the rehab space and explore some you might not have heard of.

Rehab Roadmap: Career Advancement Opportunities- Are you considering a career shift towards veterinary rehab? Do you want to learn more about how rehab can help our furry companions? This lecture will “gently wade” into the pool of rehab opportunities available to veterinary technicians.

Introduction to Wildlife Care for the Veterinary Technician

Sustainable Steps in Veterinary Care

Cat Eye Diseases

Diseases, diagnoses, treatments.

Cataracts

Going over diagnosing, testing, surgery, and post-op care.

OPTIONAL WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS AND INFORMATION

BANDAGING WORKSHOP – 3 HOURS

(additional fee and pre-registration required)

- **Bandaging 101 – Mastering the Basics** - An introductory lecture that covers the fundamentals of proper bandaging techniques for veterinary patients, with a focus on the Modified Robert-Jones bandage. Attendees will learn essential principles such as selecting appropriate materials, applying secure yet comfortable bandages, preventing common complications like slipping or pressure sores, and ensuring patient comfort and safety. Perfect for veterinary technicians and students looking to build a strong foundation in clinical bandaging skills.
- **When Bandages Go Wrong- Managing Slips, Sores, and Owner Conversations** - This lecture dives into the most common complications that can occur with veterinary bandages, from slipping and unraveling to pressure sores and moisture damage. Attendees will learn how to identify early warning signs, correct mistakes, and effectively communicate with pet owners when issues arise. Practical tips and real-world case examples will help veterinary technicians feel more confident in preventing and managing bandage failures, ensuring better outcomes for both patients and clients.
- **Hands-On Lab: Modified Robert Jones Bandaging** - This interactive lab gives participants the opportunity to practice and perfect the Modified Robert Jones

bandage, one of the most widely used veterinary bandages for limb stabilization and swelling control. Through guided, step-by-step instruction, attendees will work directly with materials to build confidence in proper application, tension control, and secure finishing techniques. By the end of the session, participants will be able to apply a Modified Robert Jones bandage that is both effective and comfortable for patients. Ideal for veterinary technicians and students who want to strengthen their clinical skills in a practical setting.

RECOVER Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Workshop – 6 Hours

Pre-registration and Additional fee required

This workshop is the in-person session for individuals who have completed **both** of the following RECOVER courses:

- 2024 RECOVER CPR - **BLS** on the RECOVER online learning portal
- 2024 RECOVER CPR - **ALS** on the RECOVER online learning portal

Attendees should plan to be moving for most of this interactive session, including working on the floor and/or on step-stools while practicing chest compressions and other CPR skills, so attire such as scrubs and sneakers is strongly recommended. Break times may vary based on the number of attendees.

To attain RECOVER BLS and ALS Rescuer Certification upon the completion of this in-person workshop each participant must successfully participate in simulated BLS and ALS skills and scenarios.

Enrollment is limited and attendance will be granted to registrants who complete all requirements promptly (see below for important details).

Registration for this session will close once the attendee limit has been reached.

PRE-REQUISITES:

Completion of the RECOVER BLS and ALS online courses listed above, with a PDF of both course certificates submitted **prior to April 1st 2026**.

A link for certificate uploads will be provided upon receipt of pre-registration and payment.

Failure to upload both Certificates to the link by this deadline will result in forfeiture of your registration for the RECOVER BLS and ALS workshop.

Steps for those who wish to attend this RECOVER Workshop:

1. Select registration for the 2026 NHVTA Spring Symposium on the NHVTA registration page.
2. Select pre-registration for the RECOVER BLS & ALS Workshop on the same NHVTA registration page.
3. Submit payment for **both** the NHVTA Spring Symposium **and** the RECOVER Workshop fees.

4. Submit the PDFs of **both** the RECOVER BLS **and** ALS course certificates to the link that will be sent to you via email as soon as possible before the deadline (4/1/26) in order to secure your registration for this workshop.

Please note that RECOVER Workshop attendees will only be able to attend the RECOVER BLS & ALS Workshop track and will not be able to attend presentations from the Main Lecture Track or any other limited enrollment sessions.