



# Gainesville Region

The first meeting of its kind, The Florida Veterinary Technician Association held a regional meeting for Gainesville and its surrounding areas June 11th, 2014. The meeting was held in the Banfield conference room inside the small animal hospital at The University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine, in Gainesville Fl. Carrie Anderson, FVTA current president, introduced the group to the FVTA, its future goals and most recent updates. Barbara Lewis DVM, Professional Consulting Veterinarian for Hills Pet Nutrition, presented the group with a discussion on Feline cystitis and provided the group with dinner. The responses that have been sent before and after the meeting have been positive and many technicians in the Gainesville area are very excited to see the organization moving around and making appearances around the state. On Behalf of the FVTA Gainesville Region, I would like to thank Dr. Lewis, Hills Pet Nutrition, Carrie Anderson and The University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. Because of the positive response and interest from the meeting attendees and FVTA members, more regional meetings in Gainesville and in other regions of the state are being arranged.

*I am so pleased to see the FVTA coming to UF! - Bonnie Heatwole, CVT*

*As a CVT and Active member of the Florida Veterinary Technicians Association, I feel passionate about having a professional organization and I want to see it grow and develop. With a lot of advise and support I arranged a meet and greet. I know this concept is somewhat new and I want all of our members to know, I wanted to do this because I felt as an organization we needed to be more visible, more active to strengthen our member base and to grow awareness of what it means to the hard working veterinary technicians of Florida to have a professional organization they can be a part of and be proud to call their own. - Chiquitha Crews CVT*

