



## [Teri Kleist, CVT, VTS \(Surgery\)](#)

Teri (Raffel) Kleist graduated from the Madison Area Technical College Veterinary Technician Program in May 1981. After one year in a mixed practice in Oregon WI, Teri moved to Indiana for a position in the Small Animal Surgery department at Purdue University. In July 1983 Teri returned home to Madison to accept a position as a surgery technician at the new University of Wisconsin Veterinary School. In 1991 Teri moved to the Madison Area [Technical College Veterinary Technician program](#) to combine her love of teaching and veterinary medicine. Having moved through various positions within the program, Teri is still there, 27 years later, and is the Lead Laboratory Coordinator and afternoon Animal Care Supervisor.

Teri had been involved in organized veterinary medicine her entire career by holding leadership positions in her state association, Legislative committee chair for over 20 years with the state assn, President Trilogy for NAVTA, Chair of the VTNE committee with AAVSB and Executive Board member for AVTE. Teri co-authored the textbook “Surgical Patient Care for Veterinary Technicians and Nurses” with Gerianne Holzman and has contributed to several other textbooks.

Teri was a charter member of AVST and has been the Secretary for a couple of terms as well as a member of the Exam committee. As the new President – Elect, Teri has hopes and dreams for the growth of AVST.

Teri lives in Cottage Grove WI with her husband and his two dogs, Molly and Daisy. Teri has three adult sons, two of whom live in Madison and the youngest is stationed in So. California as a Sr. Airman with the Air Force.