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# Vetech View

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE - User Meeting dates changed!!!

The dates for the users meeting have been changed by one week to **September 15,16, and 17**. The meeting schedule will be as follows

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Friday 9/15 8:00 – 12:00

Saturday 9/16 8:00 – 5:00

Sunday 9/17 8:00 – 12:00

Friday afternoon is free time for a variety of activities such as golf, boating, or seeing the local sites in Austin, TX. Please call our office to reserve your spot.

### Server Computer – Do you need one?

For network users, Advantage uses a traditional client/server approach to its functionality. The advantage application (client) resides on each workstation and connects to a server computer which stores the practice data. The server computer processes the requests from all client computers and sends a minimal amount of data back to the client computer.

For many years it was necessary to dedicate a computer to be the server computer. The server computer did not actually run any programs, it's sole responsibility was to manage the network traffic and of course your valuable data. This is where the term "dedicated server" comes from.

With improvements to both processing power of computers and also the Windows operating systems, many smaller networks no longer need a "dedicated" server computer. In general, our recommendation is that networks smaller than eight computers, are fine with a high end computer running Windows XP Professional acting as the server computer. This computer can also be used to run Advantage as a normal workstation.

For larger networks, today's server computers and server operating systems are better than ever. For a very reasonable price, server computers can be upgraded with mirrored hard drives (if one hard drive crashes you don't lose any data!). Also upgrading to a higher end power supply to protect against power issues, upgrading the memory, and motherboard are all very inexpensive options to add more stability to your server computer.

Microsoft has also improved over the years. In 2003 they introduced Windows Server 2003 and Small business server 2003 operating systems. These products are designed to run on a server computer as opposed to Windows XP which is designed to run on a client computer.

*Thought for the month:* [Guard well within yourself that treasure, kindness. Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret, how to acquire without meanness.](#)

[George Sand \(1804 - 1876\)](#)



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### **Holiday Note**

We will be closed on  
Tuesday,  
July 4<sup>th</sup> for  
Independence day.

We're on the Web!  
See us at:  
[www.vet-software.com](http://www.vet-software.com)

Included with the Small Business Server operating system is Microsoft SQL Server database. This is the database that Advantage uses.

So, for larger networks (8+ computers) or networks that are growing, we recommend the combination of a high end server computer with some of the upgrades mentioned above, along with the Microsoft small business server operating system. Even smaller networks may benefit in the long run from the stability of server products.

### **Your Patients and your Computers**

It may be quite a common site at your practice to see the "clinic cat(s)" or "clinic dog(s)" nestled near or on top of one of your computers. For some reason, they seem to gravitate to computers. Your first reaction might be "Oh how cute".

Unfortunately veterinary clinics are one of the worst environments for computers. Animal hair constantly gets sucked into the cooling systems of computers. This can cause fans to malfunction, which can lead to larger problems. Animals walking near computers can unplug cables, or damage keyboards. We also routinely hear of computers failing due to cats urinating on them. So please be aware of some of the potential negative possibilities when you see animals near your computers.

### **Husband Store**

A store that sells new husbands has just opened in New York City, where a woman may go to choose a husband. Among the instructions at the entrance is a description of how the store operates.

You may visit the store ONLY ONCE! There are six floors and the attributes of the men increase as the shopper ascends the flights.

There is, however, a catch: you may choose any man from a particular floor, or you may choose to go up a floor, but you cannot go back down except to exit the building!

So, a woman goes to the Husband Store to find a husband.

On the first floor the sign on the door reads: Floor 1 - These men have jobs.

The second floor sign reads: Floor 2 - These men have jobs and love kids.

The third floor sign reads: Floor 3 - These men have jobs, love kids, and are extremely good looking "Wow," she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going.

She goes to the fourth floor and sign reads: Floor 4 - These men have jobs, love kids, are drop-dead good looking and help with the housework. "Oh, mercy me!" she exclaims, "I can hardly stand it."

Still, she goes to the fifth floor and sign reads: Floor 5 - These men have jobs, love kids, are drop-dead gorgeous, help with the housework, and have a strong romantic streak.

She is so tempted to stay, but she goes to the sixth floor and the sign reads: Floor 6 - You are visitor 31,456,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at the Husband Store.

A New Wives store opened across the street.

The first floor has wives that love sex.

The second floor has wives that love sex and have money.

The third through sixth floors have never been visited.