

May 2008

Volume 18, Issue 5

# Vetech View

## Get the Most Out of Your System

Vetech Software Services, Inc. (800) 677-8832

### *Inside:*

- Update
- Windows Vista
- Humor

## Holiday Schedule

Vetech  
will be  
**CLOSED**  
in observance  
of **Memorial**



## New Advantage Update Shipping Soon!



Expect the next Advantage release to arrive (both email and CD) within the next 30-45 days. Shipping is typically staggered over a period of a few weeks. A full list of new features will be included with the update, but here are a few of the highlights to look for.

**Automatic Backup Scheduler:** Setup a schedule to have your valuable Advantage data automatically backed up every day – or multiple times per day!

**Multi-Department Support:** Also referred to as multi-location support, this feature allows Advantage to track multiple departments or multiple practice locations connected via a wide area network. Note: This feature is an add-on module and only included for practices that have purchased Advantage Elite edition.

**Client & Patient:** New field for client fax number added. New checkbox to indicate “mixed” breeds.

**Appointments:** New option to print appointments on client invoices, new appointment summary report.

**Transactions:** New invoice line item notes templates to pre-define invoice line notes.

**Medical Records:** New Client Communication menu to document all client communication. New Heska and Idexx lab equipment integrated for easy result importing. Support for Idexx Vetconnect web site importing. More drawing tools added for image markup including an eraser tool.

**Security:** Edit time tracker hours always requires a password entry. New security option added for transfer patient feature,

### Quote of the month

*People think computers will keep them from making mistakes. They're wrong. With computers you make mistakes faster.*

- Adam Osborne



150 N. Wiget Lane  
Suite 211  
Walnut Creek, CA  
94598

PHONE:  
(800) 677-8832  
(925) 932-5044

FAX:  
(925) 932-5597

E-MAIL:  
info@vet-software.com



---

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

## Windows Vista Compatibility

Advantage has been compatible with Windows Vista since it was introduced in early 2007. With our release of version 25.250, we included support for Microsoft SQL server 2005 and also Microsoft .net framework version 2.0.

Windows Vista introduces more security features than previous versions of Windows. In general this is a good feature, however added security also makes it more difficult to accomplish basic functions like adding a new computer on your network or setting up a shared printer. By default, many security settings are enabled in Vista that you need to be aware of when adding or sharing devices. Here is a quick summary of some things to look for, Vista also offers a huge help menu, and there are many, many articles on the web devoted to these topics.

**User Account Control:** This is a new feature in Vista that requires the operator to "allow" many setup functions by clicking a "Continue" button. It is not necessary to disable this feature, but makes doing any system configuration much easier if this is disabled. You can disable this feature from Control Panel/User Accounts menu.

**Windows Firewall:** Windows firewall was introduced a few years ago with Windows XP service pack 2. Like many security features, Windows firewall is a good thing. Windows firewall prevents access to your computer and does a very good job of it. If you want to share your computer or printers on a network, you do not have to disable the Windows firewall, but rather you can keep it enabled and add exceptions to allow only certain functions and programs access to your computer. On the firewall menu, there is an exceptions menu and you should add the Advantage program, and both SQL server and SQL browser programs to the exception list. For more specifics on this, call our office and we can send our installation documentation which has the details.

**Network setup:** Windows Vista Network and Sharing Center has added several new options including Network discovery, File Sharing, Public folder sharing, printer sharing, and password protected sharing. To allow access from a local network and programs such as Advantage, network discovery should be turned on. file sharing on. and password protection should be set

---

### SUCCESS:

At age 4 success is .... not peeing in your pants.  
At age 12 success is ... having friends.  
At age 17 success is ... having a driver's license.  
At age 35 success is ... having money.  
At age 50 success is ... having money.  
At age 70 success is ... having a drivers license.  
At age 75 success is ... having friends.  
At age 80 success is ... not peeing in your pants.