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## New Advantage Version Shipping Soon

Finishing touches are being made to the next Advantage and Advantage for Equine software update. This new update will begin shipping this month. Here is a brief summary of what's on this release.

**New Antech/Zoasis lab integration features.** Save time and eliminate mistakes by creating and printing Antech lab requisition orders directly from the patient medical record.

**Abaxix VS2 and HM5 lab machines** are now integrated with Advantage medical records.

**TimeTracker** employee time clock now uses clock on server computer only – not workstation computers. This will alleviate discrepancies between the time settings on different computers.

**Required fields when adding a new client or new patient** can now be user defined. If you always require a cell phone number, now Advantage can help you enforce this.

**Email Appointment** reminders to clients with upcoming appointments

**New invoice line item counter** to quickly see how many lines an invoice contains.

Ability to create a **new estimate and close this estimate** in one step.

New **Provider Analyzer report** with year over year percentage production changes.

New **Summary Statement of Account** to reduce paper

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*Quote of the month:* We don't see things as they are, we see things as we are.

**Anais Nin (1903 - 1977)**

## Advantage Pet ID cards

What a great response to our introduction of Pet ID cards. Thank you for all the calls and E-mails. Just a reminder, Veterinary Metrics is still offering your first 100 Pet ID cards for free, so contact our office to get this great service started.

## Hardware Assessment

The end of the year is a great time to assess your computer hardware. In general, simply having an idea of the age of your equipment is a good place to start. After four to five years of age, it typically makes sense to replace computers. Once computers hit this age, the likelihood of a failure (hard disk, motherboard, memory, power supply, etc) goes up dramatically. A veterinary clinic is not an ideal environment for computers. The other factor is that computer power increases dramatically over time and prices have stayed very reasonable.

VETECH's recommendation is to never let a server computer get more than five years old. Your server computer store's all of your practice management software data. If your server is even close to five years old, you should at least start the process of shopping for a new one. We recommend a server computer be setup with multiple hard drives (mirroring) to prevent data loss. Years ago, this option added over \$1,000 to the cost of a server computer, today it adds maybe \$150 to the cost. A very modest price for the protection it offers. Call our office for any suggestions, recommendations, and a quote on upgrading any of your equipment.

## Stop the Paper

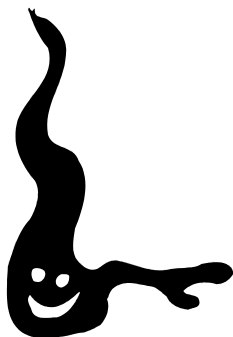
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## What's in a name??

The famous Olympic skier Picabo Street (pronounced Pee-Ka-Boo) is not just an athlete...she is now a nurse, currently working at an Intensive Care Unit of a large metropolitan hospital. She is not permitted to answer the hospital telephones any longer. It caused too much confusion when she would answer the phone and say, Picabo, I.C.U.

A good clean joke is hard to find these days-- (Admit it ... you're smiling).

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