

BCVTA Newsletter



Antonia Laoutaris, RVT, VTS (A&A) leading a hands-free x-ray wet lab



Conference guests enjoying a break in sessions

And that's a wrap! The 2023 BCVTA Spring Conference was a fun way to learn new skills, grow as professionals, and build meaningful connections with others in our field.

Our deepest thanks go to all the sponsors, speakers, organizers, and members who made the 2023 BCVTA Spring Conference, AGM, and Trade Show a smashing success.



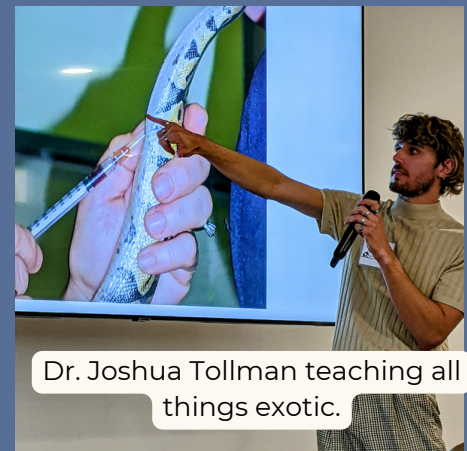
Jen Burke, RVT, VTS (A&A) shows off her t-shirt custom made for her lecture.



BCVTA Board members and staff preparing for the AGM. (Missing: Marina John)



Brianne Fudge, RVT organized the first RVT business trade show!



Dr. Joshua Tollman teaching all things exotic.

Service Pins!



The BCVTA has pins available for members that have reached service milestones of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years in the RVT profession.

If you are a member that graduated in a year ending in 3 or 8 and you haven't received your pin, please send your address to executivedirector@bcvta.com and we will send your pin!

Douglas College Foundation raises over \$260,000 in support of veterinary technology students.

The Douglas College Foundation launched a campaign in October 2022 to raise funds to support students at the beginning of their RVT careers. The campaign raised \$130,000 through donations by the Douglas College community and veterinary industry partners. This total was matched dollar-for-dollar by Douglas College, for a total of \$260,000.00.

The fund will cover the third term of tuition for three veterinary technology students, helping them lighten their financial load during the most intensive practical semester of courses.

Click the button below to read the full report from Douglas College.

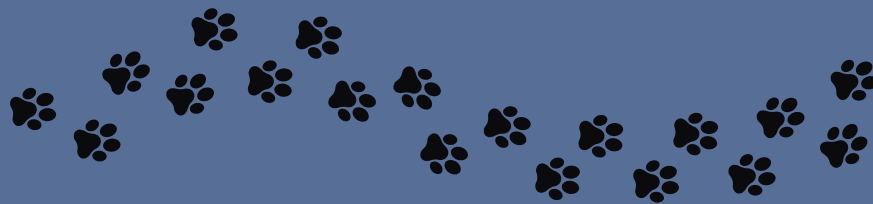


Continuing Education Requirements

Starting with the May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024 continuing education (CE) collection period, the annual CE requirements have increased to 15 credits per year.

This change is in line with the requirements for BC Veterinarians and RVTs in other provincial associations.

If you need ideas for CE activities, please visit the BCVTA website.



ARE YOU A VETERINARIAN OR VET TECH IN BC?



SFU has launched a survey on **ticks** and **tick-borne diseases** and wants to hear from you!



Complete the survey at: tinyurl.com/sfuvet or scan the QR Code

2023 BCVTA Awards



Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 BCVTA Awards. Clockwise from top left: Practice of the Year: Maple Ridge Veterinary Hospital, Appreciation Award: Denise Hitt, Tinille Mckenzie-Wyatt (presented by Brynne Hagerman). RVT of the Year: Trina Legge. Not pictured: Volunteer of the Year: Daniel Harvey, Mentorship Award: Abbey Bowie

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3. Enter BCVTA BC Vet Tech Association in the company/association field and select your company from the drop down
4. Upload proof of BCVTA BC Vet Tech Association membership (PDF or JPG formats)
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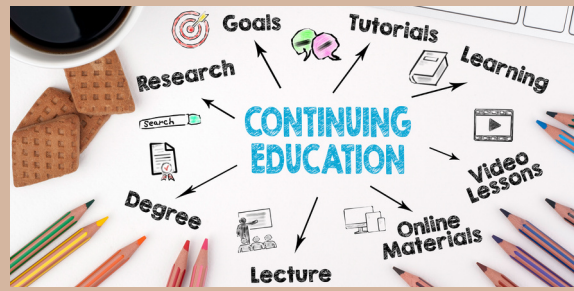
As a member of the BCVTA, you can now receive a free month of therapy with BetterHelp, the world's largest provider of online therapy. This benefit is also extended to your dependents and household members. BetterHelp allows you to connect with your therapist in a safe environment. All therapists are licensed and accredited professionals.

With online therapy through BetterHelp, you will be paired with a therapist based upon your individual preferences and needs. You'd be able to communicate with your therapist via four modalities of your choice - live video, audio or messaging as well as unlimited asynchronous texting. You can find additional details about this offer by heading to the Member Benefits section of the member portal.





Check the job board on the BCVTA website for current openings for RVTs!



- May 20-21 - Think Anesthesia Conference 2023
- June 19 - 20 - Difficult Conversations in Vet Med
- June 14 - Aug 11 - Small Animal Emergency Medicine Refresher
- Sept 20 - 23 - AAHA Annual Conference
- Sept 30 - Oct 2 - Canadian Equine Hoof Care Association Conference
- Ongoing - VETgirl

For more details on upcoming CE opportunities, check out the website!



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Have questions? Reach out!

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BCVTA Office Hours:

Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm