

BCVTA NEWSLETTER

August 2025

BCVTA Board Meeting Highlights

There was no board meeting for the month of August, the next meeting will be September 8, 2025.

Meet your 2025-2026 Board of Directors!

Last month you heard from your new president, now we would like to introduce all existing and new Board members. This is a diverse and accomplished group who bring a wealth of experience, vision, and expertise to guide our organization into its next chapter of growth and innovation. Some familiar faces and some fresh, all here to work together to progress and guide the BCVTA into the future! Get to know the board further [here](#).

Have questions about joining the board? Email executivedirector@bcvta.com.



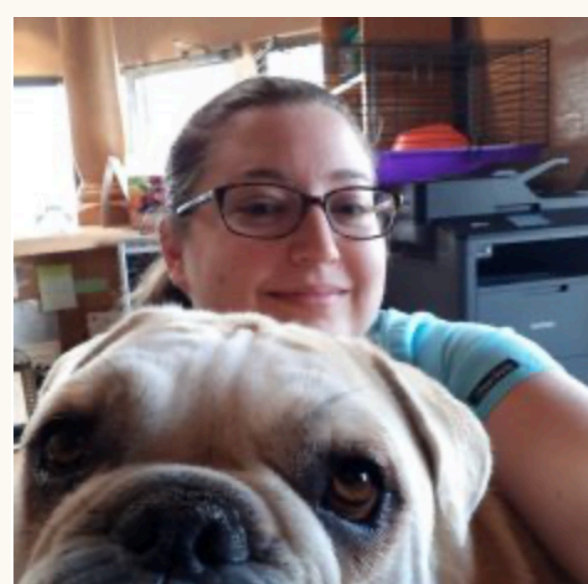
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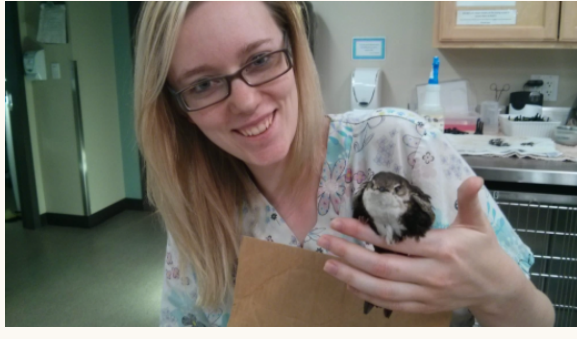
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Boehringer Ingelheim newest study overview's the relationship and understanding between clients and veterinary support staff.

The article highlights findings from Boehringer Ingelheim's 2025 "Going Beyond" survey of animal owners, which reveals a disconnect between how animal owners and veterinary professionals perceive the veterinary profession:

94% of animal owners appreciate veterinarians, while only **49% of veterinary professionals** feel appreciated. **65% of animal owners** believe veterinarians have a good work-life balance, whereas **48% of vets** feel underappreciated for sacrificing work-life balance to care for animals.

These contrasting views follow a 2024 survey of veterinarians, showing the profession often feels misunderstood and underrecognized. The surveys are part of Boehringer Ingelheim's Going Beyond campaign, which aims to raise awareness of the challenges vets face and encourage the public to show more appreciation for their work. Going Beyond is a campaign developed by Boehringer Ingelheim, in cooperation with the [Canadian Animal Health Institute](#), [World Small Animal Vet Association](#), the [World Association for Buiatrics](#), and other leading organizations. [Launched for the first time for World Veterinary Day 2024](#), Going Beyond aims to showcase the boundless dedication, resilience and passion of veterinarians who care for animals in often challenging circumstances. The ultimate goal is to help veterinarians feel seen, appreciated and motivated to continue doing what they do best – caring for our beloved animals.

Link to the article and video [here](#)

BCVTA RVT Learning Series

Registration for the 2025 RVT Learning Series will open soon, with fresh new changes.

Starting in September 2025, this webinar series will offer a total of 11 sessions over 6 months. Register for one or receive an additional discount and register for them all!

Details on how to register will be emailed to members before the end of August!



RVT LEARNING SERIES

SEPTEMBER 2025 - FEBRUARY 2026



BCVTA STORE



Have you got some BCVTA merch yet? Rock some cool RVT swag wherever you are! The online store has a variety of items to wear, and they will ship right to your door. Our Vitally Important campaign is available on majority of clothing items as well. [Shop here.](#)

guided 2025 Leadership Experience in Victoria, BC

September 27-29, 2025

Registration for guided 2025 is closing in one week! This is a workshop-based conference where everybody learns together and leaves with applicable and practical knowledge.

This is not just a valuable opportunity to develop leaders and their personal and professional leadership skills, it is also an opportunity to bond and network with like-minded individuals. There is only one track and all speakers stay for the whole event, so we truly will be immersed, together!

Click the links to find more information on the [topics](#) and [speakers](#)!

Immersive learning with subject matter experts known for their roles in driving positive change.



"Good Enough" is Never Good Enough: Redefining Success in Veterinary Leadership

Betsy Charles
DVM MA



The Art of Affordability: Marketing Strategies That Build Trust & Treatment Compliance

Caitlin DeWilde
DVM



No More Wingin' It: Annual Planning That Works

Stephanie Goss



Too Busy to Breathe? 5 Science-Backed Shifts to Expand Your Capacity & Lead with Ease

Loretta Cella
MA Leadership PCC



& **Shona Kowtecky**
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DON'T MISS OUT!

SEPTEMBER 27TH - 29TH, 2025

Victoria, British Columbia

Vet Alliance believes in shared learning – because that leads to more effective idea generation, knowledge development, and implementation.

It is why we strongly encourage practices to send two leadership team members, and why we provide a second registration for a colleague from the same practice at a reduced rate.

Vet Alliance Member exclusive registration rate is \$749^{+tax}, and a 2nd attendee from your practice can join for \$699^{+tax}.

We welcome non-VA member registration for **\$849^{+tax}**, and a 2nd attendee from your practice can join for **\$799^{+tax}**.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR DETAILS**



Victoria
BRITISH COLUMBIA

guided takes us across Canada—not just to learn, but to truly connect. Join us for Vet Alliance OnTour on Saturday, September 27th: an optional pre-conference day on the water, exploring Victoria's stunning coast, sharing stories, and experiencing a part of Canada where many of our members live, work, and play. **Experience Victoria—beyond the conference room.**



Upcoming CE Events

- Sept 4-8 - IVECCS
- September 27-29 - guided 2025
- Oct 18-21 - CanWest Veterinary Conference
- Oct 31-Nov 1 - VET 2025 Veterinary Education Today Conference and Medical Exposition
- Nov 7-9 - SVBC Fall Conference
- Dec 7-10 AAEVT 21st Annual Convention

[Check out the website for more continuing education opportunities!](#)

[Keep an eye on the BCVTA Job Board for career opportunities!](#)



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