

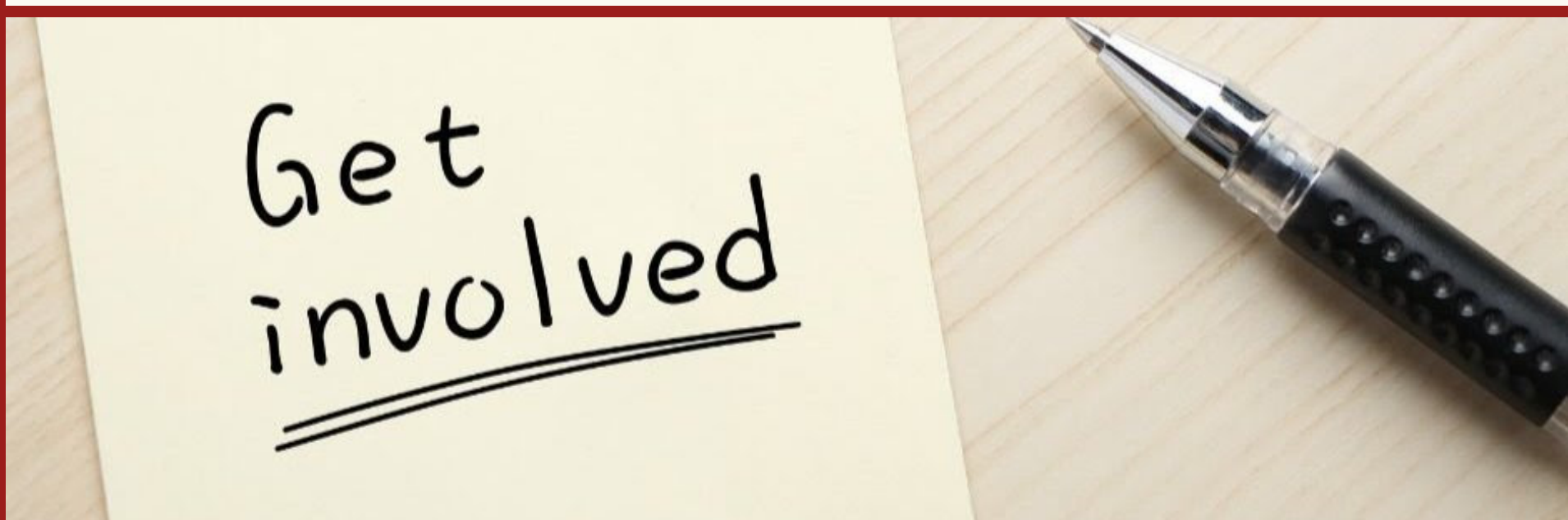
BCVTA NEWSLETTER

January 2025

January 13, 2025 BCVTA Board Meeting Highlights

- Discussed the December Town Hall session and made plans for sessions in March/April - details will be announced soon!
- Reached a decision regarding RVTTTC membership. Details will be provided to members in a separate communication.
- Approved proposal from Hill and Knowlton to work on acceleration of regulation of RVTs.
 - The Executive Director is pursuing grant funding to reduce the cost to the association and will wait for the outcome in February 2025 to commence this work.
- Reviewed the Quarterly Financial Report.
- Approved updates to Section 9: Membership of the policy manual.
- Active engagement by all directors in discussions and decision making processes.

Next meeting February 10, 2025



The BCVTA is looking for members interested in joining the following committees:

Awards Working Group:

- Review current awards and provide recommendations for changes, updates or additions
- Maintain the process for nominations for these awards
- Evaluate nominations and select winners

The Awards Working Group meets in February and March by Zoom and completes some work individually.

Complaints Committee

- Receives and evaluates complaints related to member conduct
- Provides recommendations to the Board of Directors for appropriate action
- May refer complaints to the Inquiry Committee for further investigation

The Complaints Committee meets by Zoom on an as needed basis when complaints are received. Meetings dates and times are arranged to accommodate committee members' schedules.

Continuing Education Committee

- Establishes clear guidelines for the assessment of continuing education activities
- Ensures CE activities meet the requirements established by the Association
- Assesses and monitors the quality, validity, and relevance of the continuing education activities submitted by BCVTA members
- Reviews all policies related to CE and recommend updates as needed
- Performs an annual audit of member education records

The Continuing Education Committee meets in March, June, and July by Zoom. Meeting schedule is arranged to accommodate committee members' schedules.

Committee and Working Group members earn 2 CE credits annually for their contributions. For more information or to volunteer for a committee, please contact us at executivedirector@bcvta.com.



Melissa Hill, RVT, VTS (ECC) was the recipient of the 2024 RVT of the Year Award.

Award Nominations Open Soon!

Get ready—nominations for the 2025 BCVTA Awards open this March! Consider whether you or someone you know would be an outstanding candidate for one of these categories:

RVT of the Year

This prestigious recognition seeks to highlight individuals who go beyond the routine responsibilities, demonstrating a commitment to professional development, innovation, and leadership within the veterinary technology field.

- BCVTA member in good standing
- Has made significant contributions to the veterinary technology profession
- Excels in all aspects of their field
- Active in the improvement and awareness of the RVT role in the animal health community and the general public

Mentorship Award

The Mentorship Award is designed to celebrate the exceptional contributions of an individual who goes above and beyond in the role of a mentor and serves as a shining example for both veterinary technology students and fellow Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs). This accolade acknowledges not only their dedication to guiding others but also their embodiment of qualities that inspire and uplift those around them.

Criteria:

- BCVTA member of good standing
- Consistently demonstrates a commitment to fostering growth, not only within themselves but also in their mentees and colleagues
- Actively seek out opportunities for personal and professional development, showcasing a proactive approach to learning and improvement
- Genuinely invests time and effort in nurturing the skills, knowledge, and confidence of those under their guidance
- Positive and motivational impact on the entire veterinary technology community

Practice of the Year

The Practice of the Year award recognizes a veterinary facility that aligns with the BCVTA's vision, striving for every animal care facility in BC to employ and fully utilize Registered Veterinary Technologists (RVTs). The winning practice actively fosters the development of RVTs by establishing an environment that not only supports growth and continuous learning but also upholds the highest standards of professional respect for the veterinary technology profession.

Criteria:

- Employs a minimum of one BCVTA member in good standing
- Committed to promoting the professional development of their RVT employees
- Inspires RVT employees to explore and advance their careers within a culture of excellence
- Consistently demonstrates respect for the veterinary technology profession
- Accurately utilizes and promotes the title 'Registered Veterinary Technologist' in all relevant contexts

BCVTA CONTINUING EDUCATION

Gut Instincts: Navigating Gastrointestinal Nutrition for Cats and Dogs

When a pet has a gastrointestinal illness or dysbiosis the owners are looking for relief for their pet and relief from the cleanup duty. The question is, which diet do you choose? Do we need high fat or low fat? Is fiber really our friend and is one type of fiber going to give the same results as another? This session will review how core nutrients can benefit pets with gastrointestinal conditions to improve confidence when making a nutrition recommendation.

Learning Objectives:

- The attendee will be able to differentiate symptoms of large bowel and small bowel diarrhea.
- The attendee will be able to list 3 different characteristics of fiber and how they can influence gastrointestinal symptoms.
- The attendee will be able to explain why reaching for antimicrobial drugs as first-line response for large bowel diarrhea may not provide the best resolution using current research as an example.

Cost:
\$50.00 for BCVTA RVT and Non-Resident RVT Members
\$35.00 for BCVTA Student, Non-Practicing and Retired Members
\$75.00 for Non-BCVTA members

CE Credits: Earn 1 CE credits upon completion!

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Speaker: Robin Saar, RVT, VTS (Nutrition)

Robin is a seasoned registered technologist with a VTS in Nutrition. Her professional experience includes working in small and mixed animal practices. Robin is a peer-reviewed published author and recently completed the first dedicated textbook "Small Animal Microbiomes and Nutrition". Robin is a Sr. Scientific Communication Technician with Royal Canin and volunteers on multiple animal nutrition organization boards. Robin is additionally completing her MSc in Animal Nutrition through Glasgow University.

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- January 15 - Clinical Pathology of Herpetiles
- January 22 - Gut Instincts: Navigating Gastrointestinal Nutrition for Cats and Dogs
- January 25-29 - Veterinary Meeting and Expo (VMX)
- February 8 - Because I'm Worth It
- February 12 - uniTED Virtual Conference
- February 19 - Managing Medical Mistakes

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



BCVTA SPRING Conference 2025

Conference Highlights:

- **8** educational tracks to cater to your interests
- **10** expert speakers ready to inspire you
- Earn up to **18** CE credits
- **4** interactive workshops
- Extended Trade Show hours
- Networking and Social Events

 **May 23 - 24, 2025**

 **Kamloops, BC**

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Featuring



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RVT, VTS (ECC)



Tabitha Kucera,
RVT, VTS (Behaviour)



Senani Ratnayake,
RVT, BSc.

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