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BCVTA NEWSLETTER

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Introducing a Breakthrough in Ontario Veterinary Legislation

Ontario's Minister of Food, Agriculture and Rural Affairs recently announced the tabling of the Veterinary Professionals Act, 2024, recognizing the crucial role of Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs) in modern veterinary care. This significant legislation represents a milestone in professional advancement. Read on to learn more about this historic development and its implications for our profession.

[More info here!](#)



2024 SPRING Conference

SPEAKERS



Dr. Elaine Klemmens
Professional Coach,
Graphic Recording



Jillian Carr
Financial Planner



Angie Arora
Veterinary Social
Worker

May 24 - 26, 2024

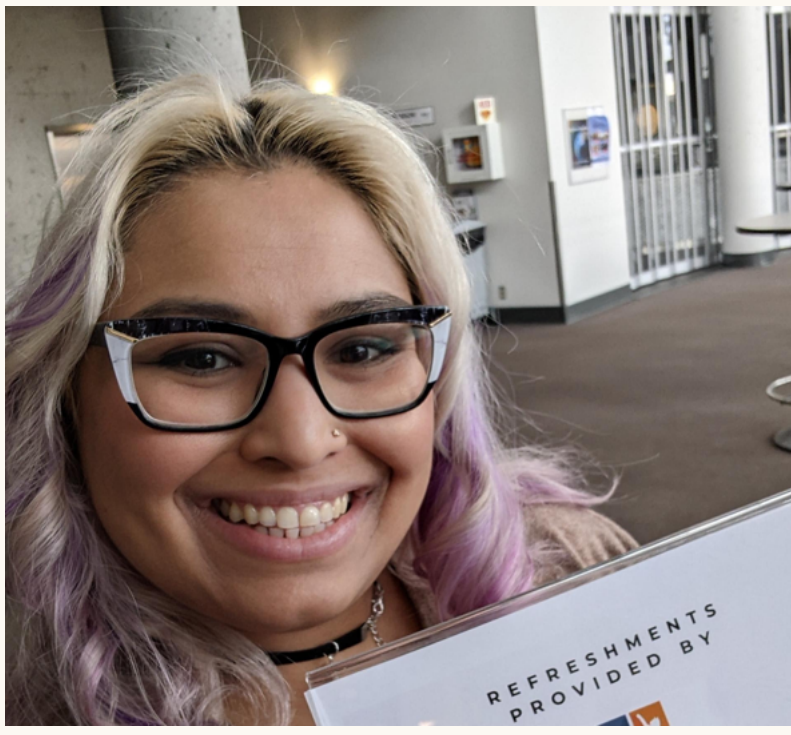
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➡ <https://site.phedloop.com/event/bcvta2024/home/>

- Over 20 hours of engaging CE lectures, hands-on workshops, and labs
- Hands-on learning with sessions on RECOVER CPR, Anesthesia, Dentistry, and Ultrasound.
- Virtual attendance for a convenient option if travel isn't on your agenda.
- Pre-conference webinars that complement conference sessions.
- Captivating keynote sessions, fostering community and expanding your vital soft skills.
- Flexibility to revisit your favorite sessions or catch up on missed ones for up to 90 days after the event.

But wait! There's more! This exciting conference offers more than just educational opportunities.

- Dive into the RVT Social Extravaganza, featuring a Business Fair, Game Night, and Used Book Fair sponsored by Boehringer-Ingelheim
- Connect with industry partners at the Sponsor Trade Show, complete with games, refreshments, and fun!
- Celebrate yourself and your fellow RVTs at the AVP RVT Appreciation and Awards Dinner



More than the Color of My Skin by BCVTA Vice-President Marina John, RVT, BSc.

A BIPOC RVT and her journey: Navigating Adversity in the Veterinary Field.

The memory of my first encounter with overt racism remains etched in my mind. I was only six years old. My family and I were South Indian expats living in the Middle East. It was a hot and humid summer afternoon. The kind of afternoon where the relentless sun's rays beat down on you leaving you drenched in sweat. My father and I were walking home after a trip to the nearby bodega. Mid-way we heard a Jeep speeding up alongside us. Within moments the vehicle jumped the curb and screeched to a halt in front of us. A group of young Middle Eastern men, holding metal pipes and bats, with their faces contorted in rage emerged. They shook their fists and spat at the ground by our feet while yelling obscenities at us. The one phrase which stuck in my mind, which I have since heard many times in my life was, "We don't want you here. Go back to your own country."

You can find Marina's full article on the BCVTA website here: <https://www.bcvta.com/more-than-the-color-of-my-skin/>

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2024 AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!

We are thrilled to announce that nominations for the 2024 BCVTA RVT Awards are officially open! This is your chance to recognize the outstanding contributions of your peers and the remarkable practices in our veterinary community.

To submit your nominations, please visit our website [here](#), where you'll find the nomination forms.



- March 12, 19, and 26 - Post-Pandemic Issues in Veterinary Behaviour
- March 27 - Let's Talk About Ears
- May 3-5 - Certified Canine Fitness Trainer
- May 18-19 - Exotic Veterinary Nurse Training
- May 24-26 - ABVTA Conference
- June 26-30 - CVMA Convention

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

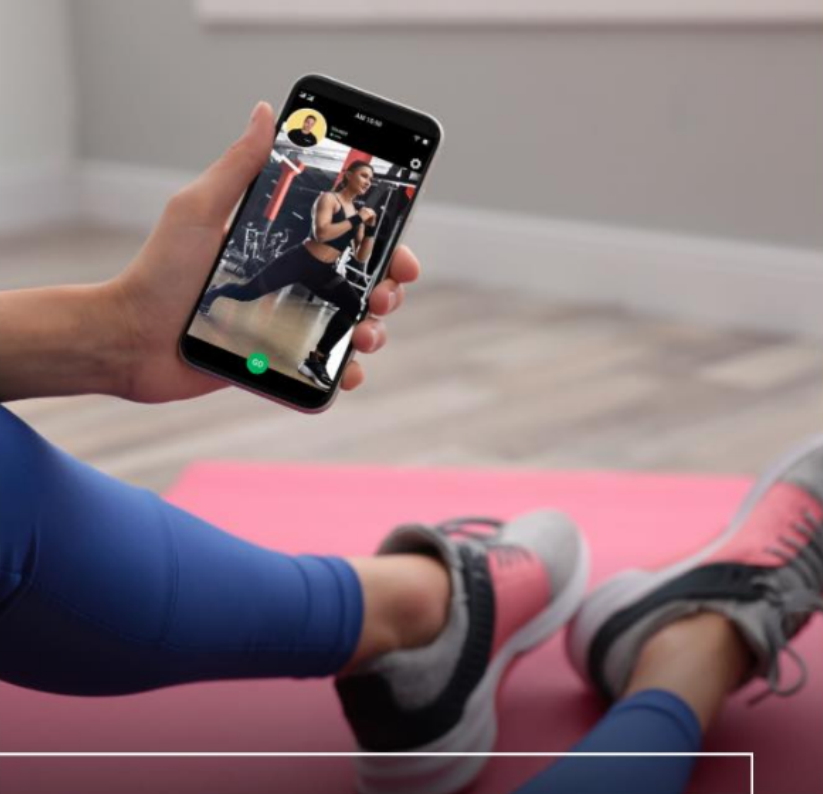
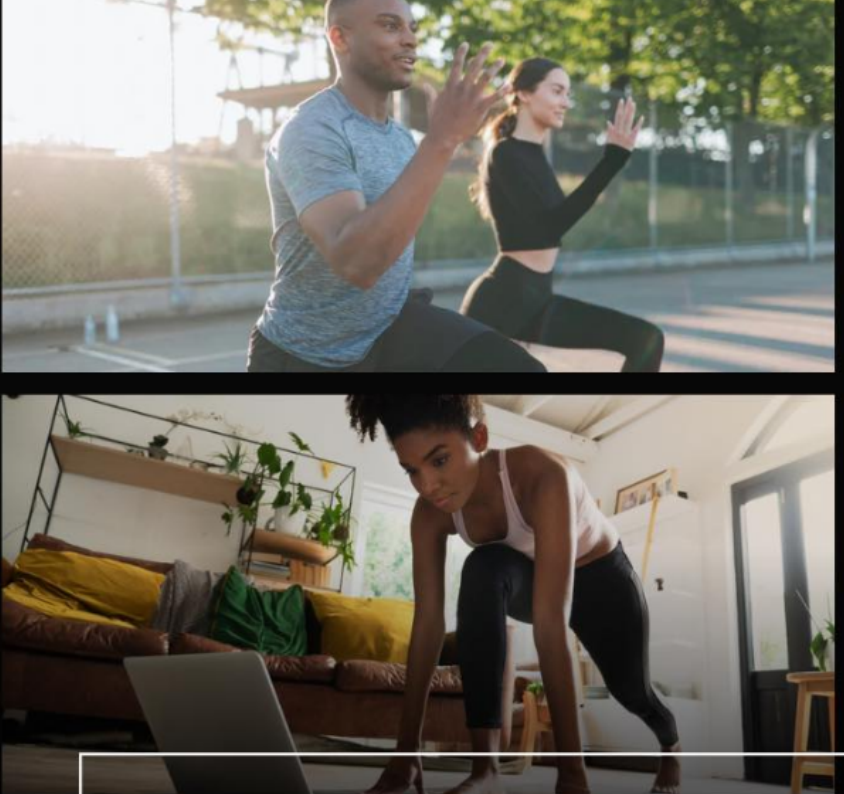
[Keep an eye on the BCVTA Job Board for career opportunities!](#)



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