BCVTA NEWSLETTER March 2025

BCVTA Board Meeting Highlights

February and March 2025

February 10, 2025:

- Proposed Bylaw Amendments: Several amendments have been recommended by the Governance Committee. Discussed proceeding with these proposed amendments at the 2025 AGM vs. reviewing the full bylaws with the support of the lawyer.
- Action: ED to request quote from Fulton and Co. for a full bylaw review • AGM Voting Procedure: Reviewed options for voting to ensure that voting is anonymous, secure, and effective for hybrid AGM. Action: ED to continue to research options that would work and are budget friendly.
- VTNE Early Writing Policy: AAVSB has changed the procedure for how individuals are accepted to write the VTNE. The Board feels that this has no effect on the eligibility requirements for membership with the BCVTA and will leave this decision in the hands of the Program Chairs, in line with the AAVSB.

March 11, 2025: Reviewed AGM procedure and discussed the agenda

- Reviewed Director terms and discussed elections and positions
- Voted to proceed with full bylaw review, so no amendments will be presented Reviewed Committee appointments
- Accepted 2025-2028 Strategic Plan and reviewed key performance indicators Presented Q3 Financial Report Reviewed draft 2025-2026 Budget and provided feedback
- Next meeting April 14, 2025

Reviewed Meeting Procedure

New Foot and Mouth Disease Resources

Highly infectious FMD tries to sneak into Canada!



In today's ever-changing agricultural landscape, it's crucial for producers to stay informed and prepared. Our new resources provide practical, science-based information to help safeguard Canadian herds against potential threats. By being proactive, we can ensure the health and productivity of cattle, ultimately protecting your

livelihoods.

Why These Resources Matter:

What You Can Expect: • Comprehensive Guides: Clinical Signs Poster Educational Videos:

Video: How to Spot the Signs of Foot and Mouth Diseas Video: How to Stop the Spread of Foot and Mouth Disease

- Expert Insights: Articles and webinars featuring leading experts in animal health and biosecurity. Webinar: FMD- Don't Be a Richard
- Webinar: FMD The inside scoop for Veterinarians Advice for Travelers: Video: Don't be a Richard • Fun new comic strips: FMD-Infographic-Comic-1-Final.png (1204×683)
- The idea of new threats can be daunting. However, our goal is to empower producers with the knowledge and tools needed to face these challenges confidently. By utilizing these resources, producers can take proactive steps to protect their herd and ensure the continued success of their operation.
- Feel free to share these new resources with your network and integrate them into your daily practices. Together, we can build a stronger, more resilient beef industry.
- For more information and to access the resources, please visit BeefResearch.ca/FMD. Host a Co-op Student and Shape the Future of

Veterinary Technology! Douglas College Veterinary Technology students who have completed their first year and are returning for their second year in the fall are looking for co-op placements this summer.

• Student Skills: Trained in basic veterinary technology but not anesthesia, dentistry, radiography, or surgical nursing.

• Placement Requirements: Full-time (minimum 420 hours over 12 weeks), paid at least minimum wage, with appropriate mentorship/supervision. • Dates: Students are available May 1 – August 31, 2025.

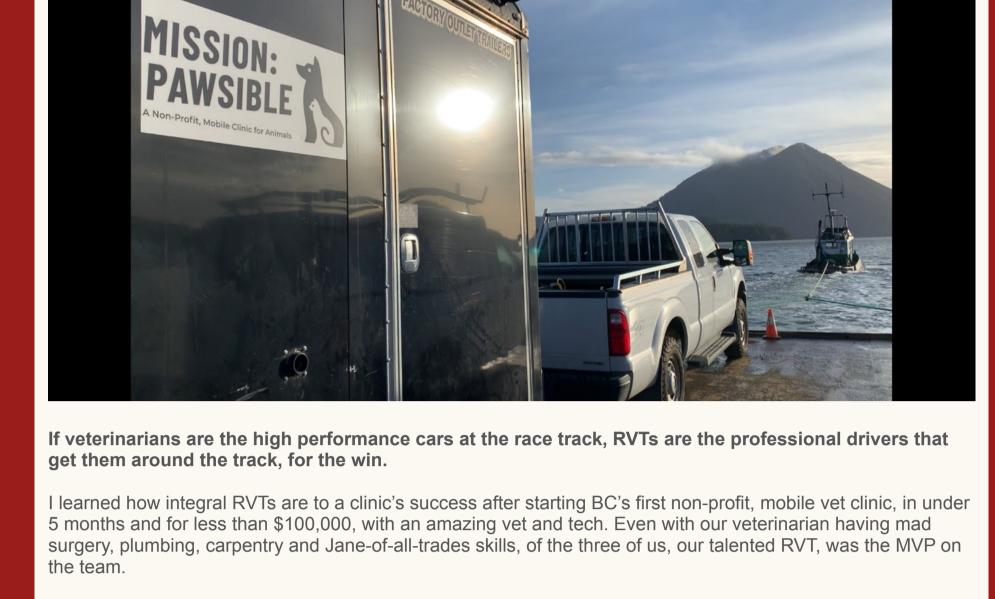
• Location: Most students live in the Lower Mainland; clinics outside the area are encouraged to provide accommodation or travel support.

Key Details:

- Why Participate? • Employers hosting co-op students or practicums have a higher chance of hiring Douglas VTEC graduates.
- Co-op jobs are posted on our job board, where employers control hiring via resumes and interviews. • A new \$750 Co-op Completion Award helps students cover tuition fees, making participation more accessible.

Students will access the job board in mid-February—connect with the Coop Office and post your job ad soon! Employers interested in hosting a

co-op student can reach out to Barb Kojder, Co-op Employer Liaison at Douglas College, via email at kojderb@douglascollege.ca. A Message From Mission Pawsible A Non-Profit, Mobile Clinic for Animals



surgery-ready vetmobile. We have since expanded to a plush, 20-foot vetmobile (a converted shipping container on a flat deck trailer) with a window(!) and ceilings high enough that taller team members now don't bonk their heads on the overhead lights.

Mission Pawsible's inaugural, superstar vet team did the impossible. They accomplished 1,000 or so spay and neuter surgeries in the first year in an uncomfortable, 18-foot enclosed trailer that we converted into a two-room,

Next up, we are working on a 30-foot long vetmobile! And more vetmobiles are being designed. Why? Because dogs, cats and other members of rural and remote communities shouldn't suffer or be disproportionately unsafe just because they don't live in a city.

We are seeding the non-profit vet sector across British Columbia. To do that, we need more vetmobiles to plant in different regions. And those vetmobiles need some stellar RVTs to run them (while being properly paid of course). If you are an RVT and keen to explore a new, difficult but equally rewarding position, please get in touch. We need a few good RVTs to manage our vetmobile operations. Oh, and we can provide some specialized training.

Of course, increased access to essential vet services isn't the only animal-related resource that rural and

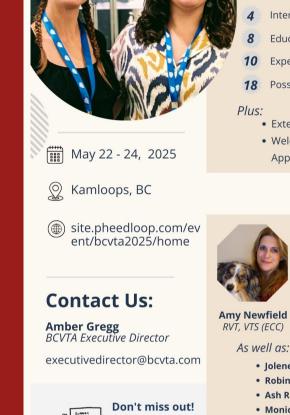
services, animal bylaw enforcement tools and consulting, animal care training, access to funding, etc.

remote communities need to keep dogs, cats, and their fellow community members safe and healthy. That is why our mobile vet teams work alongside our other team members that provide animal management planning

unwanted dogs and cats, and rural and remote communities are equally as safe as urban communities for dogs, cats and everyone else. Email <u>info@missionpawsiblevetclinic.com</u> for more information and/or to discuss how you can help drive the changes needed to make essential veterinary services accessible to everyone, no matter where they live in the province.

Keep in mind that it can sometimes feel like we are just going in circles with this work. That is when we have to remember that each of those laps gets us a little closer to the finish line where there is less suffering, fewer

 March 30: Radiation Safety and Physical Handling Risks May 3-6: 64th Annual CALAS Symposium • May 22-24: BCVTA Spring Conference Conference highlights: • June 25-29: CVMA Convention



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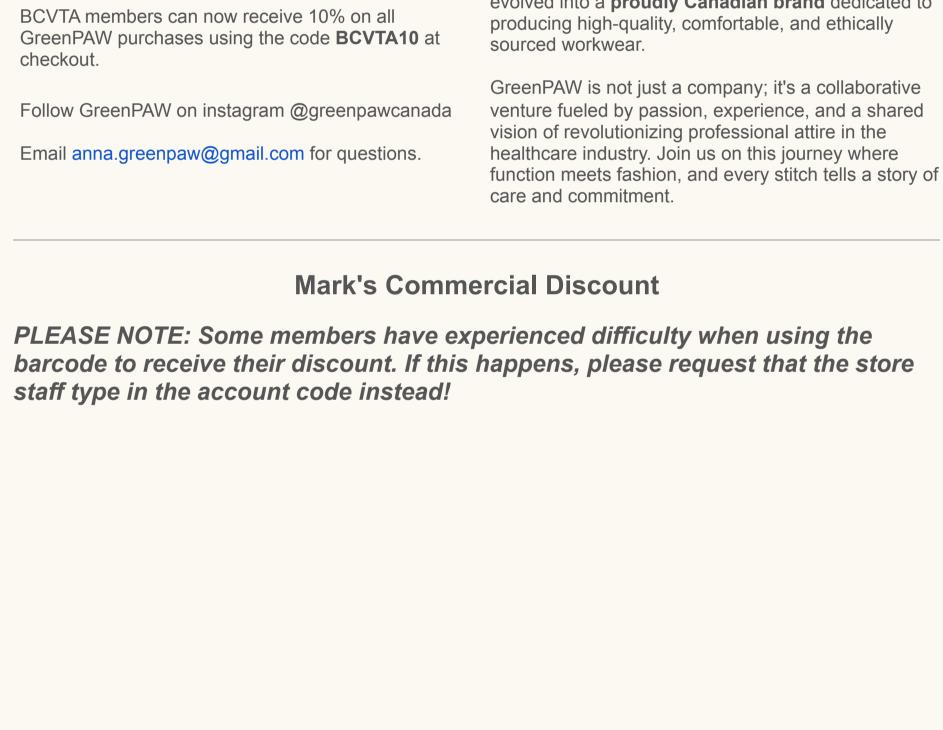
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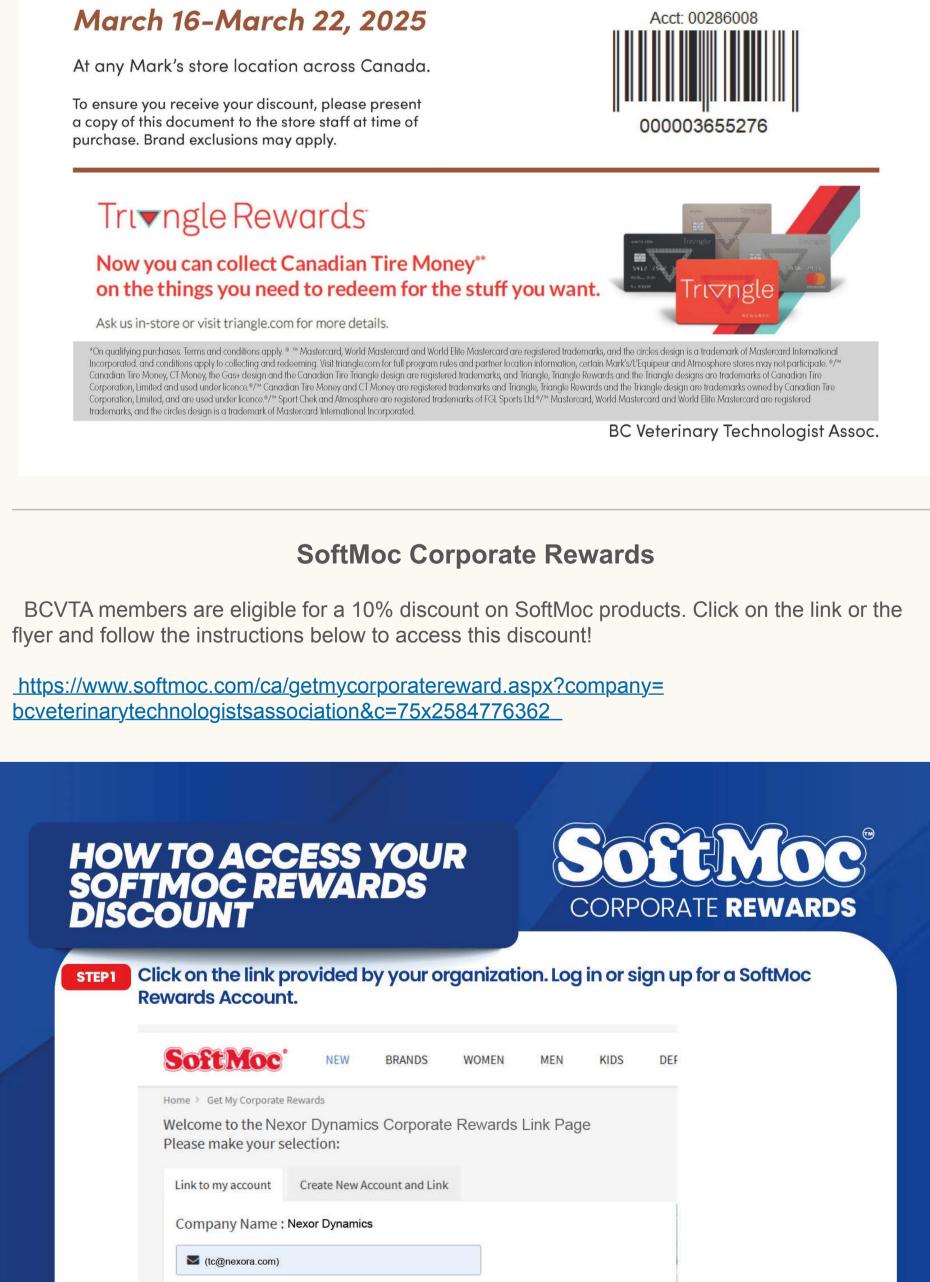
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five years ago. What started as a casual exchange evolved into a **proudly Canadian brand** dedicated to sourced workwear.

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Tick risks in Canada are shifting

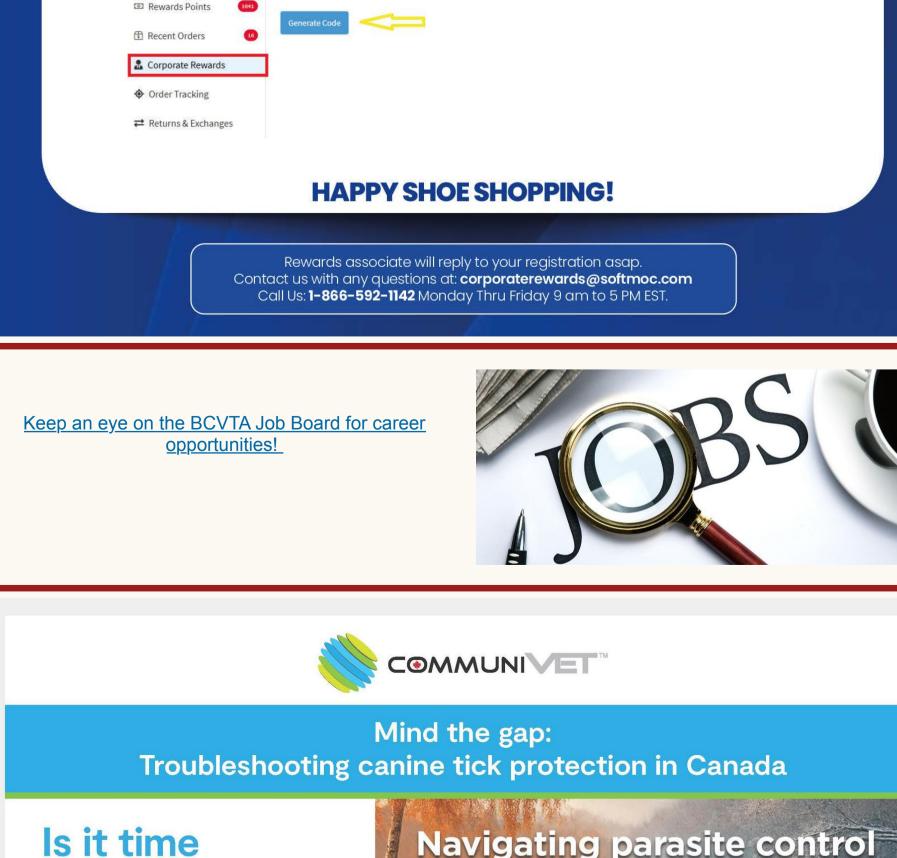
across regions and seasons,

professionals to stay current with the latest scientific data

that can impact parasite control

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See how your perceptions compare to key findings from recent Canadian surveys. You might be surprised by the results! **BONUS:** Complete the quiz before March 28, 2025, and you will be automatically entered into a draw to win

This quiz is Part 1 of Navigating parasite control in a changing world, our four-part series designed to help you stay ahead of the curve. Stay tuned for Part 2 in April, where we'll explore how shifting weather patterns can impact

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