



## BCVTA NEWSLETTER

October 2025



### RVT Month President's Message

October has always been one of my favourite times of year. The crispness in the air, cozy sweaters, and pumpkin spice lattes are all wonderful... but what makes this month truly special for me is RVT Month.

This is our time to pause and celebrate the incredible people who make up our profession. Veterinary Technologists are among the most dedicated individuals I know. We work long hours, often skip breaks, and put ourselves second to our patients without hesitation. We are constantly learning, growing, and pushing ourselves to do better for the animals in our care, for their families, and for one another. We celebrate the happy stories, we cry through the hard ones, and on the busiest days we always find a moment for a kitten cuddle or a tail wag. This balance of resilience and compassion is what makes our profession so unique and so vital.

This month, I encourage each of you to take a moment to reflect. Think about your journey, the highs and lows and the steps you've taken to get to where you are today. Be proud of your expertise, your skills, and the countless lives you've touched along the way.

You are a professional, a leader in patient care, and a critical part of every veterinary team. You are the steady hands, the sharp minds, and the compassionate hearts that make a difference every single day.

So please, remember to celebrate yourself this month. You deserve it.

On behalf of the BCVTA, I want to wish you all a very Happy RVT Month. Thank you for your dedication, your passion, and the important role you play in advancing veterinary medicine.

With gratitude,

Amanda Barker, RVT, CVPP  
President, BCVTA

### October is RVT Month!!

We are proud to announce that the Province of British Columbia has once again issued an official proclamation recognizing October as RVT Month!!

This annual recognition underscores RVTs' vital role as indispensable, highly skilled professionals at the forefront of animal health care, safeguarding animal welfare and protecting British Columbia's veterinary system.

[Click here](#) for a full news release with more details for your information and sharing.



#### Canada Province of British Columbia A Proclamation

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

**To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting**

WHEREAS registered veterinary technologists (RVTs) are highly skilled members of the veterinary health care team who work to provide quality animal health care to ensure the humane treatment of all animals and to ensure public safety and animal and

WHEREAS over 1,400 formally educated RVTs work in British Columbia in general practice, specialty practice, large animal practice, exotic medicine, equine medicine, laboratory and other, and

WHEREAS it is important that RVTs maintain their professional registration by completing lifelong continuing education and fulfilling other standards, and

WHEREAS in October, British Columbia's RVTs join their colleagues across Canada to promote awareness of the important contributions of RVTs to the health and well-being of all animals, to public safety and to the economy;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 2025 shall be known as

**"Registered Veterinary Technologist Month"**

In the Province of British Columbia

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of the Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Wendy Cooshie, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of British Columbia, in the City of Victoria, in the Province, this third day of October, two thousand twenty-five and in the fourth year of the Reign of

BY COMMAND.

Wendy Cooshie  
Lieutenant Governor



### Meet the BCVTA Communications Coordinator!!

You may be receiving emails from someone who is not our Executive Director, Amber Gregg. Meet Carly, our Communications Coordinator! This role was created to streamline support for our growing membership and provide additional resources for Amber and the Board of Directors. Carly's role focuses on member engagement, continuing education, and member management. You may see her sharing CE events on our members only Facebook page. She writes our monthly e-newsletters, updates the website and is constantly on the hunt for new CE opportunities for BCVTA members.



You may recognize Carly as a past member of the BCVTA board of directors, she was a RVTTC Representative from 2023-2025. She has been an RVT for 10 years, and currently works in a busy mixed animal practice when not working with the BCVTA. Her RVT interests include exotic animal medicine, ER and critical care, as well as public and industry education regarding the importance of RVTs! She is an active volunteer with the Canadian Animal Assistance Team, and has worked on projects with Veterinarians Without Borders and the Iqaluit Humane Society. When not participating in veterinary medicine (the far and few occasions those may be) you can catch her talking about her love of Great Danes, tackling her never-ending to be read list, blasting her favourite EDM sets, or enjoying her time soaking in the sunshine.

If you are planning to attend WVC this February, be sure to say hi! If you would like to get in touch with Carly, you can email her at [communications@bcvta.com](mailto:communications@bcvta.com)

### Uploading CE Credits to M365

Last month we broke down the difference between the two CE categories. This month, let's look deeper into uploading and gaining approval of your CE activities.

#### Key tips for CE approval:

- Be sure to enter the name of the presentation or activity in the "Title" field.
  - If you have multiple sessions from the same provider, i.e. Vetgirl, please put the title of the session in the Title field, rather than "Vetgirl" for all of them. This makes it clear that they are different sessions and makes it easier for everyone!
- Write a brief description about the CE you participated in. This can be a small blurb about the event, list of sessions you attended at conference, reference to a lunch & learn, or which notes about the website CE was obtained from.
- Upload your CE certificate or proof of attendance/completion. PDFs, screenshots, and jpegs are acceptable.
- Include the date and length of the session (1 hour session = 1 CE credit)
- Enter the name of CE host or presenter +/- activity leader contact information



Details about CE assessment and credits are accessible [here](#) on our website.

If you would like to watch a step by step video on how to successfully upload your CE, click [HERE](#)

Any questions about CE submissions, please contact [communications@bcvta.com](mailto:communications@bcvta.com)

### Learning module for technicians: Champion the use of monoclonal antibodies for management of feline arthritic pain

#### Module 4: Become an advocat by partnering with pet caregivers in the management of feline arthritic pain



In this **final module in the 4-part RVTips** learning series on monoclonal antibodies (mAbs), we turn our focus to feline arthritis. It emphasizes your vital role in promoting a team-based approach to care - uniting around a shared goal to help more cats live their best life.

This 45-minutes interactive module includes narration, videos, clickable resources, and quiz questions - designed to keep you engaged and learning actively.

Completing this interactive learning module on mAbs in feline arthritis management for AHT/RVT\* will earn you 0.5 CE credit.\*\*



Get a certification badge mAb Champion and a complimentary cross-body bag by completing the four modules and opting in!

[Click here to start Module 4](#)

Missed a module? Catch up by clicking below.

[Module 1: Become a monoclonal antibody champion \(0.5 CE credit\)](#)

[Module 2: Management of canine allergic and atopic dermatitis \(1 CE credit\)](#)

[Module 3: Management of canine arthritic pain \(1.5 CE credits\)](#)

\*The term veterinary technologist or AHT (animal health technologist) is a general term and is meant to include registered animal health technologist (RVT) or other special accreditations based on your provincial association.

\*\*These modules are accredited for animal health technicians and registered veterinary technicians only.



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Module 4



#### Upcoming CE Events

- Nov 6-7 SAVT Annual Conference
- Nov 7-9 SVBC Fall Conference
- Dec 6-9 AAETV 21st Annual Convention
- Jan 17-21, 2026 VMX Orlando
- Feb 15-18, 2026 WVC Las Vegas

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

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

Don't forget to update or add yourself to the [locum directory](#)!

