

BCVTA NEWSLETTER

January 2026

BCVTA Board Meeting

January 12, 2026

Road to Regulation: DVM Meeting

- BCVTA is hosting a facilitated meeting with invited DVMs on Sunday, January 18th.
- DVMs will be presented with a proposed model for regulation of RVTs in BC and will be asked to provide feedback.
- Information gathered during this session will be considered as we work with Hill and Knowlton to develop an advice note to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Hill and Knowlton Contract Renewal

- Reviewed partnership with government relations firm Hill and Knowlton.
- Discussed deliverables and plans moving forward.
- Determined it would be ideal to reduce the investment with H&K moving forward and take on more of the work in-house to move regulation forward and keep costs down.

2026 Wage and Compensation Survey

- Development of the 2026 survey has begun.
- All 7 provincial associations are participating in the survey.
- Reports will include unique data and stats for BC as well as collective information on RVTs across Canada.
- This will be a groundbreaking survey and will help all RVTs.

2026 Membership Fee Increase


- Reviewed proposed increase.
- Discussed upcoming projects and member benefits.
- Will provide details to members by email before the end of January.

Accepted 2025-2028 Strategic Plan

- BoD officially accepted the draft 2025-2028 strategic plan.
- Highlights of the plan include continued dedication to move Regulation of RVTs forward, expanding Board and association governance knowledge and financial literacy, and a commitment to better understanding our members and their needs.

STUDENT MEMBERS

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BCVTA CONFERENCE

SPEAKERS



Amanda Barker
RVT, CVPP



Amanda Brackett
RVT



Ash Raymond
RVT, SRA, BSc, MSc



Emily Van Beelen
RVT



James Rodgers
ED, Mission Pawsible



Jennie Tait
VTS (Dermatology)



Lucie Langevin-Neil
CoVet Coaching



Mary Berg
Beyond the Crown



Monica McLeod
RVT, VTS (ECC)

HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday May 21st	Friday May 22nd	Saturday May 23rd
Welcome Reception	Keynote: The Path Forward: Navigating Change with Confidence	Hands Free Radiology Workshop
Pheedloop Gamification begins!	RECOVER CPR	BCVTA AGM
RVT Business Fair	AVP Appreciation and Awards Dinner	Don't Worry Be Hoppy: Rabbit Anesthesia

Don't miss the sponsor trade show Friday May 22nd from 4pm-7pm

... and much more!

Join us May 21-23, 2026 in Richmond, BC

Sessions and additional information about the 2026 conference will be available [here](#)



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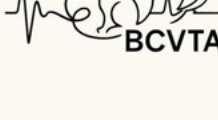
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RVT LEARNING SERIES

SEPTEMBER 2025 – FEBRUARY 2026



- **" The Role of Nutrition: Critical Intersection Between Nutrition and Physical Rehabilitation in Dogs "** with Cynthia Mercier, RVT, CCRP
Jan 21st 7:00PM - [Register here!](#)
- **" Anesthetic Monitoring for Dentistry "** with Jen Burke, RVT, VTS (A&A)
Feb 18th 7:00PM - [Register here!](#)
- **" CE Essentials: Understanding CE Records and Requirements "** Take the guesswork out of your CE tracking! In this free webinar, you will learn how to manage your CE record, avoid common pitfalls, and make sure your credits are counted, every time. This session will be free for members and participants will be eligible for 1 continuing education credit.
April 1st 7:00PM - Registration will be open at the end of January.

Award Nominations Open Soon!

Get ready, nominations for the 2026 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.

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.

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.

Interested in helping choose this year's award recipients? Join the Awards Working Group! This group meets twice a year in January and February to review nominations and select award winners. If you'd like to be involved, please contact us at executivedirector@bcvta.com.



2023 Awards Recipients



2025 Mentorship Award



Upcoming CE Events

- Jan 15-17, 2026 Western Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners Conference
- Jan 17-21, 2026 VMX Orlando
- Feb 15-18, 2026 WVC Las Vegas
- Feb 26-28, 2026 OAVT Conference

[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](#) !

