British Columbia Veterinary Technologists Association

BCVTA NEWSLETTER

July 2026

BCVTA Board Meeting Highlights

Happy Summer!
There are no board meetings scheduled for July and August

Next Board meeting is September 8, 2026

Connecting Coast to Coast: BCVTA attends the 2026 CVMA Convention

BCVTA President Amanda Barker, Executive Director Amber Gregg, and Communications Coordinator Carly Chaput travelled to Charlottetown, PEI to attend the 78th CVMA Conference.

This year's conference allowed the President and staff to network with colleagues and coworkers, reconnect with industry partners, make new connections, and attend a variety of continuing education sessions. Attending sessions provides the BCVTA with information on emerging trends, evolving standards of care, and practical tools that we can bring forward to RVTs in BC through CE events and resources.

Amber, Elise (OAVT ED), and Heather (EVTA ED)

Carly and Amanda with keynote speaker, James Mullinger!

VTACC CCATV

Seven Provincial Veterinary Technologist and Technician Associations Unite for Canada's VT Profession

The Veterinary Technician/Technologist Association Council of Canada (VTACC) formally launches as a national collaborative body, bringing together the executive leadership of provincial associations representing more than 13,000 Veterinary Technologists and Technicians (VTs) across Canada.

Click here to read the full press release!

Congratulations Graduates of the Thompson Rivers University and Douglas College Veterinary Technology programs!

Your hard work, dedication, and passion for animal health have brought you to this incredible milestone. As you take the next step toward becoming Registered Veterinary Technologists, we look forward to welcoming you to the profession and supporting you throughout your careers. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement, we can't wait to see the impact you'll make in veterinary medicine!

SBCV CVMA-SBCV Chapter

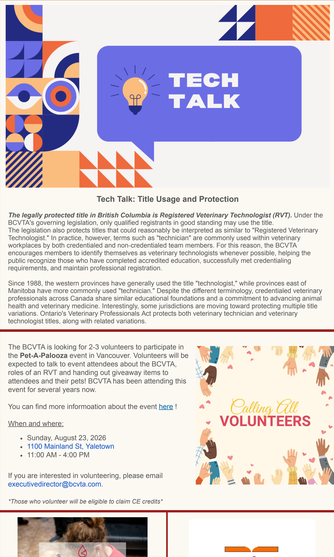
SBCV West Coast Veterinarian Magazine

Check out this great article on patient care and practice standards by BCVTA member Leanne Hillis-Schmidt, RVT. Click on the image to read the full June Issue!

FROM PATIENT CARE TO PRACTICE STANDARDS: THE EXPANDING ROLE OF RVTS

BY LEANNE HILLIS-SCHMIDT, RVT

"...RVTS CAN APPLY THEIR CLINICAL EXPERTISE IN BROADER CONTEXTS TO ADVANCE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC, ADVANCE STANDARDS, AND STRENGTHEN THE VETERINARY PROFESSION."



Tech Talk: Title Usage and Protection

The legally protected title in British Columbia is Registered Veterinary Technologist (RVT). Under the BCVTA's governing legislation, only qualified registrants in good standing may use the title.
The legislation also protects titles that could reasonably be interpreted as similar to "Registered Veterinary Technologist." In practice, however, terms such as "technician" are commonly used within veterinary workplaces by both credentialed and non-credentialed team members. For this reason, the BCVTA encourages members to identify themselves as veterinary technologists whenever possible, helping the public recognize those who have completed accredited education, successfully met credentialing requirements, and maintain professional registration.

Since 1988, the western provinces have generally used the title "technologist," while provinces east of Manitoba have more commonly used "technician." Despite the different terminology, credentialed veterinary professionals across Canada share similar educational foundations and a commitment to advancing animal health and veterinary medicine. Interestingly, some jurisdictions are moving toward protecting multiple title variations. Ontario's Veterinary Professionals Act protects both veterinary technician and veterinary technologist titles, along with related variations.

The BCVTA is looking for 2-3 volunteers to participate in the **Pet-A-Palooza** event in Vancouver. Volunteers will be expected to talk to event attendees about the BCVTA, roles of an RVT and handing out giveaway items to attendees and their pets! BCVTA has been attending this event for several years now.

You can find more informoation about the event here !

When and where:

- Sunday, August 23, 2026
- 1100 Mainland St, Yaletown
- 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

If you are interested in volunteering, please email executivedirector@bcvta.com.

Those who volunteer will be eligible to claim CE credits

Canadian Animal Blood Bank Summer Clinics:

- July 18, 9:30am-1:30pm: Sea to Sky Veterinary Clinic (Squamish)
- July 24, 10am-3pm: RAPS Animal Hospital (Richmond)
- Aug 8, 8am-2pm: Ellwood Park Animal Hospital (Abbotsford)
- Aug 15, 10am-3pm: Lonsdale Place Veterinary Clinic (North Vancouver)
- Aug 19, 10am-3pm: Scottsdale Veterinary Hospital (Surrey)
- Aug 22, 2pm-7pm: Peninsula Crossing Animal Hospital (South Surrey)

To get involved or if you have questions, email BC@canadiananimalbloodbank.ca

As a reminder, they are always looking for donor doggies and volunteers; if a clinic is full, not to worry! They usually return to partnering clinics every three-four months.

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Tips from CleverOrcaVT

Fuel Your Brain for Better Studying

Your brain uses more energy than any other organ in your body, especially during intensity intensity studying and memorization. Because the brain runs primarily on glucose, choosing steady, slow-burning energy sources can help you stay focused for longer and avoid energy crashes. Prioritize foods like fruits, non-starchy vegetables, whole grains, and legumes to support concentration and mental endurance. Choose carbs over protein shakes to fuel your brain. When you fuel your brain well, you're giving yourself a real advantage on study days and exam day alike.

Find more tips at https://www.cleverorcavt.com/ .

Upcoming CE Events

- July 10-14, 2026 - AVMA Convention
- **July 26, 2026 - IntroVet 5th Annual Free CE Day**
- August 15-18, 2026 - WVC Nashville
- Aug 30-Sept 3, 2026 - Exotics365
- September 12-13, 2026 - SBCV 2026 BARC Behaviour and Rehabilitation Conference
- September 14-17, 2026 - IVECCS

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 !
Check out the ABVTA locum directory here .

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