



British Columbia
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BCVTA NEWSLETTER

August 2026

Happy Summer!

There are no board meetings will be scheduled for July and August



Registration for the 2026-2027 RVT Learning Series is now open!!!



Join us beginning in September 2026 for a full season of engaging continuing education designed specifically for RVTs. This year's Learning Series includes **9 live evening webinars**, **2 virtual CE Days** featuring dedicated sessions on Nutrition and Anesthesia & Pharmacology, plus a **test-taking strategies webinar with CleverOrcaVT**.

Register for individual sessions that interest you, or save even more by registering for the complete Learning Series package. Whether you're looking to earn CE credits, stay current with emerging topics, or connect with colleagues from across British Columbia, there's something for everyone.

[Click here for more information!](#)

2026 –
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RVT LEARNING SERIES

Sept 9, 2026 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	More Than a Number: Using Pain Scales to Improve Patient Care Amanda Barker, RVT, CVPP	Sept 23, 2026 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Golden Oldies: Meeting the changing behavioural needs of senior pets Lindsay Johnston, BSc. (Hons), RVT, VTS (Behaviour) – Candidate
Oct 7, 2026 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Bandaging 102: Master the Basics of Effective Bandaging Brian Goleman, CVT and Founder of Brian's Bandages	Oct 14, 2026 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM *time subject to change*	Learn How to Score Higher Under Pressure *FREE WEBINAR* CleverOrcaVT
Oct 21, 2026 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	TRANSFUSIONS: From collection to administration, and everything in between. Melissa Hill, RVT, VTS (ECC)	Oct 28, 2026 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Raising the Bar(n) – Elevating the Role of RVTs in Bovine Medicine Lauren Stefaniuk, RVT, VTS-CP (Production Medicine)
Nov 4, 2026 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Every Step Matters: Modern Osteoarthritis Management for Veterinary Teams Amanda Barker, RVT, CVPP	Nov 21, 2026 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Royal Canin presents Royal Chat for RVTs – The Science of Nutrition Full-day virtual nutrition conference.
Dec 2, 2026 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Finding the Right Support: A Veterinary Professional's Guide to Counselling and Mental Wellness Julie Morse Elliott, RVT, VTS (ECC), MPCC Provisional	Dec 9, 2026 *6:30 PM – 8:00 PM *	Lab Foundations Refresher: Getting Reliable Results in Hematology, UA & Cytology Brianna Bellwood, MSc, RVT, VTS (Clinical Pathology)
Jan 23, 2027 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Anesthesia Essentials: From Pharmacology to Patient Recovery Full-day virtual anesthesia conference.	Feb 17, 2027 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Thriving in Veterinary Practice: Evidence-Based Mental Health Strategies for RVTs Dr. Marie Holowaychuk, DVM, Dipl. ACVECC

Cost:
BCVTA RVT: \$20/hour session or \$300/series
BCVTA Student, Non-Practicing, Retired: \$15/hour session or \$250/series
Non-Members: \$25/hour session or \$350/series
For more info contact executivedirector@bcvta.com



AAVSB CE Tracking Survey

Enter to win a \$100 gift card! Survey must be completed by August 14th, 2026.

The AAVSB's RACEtrack, powered by CE Broker, is a free continuing education tracking platform for veterinary professionals. It offers features such as digital CE record storage, automatic reminders, attendance uploads for RACE®-approved CE, personalized course searches, and account management. Veterinary professionals can also check whether their licensing jurisdiction accepts CE reports submitted through the system.

[Complete the survey here!](#)

Collaborating in CoVet

A tech's guide to collaborating with your vets.

You Set the Pace

FIRST HANDS ON ANY CASE

As a vet tech, you're often the first hands on any case, and CoVet is built to support that.

You start it, capture the history, and record any initial observations. The handoff takes seconds. **Most of the record is done before the room clears.**

Your Support Account

Your support account lets you start a case, record the visit, and generate a history report before your vet joins. At the end, you can edit the documentation and export the finished records on their behalf, all from your own login.

Support accounts are free, so set up as many as your clinic needs.

Set Up Your Team

The team is what connects your work to the rest of your clinic. Start a case and it'll show up for the vet. Build a template or snippet and everyone can use it. CoVet teams keep information flowing and resources shared.

TO SET UP A TEAM IN COVET

1. Open **Your Account** and select **Teams**.
2. Click **Create Team**.
3. Name it for your practice.
4. Set your permissions.
5. Save.

Then click **New Member** to add people by email, by link, or from another team.

THE PREP YOU DO SETS UP THE WHOLE VISIT

Every Great Visit Starts with You

Your vet walks in ready and walks out with records nearly finished, because you got there first. **That's real work, and CoVet is built to make it count.**

[support@co.vet](#) [co.vet](#) *Veterinary AI that works the way you do.*



Canadian Animal Blood Bank Upcoming Clinics:

- July 24, 10am-3pm: RAPS Animal Hospital (Richmond)
- Aug 8, 9am-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 dogs and volunteers. If a clinic is full, not to worry! They usually return to partnering clinics every three-four months.



CLEVERORCA VET TECH

Tips from CleverOrcaVT Reduce Fear of Exams by Tricking Your Brain

Feeling anxious about exams and the VTNE® is completely normal - your brain is simply trying to protect you from the unknown. One of the most effective ways to reduce fear is *exposure*: practicing exam-style questions helps your brain become familiar with the testing experience so it feels less intimidating on exam day. Start small, focus on one topic at a time, and remember that every practice session builds confidence. Try simulating the exam writing experience as best you can. You can even visualize yourself succeeding through the exam process - when your brain recognizes the situation, anxiety decreases and performance improves.

Find more tips at <https://www.cleverorcavet.com/>

Curiosity in Conversation

THE COMMUNICATION SUMMIT FOR CONVERSATIONS THAT BUILD CULTURE

Get ready for a one-of-a-kind conference experience designed for professionals and communication enthusiasts looking to up their skills. **Hosted by BS Communication Strategies Inc. at Hotel Arts in Calgary, AB**, this event is packed with evidence-based insights, tools and strategies to turn everyday communication challenges into opportunities for improving relationships and workplace culture.

Communication Summit, Calgary 2026

FRIDAY - EVENING WELCOME RECEPTION

Connect, mingle and get into the summit spirit!

SATURDAY & SUNDAY - CURIOSITY IN CONVERSATION

- **2 Keynote Speakers** - Be inspired by leading voices in communication
- **3 Workshop Tracks Per Day** - Dive deep into your choice of topics tailored to communication challenges that matter to you.
- **2 Hot Topic Discussions** - Engage with timely, thought-provoking conversations and get the most from networking with other attendees.
- **Sunday Wrap-Up Social** - Enjoy appetizers and keep the conversation going!

MONDAY - ROSE CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

An interactive full day workshop with direct, impactful coaching by industry experts in a small group setting. Designed exclusively for people who want to 'level up'.

[Learn more!](#)

HOTEL ARTS - CALGARY, AB

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH DAILY

SNACKS AND COFFEE INCLUDED

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

LIMITED TO 150 SEATS

Don't miss out. Early Bird pricing ends September 14th. Save and register TODAY!

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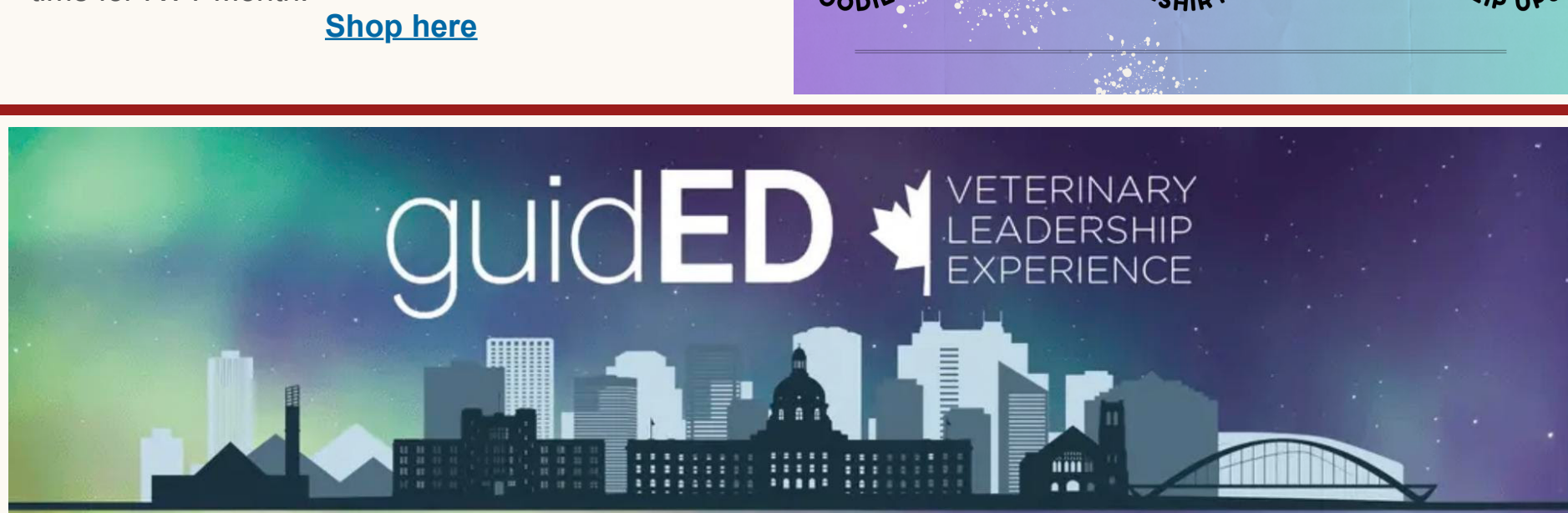
This intimate event fosters meaningful engagement and networking. Whether you're a leader, educator, researcher, entrepreneur, or simply passionate about skilled communication, Curiosity in Conversation has something for you.

BSCOMMUNICATION.CA

Have you picked up your BCVTA merch yet?

Show off your RVT pride wherever you go with some BCVTA swag! Our online store features a variety of apparel and items designed for veterinary technologists, with convenient shipping straight to your door. You can also find our Vitality Important campaign featured on many clothing items. Just in time for RVT Month!

[Shop here](#)



SEPTEMBER 26TH - 28TH, 2026 | EDMONTON, ALBERTA



Upcoming CE Events

- August 15-18, 2026 - WVC Nashville
- Aug 30-Sept 3, 2026 - Exotics365
- September 12, 2026 - Links and Learning
- September 12-13, 2026 - SBCV 2026 BARC Behaviour and Rehabilitation Conference
- September 14-17, 2026 - IVECCS
- September 26-28, 2026 - guidED

[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](#).

