BCVTA NEWSLETTER

November 2026

Board of Director Meeting Highlights

October 2026

- Reviewed International Credential Assessment and discuss recommendations for the candidate
- Discussed upcoming webinars in the fall learning series
- Reviewed agenda for upcoming strategic planning retreat
- Reviewed Governance Committee's final draft of the BCVTA Code of Ethics document

Next meeting Monday, November 30, 2026

BCVTA
RVT LEARNING SERIES

Earn CE Through the BCVTA Member Portal

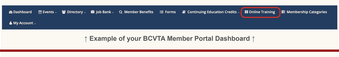
The BCVTA is excited to introduce a new way for members to complete continuing education through the "Online Training" section of the BCVTA Member Portal!

Online Training allows you to complete select BCVTA educational sessions on your own schedule. Each training module includes a recorded webinar that you can watch when it's convenient for you, followed by a short quiz based on the presentation. Successfully complete the required components to earn the applicable CE credits.

How It Works:

- Log in to your BCVTA Member Portal
- Go to the "Online Training" section in your portal
- Select an available course
- Watch the recorded webinar
- Complete the required quiz
- Successfully complete the course to receive your CE credits
- Upload CE Certificate and submit for allowed CE amoun

Online Training gives you the flexibility to continue your professional development and earn CE on your own schedule—learn when it works for you, wherever you are!



↑ **Example of your BCVTA Member Portal Dashboard** ↑

New BCVTA Webinar ALERT!!



The Art of Addressing The Forgotten Life Stage
Wednesday November 25, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Speaker: Emily Piché, RVT, CHPT, CPEP, Founder and Owner, The Art of Goodbye

Register here for this FREE Webinar



Lab Foundations Refresher: Getting Reliable Results in Hematology, UA & Cytology
Wednesday December 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Speaker: Brianne Bellwood, Msc, RVT, VTS (Clinical Pathology)

Register here



Cultivating Menopause-Empowered Workplaces
Wednesday February TBD, 2027

Speaker: Lisa Boate, Founder of Liberated Menopause Consulting and Coaching

Registration opens soon for this FREE webinar

Volunteer Opportunity

Nunavut Animal Rescue

Helping Those Who Cannot Help Themselves

Nunavut Animal Rescue is operated by the Iqaluit Humane Society is a registered Canadian non-profit dedicated to saving the lives of animals across Nunavut in the Arctic!

Our vision is to be a multi-service, self-sustaining animal rescue designed to foster human-animal bonds that are successful, safe, and positive, while rekindling the pride and knowledge of that Inuit have through their special bond with dogs. Our efforts have given us the practical knowledge needed to make this a reality, advancing knowledge, and resulting in very tangible benefits.

Nunavut Animal Rescue is always looking for veterinarians and RVTs to willing to donate their time to support their work. If you have any interest in spending some time in Nunavet, please contact them at wckatierreynolds@gmail.com.

For more information, head to the website here!









More Than a Membership: The Benefits of Being a BCVTA Member

Being a Registered Veterinary Technologist (RVT) is more than a job or a list of tasks and skills. It is a profession built on knowledge, dedication, compassion and a shared commitment to animal health and welfare. Whether you work in general practice, emergency medicine, specialty care, research, education, industry or another area of veterinary medicine, being part of a professional community can make a meaningful difference in your career.

The British Columbia Veterinary Technologists Association (BCVTA) exists to support, represent, and advocate for RVTs throughout the province. But what does being a member actually mean, and what benefits are available to you?

A Stronger Profession Starts With You

One of the most important benefits of BCVTA membership is being part of a collective voice for RVTs across British Columbia. The BCVTA works to promote the veterinary technology profession, advocate for professional recognition, and represent the interests of RVTs throughout the province. By bringing members together, the BCVTA can better understand the needs, experiences and concerns of the profession and work toward positive change.

Membership provides every individual with opportunities to stay connected, informed, and have a voice in the work of the association and the future of the profession. Members are encouraged to participate in annual general meetings, town hall meetings, member surveys, Association issues (by voting), volunteer on committees, and share their perspectives on initiatives that impact the profession.

Working in veterinary medicine is both rewarding and emotionally demanding. Having a professional community that understands the unique experiences of RVTs helps foster connection, belonging and support. Through BCVTA communications, newsletters, educational events and member initiatives, RVTs from different backgrounds, workplaces and areas of practice can share experiences and contribute to the future of veterinary technology in BC.

Being a member is about more than accessing discounts or continuing education opportunities. It is about investing in your career, supporting your colleagues, and strengthening the profession. Every membership contributes to the BCVTA's advocacy efforts, professional development, member services, and public awareness.

Whether you are a recent graduate beginning your career or an experienced RVT with decades in the profession, your voice matters and there is a place for you within the BCVTA.

Check out the December Tech Talk for more information on BCVTA member benefits!

Visit www.bcvta.com and log in to the BCVTA Member Portal to discover available benefits, upcoming continuing education opportunities, events and ways to get involved.



The **Canadian Animal Blood Bank** saves dogs' lives by supplying veterinary hospitals across Canada with quality blood products from the generous donations of donor dogs. British Columbia is one of six provinces in which CABB collects donations.

Veterinary partners support us in many ways:

- Hosting donor clinics
- Recruiting donor dogs
- Volunteering at donor clinics

There is an active need for help in BC, with donor clinics operating from Vancouver to Abbotsford. To help, please contact Nicole at narruda @canadiananimalbloodbank.ca , or visit our website for more information.

Learn more: Heroes Wanted (Video)

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

CABB also hosts *free* virtual CE events! Be sure to check them out on social media or through their website to stay on top of upcoming events and CE.

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VET TECH

Tips from CleverOrcaVT
Build Your Own VTNE "Prep Sheet"

Before your exam starts, you'll get a blank sheet of paper and a pencil. Use it to your advantage! Create your own "Prep Sheet" by dividing the page into 10 boxes and filling it in within two minutes. In each box, write one thing that helps you feel confident, like:

- Normal blood values
- Dental formulas or tooth numbering
- Important formulations
- Drug calculations
- Anything you tend to second-guess

Practice filling out your "Prep Sheet" once or twice a week in the month leading up to your exam — it should take two minutes or less once you've mastered it. By exam day, you'll know exactly what to write without wasting time deciding.

Think of it as your personal warm-up that helps you settle in, get in the zone, and start with confidence. And you can reference it for help during the exam.

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





Upcoming CE Events

- November 21 **BCVTA RVT Learning Series:** Royal Canin presents Royal Chat for RVTs: *The Science of Nourishment: A Full-Day Virtual Nutrition Conference.*
- January 7-9, 2027 Veterinary Leadership Conference
- January 16-20, 2027 VMX
- January 23, 2027 **BCVTA RVT Learning Series:** Anesthesia Essentials: From Pharmacology to Patient Recovery

Check out the website on how to register for these events, and 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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