

RVTs & Public Health



The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in Ontario has identified the need for a stronger relationship between the public health system and the veterinary medical system.

To further develop this critical objective the OAVT has agreed to participate in an MOHLTC initiative focused on One Health. The goal of this team effort is to enhance communications between public health and the veterinary medical field.

Registered Veterinary Technician ambassadors involved in this initiative can serve a critical role as leaders in their employment settings. They are in a unique position to increase the engagement and participation of the entire veterinary healthcare team.

One important priority of veterinary healthcare has been to protect both people and animals in our communities. New leaders in both public and veterinary healthcare aspects are emerging. These individuals understand the critical importance of a strong relationship between the two sectors.

At this time, stakeholders including the OAVT and the Ministry of Health are committed to establishing a new framework for communications that will improve these relationships while potentially instituting a new approach for information sharing.

Registered Veterinary Technicians participating in this program will be engaging in the joint pursuit of both human and animal healthcare goals. They will also be pursuing an opportunity to explore new ways public and veterinary health can collaborate to implement One Health approaches and benefit both people and animals.

Presently, the MOH would like to establish RVT liaisons to work within six public health department teams across Ontario. These include York Region, Durham Region, Niagara Region, Grey-Bruce, City of Hamilton, and Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph.

Ideal candidates for the One Health project are Registered Veterinary Technicians demonstrating sound leadership and interpersonal skills with an interest in and understanding of potential zoonotic diseases.

RVTs interested in a broader service to their communities should contact the OAVT for more information.

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