



ONTARIO
ASSOCIATION OF
VETERINARY
TECHNICIANS

Code of Ethics

A code of ethics places a group into a self regulatory body and brings that group from a vocation to an occupation with professional standards. A code of ethics cannot be created by resolution or formed overnight, but is founded on a standard of behaviour for the enrichment of the associates and those with whom they have affiliation for the betterment of their profession.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT

- (1) Complete honesty and integrity is expected of all members.
- (2) It is the duty of all members of the association to conduct themselves in accordance with this Code of Ethics.
- (3) No member shall indulge in an illegal Veterinary Practice or encourage others to participate in such practice, and it is the duty of the member to report such violations to the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians.
- (4) When working under the supervision of a veterinarian in a commercial operation, RVTs must be paid by the employer and not clientele.

PROFESSIONAL DEPARTMENT

- (1) No member shall violate the OAVT ACT, 1993, or the By-Laws of the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians.
- (2) No member shall belittle or injure the character of a member of the association or member of the College of Veterinarians of Ontario.
- (3) Members shall be governed by Article 19, Ontario Regulation 140/90, Veterinarians Act, 1989, now Ontario Regulation 1093.
- (4) No member shall violate the confidence of a client or their employer.
- (5) Members shall practice humane treatment of animals at all times.
- (6) Members shall make every effort to keep abreast with current advancements in the veterinary field.