

2021 ABVTA Meritorious Service Award Presentation

The ABVTA Meritorious Award is presented to an individual, or individuals who demonstrate outstanding service to the ABVTA and our members. These award winners are actively promoting the role of the RVT in the veterinary industry to the public and other veterinary professionals. This year the ABVTA Board received two nominations for this award. It was a unanimous decision to award both nominations with this prestigious award. Both these award recipients are continuously praising RVTs and how integral the RVT role is in the Veterinary team. Both individuals are active members in the ABVMA Leadership Group and Council .

Dr Colleen Pratt, owns a small animal practice in Edmonton. Staff at her clinic say that Colleen is one of the most progressive managers they have met. As an employer, she always makes sure to include everyone's opinion, she facilitates team work and a conflict-free environment. She always has your best interest at heart. When it comes to business, she teamed RVTs up with veterinarians in order to be more efficient and encouraged RVT utilisation to the fullest. She supports career advancement and development and RVTs seeking an active role in higher education, management and ownership opportunities. She also encouraged her staff to take an active role in leadership development with their associations and knew the importance of this for her practice as well. She always had an open door and a listening ear for anyone who needed it. The staff she mentored through the years is definitely better off having been part of her team. When Colleen is not at work, or actively volunteering, she can be found playing with her grandchildren, walking her dog, cycling with her husband in another country or hanging out at the lake.