

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 Lisa Lomsnes is an extremely strong advocate for the Old College AHT program. She supports and prompts the institution whenever possible. In the early 2000's she joined the AHT advisory committee assisting in the development of a curriculum that produces highly skilled and confident RVT's. Dr Lomsnes believes that strengthening and supporting RVT education in Alberta is necessary for the success of every veterinary hospital. Dr Lomnes believes that structured mentorship is the key to developing and sustaining RVTs in the profession of veterinary medicine. As ABVMA President, she is invited by other provincial associations to bring greetings on behalf of the ABVMA. We have heard from our RVT colleagues in other provinces how supportive Lisa is of RVTs. She is progressive and has been a vocal advocate for professional mentorship. She supports the ABVTA in our role of promoting, engaging and empowering RVTs and does the same herself. She is a champion, a cheerleader and dedicated supporter of RVTs and we are grateful to have such a strong advocate for an integrated and respectful profession.