

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## Thank you for attending the 2025 Symposium!

The monthly newsletter is your go-to source for all things CPVMA. Stay connected with event updates, read articles of inspiring experiences shared by pre-vet and current vet students, new opportunities for animal experience. Keep up with our news and highlights to empower your journey into veterinary medicine. All our newsletters will be available to read in our Newsletter Archives on our website. Thank you for being a part of our community!

### Highlights of this issue:

- 2025 Symposium Recap
- Shop the CPVMA Collection
- Executive Spotlight - Ledia
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## Executive Team Updates

The CPVMA 2025 Symposium: Sustainability in Veterinary Medicine has officially wrapped up—thank you to everyone who joined us! This event was a great success thanks to our inspiring speakers, generous sponsors, and engaged participants.

Now, we are keeping the momentum going! We are excited to announce an upcoming Mental Health Panel, where veterinary professionals and students will come together to discuss mental well-being in the veterinary field. Stay tuned for more details on how to attend.

Our Merchandise Team has launched exclusive CPVMA designs, available on our Shopify store until the end of this month—grab yours while you can!

by your senior VP of Public Relations

# SYMPOSIUM RECAP

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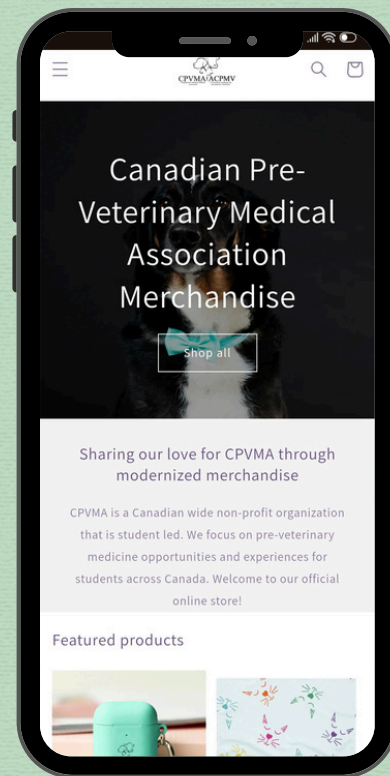
The fourth annual CPVMA Pre-Veterinary Symposium took place from May 2–4, 2025, and was a huge success! This hybrid event featured **23 speakers** and representatives who provided insights from **12 veterinary schools** across the world, offering attendees a diverse perspective on sustainability in veterinary medicine.

With participants joining from across Canada, both in person and virtually through live streaming and recordings, the symposium created an inclusive and engaging environment for future veterinary professionals.

**Recordings of the presentations are available until the end of this month, so don't miss your chance to catch up on any sessions you missed!**

A heartfelt thank-you to all who participated and helped make this event so impactful. We look forward to welcoming you to next year's symposium!

## SHOP THE OFFICIAL CPVMA MERCHANDISE STORE – CLOSING SOON!



🌟 **Stickers**—Brighten up your notebooks, laptops, and more with a splash of CPVMA spirit!

🐾 **Pet Bandanas**—Adorable and stylish accessory for your furry friends

🧢 **Hats for Every Style**—From baseball caps to beanies, keep it cool (and cozy) with CPVMA-branded headwear

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Please support us as we are a non-profit organization, and every purchase helps us continue our mission to serve the pre-vet community. Shop now and show the world you're part of the CPVMA community!

# Executive Spotlight

## Meet Ledia

Hello pre-vet students!

My name is Ledia, and I'm going into my third year of Animal Biology at the University of Guelph. I currently serve as the Junior Vice President of Merchandise for the CPVMA. In this role, I work alongside the Senior VP of Merchandise to design our CPVMA merch and help manage our Shopify storefront!

When it comes to animals, I'd say my favorites are cats. I actually had the chance to work at a cat cafe during my first year, which was such a cool experience! Not only did I get to learn more about cat behavior and socialization, but I also learned how adoption processes work, since the cats were adoptable through a local shelter partnership. It was a great opportunity to work with both animals and people, as I communicated with customers and coworkers regularly.

I'm still exploring my veterinary interests and trying to learn more about the different specializations within the field. I recently completed a nutrition course in my second year and found it super interesting, which inspired me to register for more nutrition-based courses in my third year—like wildlife and fish nutrition. I'm also looking forward to courses like genetics of companion animals and animal disorders, which I think will help me figure out what I'm most passionate about.

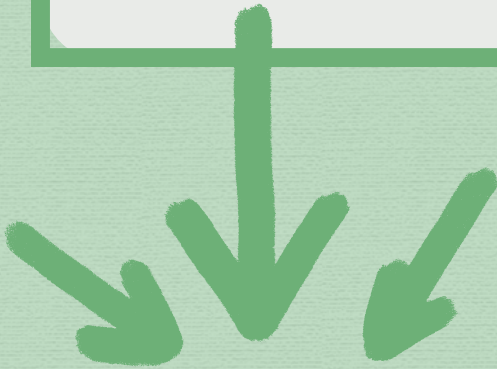


### Advice for pre-vet students?

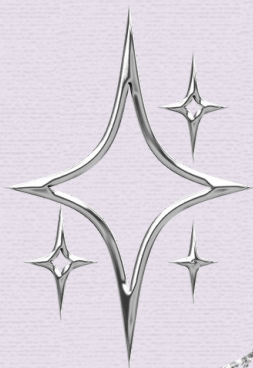
One piece of advice I'd give to other pre-vet students is to start early when looking for shadowing or volunteer opportunities. I began my search for summer placements during the fall semester and aimed to send out my first round of emails by January. Not every place will respond, so it's helpful to have a few alternatives lined up. Putting yourself out there early can really make a difference!

# Article of the Month

This month's article focuses on a serious but often misunderstood issue: feline aggression toward owners. Though cat bites and scratches are reported less often than dog bites, they can result in significant injuries—especially to vulnerable individuals—and often lead to a breakdown in the human-animal bond. The article outlines common causes, including fear, overstimulation during petting, redirected aggression, and rough play. It emphasizes that punishment is not effective and often makes the problem worse. Instead, a structured treatment plan is recommended, involving trigger avoidance, environmental enrichment, behavior modification, and—when needed—medication.



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On behalf of the CPVMA team, we sincerely thank you for supporting our organization as well as being a part of our 2025 symposium!



# The Canadian Pre-Veterinary Medical Association

## WHO ARE WE?

The CPVMA is a student-led, non-profit organization that aims to connect the pre-veterinary community across Canada. Our goal is to provide resources to pre-veterinary students and give them the opportunity to network with fellow peers and professionals in the field.

## OUR EVENTS

- Held online and accessible from anywhere in Canada
- Feature veterinary professionals and current veterinary students
- Prepare pre-veterinary students for success in their future!

## SPONSORS NEEDED!!

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