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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:

- Exec Feature of the Month
- Trivia Event
- Article of the Month



Executive Team Updates

This month we highlight key updates across our organization, including this month's Executive Feature spotlighting Danielle, our Senior VP of Fundraising, who shares her journey, veterinary aspirations, and advice for pre-vet students. We also promote our upcoming Veterinary Trivia Night on December 8th, an online event designed to engage and connect our community. This issue's Article of the Month examines a Salmonella Agona outbreak linked to raw feeding, emphasizing safe food handling and awareness of zoonotic risks. The newsletter continues to serve as a hub for student resources, event updates, and opportunities that support and strengthen Canada's pre-veterinary community. So many more exciting things coming soon!!

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By your Sr. VP of Public Relations

Executive Feature of the Month: Danielle

Hello Pre-vet students!

My name is Danielle, and I am a third year Animal Biology B.Sc. (Hons) student at the University of Guelph. This year, I am honoured to serve on the CPVMA executive team as the Senior VP of Fundraising. In this position, I lead national fundraising initiatives that strengthen the CPVMA's mission, expand opportunities and provide meaningful resources for aspiring veterinarians across Canada.

Over the past several years, I have built a diverse foundation in veterinary medicine through both work and volunteer experiences in multiple clinical settings. I am currently working as a Veterinary Assistant at a small-animal practice in my hometown of Newmarket, Ontario, where I support diagnostic, medical and client-care procedures. Every summer, I broaden my skills through farm work and volunteer roles, combining my love for hands-on animal care with my passion for agriculture.

I am an aspiring large animal veterinarian, and cows- Holsteins especially- have a special part in my heart. My long-term goal is to establish a mixed-animal practice with my veterinarian and veterinary technician friends, as well as launch a non profit mobile spay and neuter program to help manage stray animal populations in underserved communities around the world.

My commitment to veterinary medicine extends beyond clinical work. I am deeply passionate about making education accessible, fostering inclusive and meaningful communication, and nurturing strong human- animal connections. My time in veterinary clinics has taught me the importance of supporting both the patients and their owners with patience and empathy, and my volunteer work with individuals on the Autism spectrum has helped me better understand how different people learn and experience the world. Each of my individual experiences has shaped my commitment to helping create a veterinary community that is compassionate, informed, and welcoming to everybody.

Advice to pre-vet students: It may sound simple, but communication is everything. Strong communication skills will elevate every aspect of your vet-med journey helping you connect with employers, build meaningful professional relationships, and ultimately become a veterinarian who inspires trust, empathy and curiosity. My mentors have shown me it's one of the most powerful tools you can develop, and it will truly set you apart as a veterinarian.



TRIVIA NIGHT!



Join us for Veterinary Trivia Night!

Test your animal and veterinary medicine knowledge in a fun, fast-paced online trivia event. Play solo or team up with friends over Zoom!

🏆 Prize for the top scorer

🎉 A relaxed, engaging night of learning and laughs

🐕 Perfect for animal lovers, students, and vet med enthusiasts

Date: December 8th at 5:00 pm EST

Stay tuned for updates on our Instagram!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

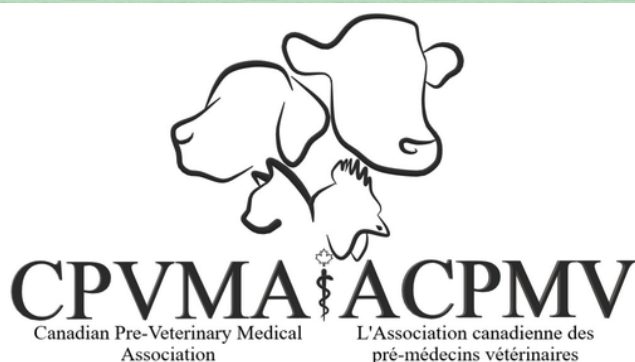
Interested in volunteering with the CPVMA?

We'd love to have you on our Events Subcommittee team! Send us a DM on Instagram or email us to get involved. As a volunteer, you'll play an important role in planning our annual symposium and supporting the many exciting events we have coming up in 2026!

Article of the Month

This article explores the factors contributing to a *Salmonella Agona* (*S. Agona*) outbreak in a rottweiler breeding facility linked with the consumption of an unlicensed raw-meat-based diet. In this case, researchers observed that the first dogs to show symptoms were the females shortly following parturition. Afterwards, the disease spread to their puppies and the other dogs in the facility, suggesting the physical stress involved in parturition may play a role in disease expression. Clinical signs of the disease included vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, abdominal distention, whimpering, and decreased appetite, among others. Outbreaks of *S. Agona* pose a potential zoonotic risk, as this pathogen has also been associated with foodborne illness in humans and has a very low infectious dose to cause disease. Through antimicrobial therapy, all dogs in this case made a full recovery and none of them became carriers of the pathogen. The researchers highlight the importance of proper food handling and storage, feed traceability and supplier certifications when feeding a raw-meat based diet, and recommend educating pet owners about the potential risks associated with these products.





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!

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