

CODE OF ETHICS of the
ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGISTS

A code of ethics places a group into a self-regulating 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 behavior for the enrichment of the association and those with whom they have affiliation, for the betterment of their clientele.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT

1. Conduct characterizing a person of probity is expected of all members.
2. It is the duty of all members of the Association to conduct themselves 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.
4. When working under the supervision of a veterinarian in a commercial operation, technologists must be paid by the employer and not the clientele.

PROFESSIONAL DEPARTMENT

1. No member shall violate the by-laws of the Alberta Association of Animal Health Technologists.
2. No member shall violate Section 2 of the Veterinary Profession Act, S.A.1984,c.V-3.1.
3. No member shall violate Section 9 and 10 of the General Regulation passed as Alberta Regulation 44/86 pursuant to Section 13 of the Veterinary Profession Act, S.A.1984,c.V-3.1.
4. No member shall belittle or injure the character of a member of the Association or member of the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association.
5. No member shall violate the confidence of a client or his employer.
6. Members shall practice humane treatment of animals at all times.

OBLIGATIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION

1. It is the duty of the member to reply promptly to all correspondence from the Association.
2. A breach of the code of ethics is deemed to be conduct injurious to the objects of the Association.
3. A breach of this code will result in a reprimand, fine or termination or membership.
4. The non-payment of a fine is deemed to be conduct injurious to the objects of the Association.
5. The non-payment of annual dues outlined in Article 5.9.2 shall result in termination of active membership and removal from the register.

SPECIAL RULES of the
ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGISTS

1. The Alberta Association of Animal health Technologists active members elected as CAAHTT representatives and appointed as Parliamentary Advisor shall serve as ex-officio members of the Board of Directors.

2. A leave of absence from active membership may be granted to an individual:
 - a. who is currently an active member in good standing with the AAAHT;
 - b. whose application is approved by the AAAHT Board of Directors prior to the commencement of leave of absence status;
 - c. who retains associate membership in good standing with the AAAHT during the lapse in active membership;
 - d. who has completed ten (10) credits of continuing education per year during the lapse in active membership;
 - e. who shall not remain in leave of absence status in excess of three (3) consecutive years.

The privilege or regaining active membership in the AAAHT may be granted to an individual who has met previous active membership requirements.

3. Member in Good Standing: Any person who has fulfilled the requirements for membership in the AAAHT and has neither voluntarily resigned nor been suspended indefinitely or for a fixed period of time from membership.