

Legislative Reform

Transition from the College of Veterinarians of Ontario to the College of Veterinary Professionals of Ontario



Modernization
TEAMS • ACCOUNTABILITY • QUALITY

How we started

2013 Initiated by College Council

The College Council identifies the *Veterinarians Act* as a barrier to good, sound regulatory practices.



2014 Work begins

Legislative reform set as a strategic direction.

Working groups established to guide the focus and priorities.

Guided by:

- right touch
- regulation
- agility
- just culture
- collaborative self-regulation
- risk mitigation
- transparency



2016 Broad consultations

The profession, partners and public share their ideas through consultations on concepts for modernization. Topics include quality assurance, scope of practice, the public register, notice of hearings, and mandatory reporting.



2017 Proposal to government

19 recommendations are presented to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Central to the proposal is recognition that animal care in Ontario is delivered by a team, which includes veterinarians, and veterinary technicians.



2023 Early focus on regulations

Regulatory changes streamline the accreditation process, supporting introduction of the updated facility accreditation model.



2022 Government commitment

The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs the Honourable Lisa Thompson commits to modernization of the *Veterinarians Act* and launches a public consultation.



2019 Partnerships

The College, along with partners at the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association and the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians, collaborate in encouraging the provincial government's interest and support in moving towards modernization.



2023 Accreditation model

New facility accreditation model launched.



2024 March Legislation introduced

The *Enhancing Professional Care for Animals Act* is introduced in the Ontario legislature at Queens Park.



2024 June 6 Modernized legislation

The *Enhancing Professional Care for Animals Act* receives Royal Assent in the Ontario legislature.



Where we are

2024 August Transition Council established

Work begins on the regulations, by-laws and standards for the College of Veterinary Professionals of Ontario.



The CVPO begins

Final proclamation

The College of Veterinarians of Ontario becomes the College of Veterinary Professionals of Ontario.

Work still to come

The College welcomes its new legislation, the *Veterinary Professionals Act*, which received Royal Assent in the Ontario legislature on June 6, 2024. The new framework modernizes the regulation of the veterinary profession in Ontario. For more information, please contact the College or visit cvo.org/modernization.

