# **Legislative Reform**

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



#### 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.



# 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.



## 2024 June 6 **Modernized legislation**

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



# 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.



## **Final proclamation**

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



Work begins on the regulations





### The CVPO begins

# begins work

and by-laws for the College of Veterinary Professionals of Ontario.

