



## **PACTA Professional Animal Care and Training Association of BC**

### **Events Committee Report for 2022**

### **Submitted for the Annual General Meeting on March 5, 2023**

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PACTA BC's Events Committee had been temporarily put on hold during the pandemic, and the Board asked if I would remain as acting chair. In the meantime, the Marketing Committee, of which I am also a member, took over planning events like our Roundtables and AGM guest speakers. During the pandemic, when in person gatherings weren't possible, most organisations changed to hosting events virtually. Many people stated they were a tad overwhelmed with the online offerings, and are excited to get back to meeting in person! As part of the Marketing Committee, I've reached out to a few potential guest speakers (donkeys and horses, anyone?), and many of our Professional Members give wonderful presentations, so we should have some interesting sessions in 2023!

As PACTA BC is a province-wide organisation, we will still host online events so people from anywhere can attend, but we plan to have in-person events too. As I explained for our October 2022 AGM, we would love to have representation from all over our province, possibly with smaller chapters to plan events in their local regions.

When VIATA was formed over ten years ago, one commitment was to host [Training Exchange Workshops](#), a free member benefit. I believe TEWs are an excellent way to encourage others to get involved with our organisation and to educate the public about reinforcement based training, and they need to continue...all over British Columbia!

Our *PACTA & Potato Chip* events have been well attended with both short committee presentations and time for questions and general chat. It's crucial to stay connected with you, our members, to find out in what directions you think PACTA should go, and our more casual Potato Chip events are a better venue for that than our AGMs.

Monthly Zoom Roundtables for our Professional Members are popular and have hosted many great discussions in a confidential, supportive, non-judgemental space.

If you might be interested in helping plan an event for your community or join our Events Committee, I'd love to hear from you. We always welcome suggestions for events that would be helpful to our Individual (Adult and Youth) Members and our Professional Members, and the general public.

Respectfully submitted,

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