



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

Observer Guidelines for Members of the Public Attending Open Meetings

Reporters, members of the public and registrants are welcome to attend open hearings of the College of Veterinarians of British Columbia as observers.

To ensure that the hearing is conducted with decorum and with due regard to the rights and privacy of all participants, observers must read the following guidelines:

- Observers are reminded that they are not participants in the hearing and must remain quiet throughout the proceedings. Any inappropriate conduct may result in the observer being asked to leave.
- The hearing panel may make such orders as it considers necessary to ensure the proper respect to the meeting process is adhered to by observers, and to limit those attending to the number of available seats in the room.
- Orders may be made by the hearing panel protecting the confidentiality and prohibiting disclosure, publication or broadcasting of certain matters.
- Cameras, recording devices, drawing or sketching are not permitted, and all mobile devices must be turned off before entering the room.
- No smoking, food or drinks (exception of water) are permitted in the room.
- There may be closed portions of the proceedings where observers will be required to leave.

By attending a hearing of the College of Veterinarians of British Columbia, a visitor is assumed to have agreed to the above guidelines. Any visitor may be required to leave, or may be denied attendance, at the discretion of the Hearing Panel Chair.