

BC Pet Registry Provincial Tattoo Identification Program

Table of Contents

BC PET REGISTRY OVERVIEW	2
BC PET REGISTRY PROVINCIAL TATTOO IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM	3
<i>Tattoo Instructions</i>	3
<i>Tattoo Placement</i>	3
<i>Privacy Information</i>	4
<i>Microchip Recovery Contacts</i>	4
<i>Registering Tattoos with the BC Pet Registry</i>	5
INSTRUCTIONS: CLOSING, MERGING, OR RENAMING YOUR PRACTICE	6
BC TATTOO IDENTIFICATION CODES	7
BC TATTOO IDENTIFICATION CODES: NEW 3-LETTER FACILITY CODES	11
VANCOUVER ISLAND TATTOO IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM	14
VANCOUVER ISLAND TATTOO CODES: PRE-EXISTING TATTOO CODE LIST	15

BC PET REGISTRY OVERVIEW

What is the BC Pet Registry?

The BC Pet Registry is British Columbia's first centralized pet identification (ID) database, launched by the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) in 2015. The registry ensures that all dogs, cats, and rabbits are given their best chance of getting back home should they become lost. Lost pets that are registered can be identified and returned to their family with a simple search.

Why did the BC SPCA create the BC Pet Registry?

The sole goal of the BC Pet Registry is to help reunite lost pets with their people. Each year, thousands of lost or stray animals are taken into care by BC SPCA shelters, animal control agencies, veterinarians and rescue groups.

Without permanent identification, it is nearly impossible to identify lost animals and reunite them with their families. Each year, approximately 95% of cats and 30% of dogs in Canada are unable to be traced to their original guardian. At the BC Pet Registry, we hope to reverse this trend.

The BC Pet Registry offers a single, centralized database that will allow pet guardians to register their personal contact information with their pet's ID. This registration will enable any participating veterinarian, animal control agency or rescue group to search the database and locate the guardian of any lost pet already registered with the BC Pet Registry.

How does BC Pet Registry work?

Each registration is uploaded to the BC Pet Registry's online portal (www.bcpetregistry.com). Pet owners are able to login with their email provided during the adoption process. While logged in to their account, they can update their person and pet details. Pet owners are able to register more than one permanent ID to their pet's profile for no additional cost (ex. microchip and tattoo).

Veterinarians, animal control agencies and shelters can access the portal to register their clients or search to locate the guardian of a lost animal based on the animal's unique microchip, tattoo, or license.

Cats, dogs, and rabbits from any of the BC SPCA's 30+ centres are now automatically registered in the database at the time of adoption. Pets can also be added to the database online by their guardian or during a visit to a participating veterinary clinic or hospital.

Registration fees are used to cover the cost of operating the provincial registry. Any additional revenue generated goes directly to the life-saving work done at the BC SPCA for abused, neglected, and homeless animals.

BC PET REGISTRY PROVINCIAL TATTOO IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

In 1987 the College of Veterinarians of British Columbia (CVBC) adopted a province wide Tattoo Identification Program. On January 1st, 2017 the Tattoo Identification Program was absorbed by the [BC Pet Registry](#), an initiative of the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BCSPCA).

Vancouver Island already had a pre-existing tattoo program before 1987 and their listing is included in this book. Codes are no longer added to the Vancouver Island listing as only one list is now being maintained for the entire province.

Tattoo Instructions

Codes must be in the following order to be correctly interpreted:

1. The individual animal identification number must be assigned and recorded by the facility placing the tattoo.
2. The hospital code is 2 to 3 pre-assigned letters found on the following list (*Note: The letters D, I, O, Q, and U have been purposely excluded from the following list*).
3. The year codes are as follows:

L	2001	M	2002
N	2003	P	2004
R	2005	S	2006
T	2007	V	2008
W	2009	X	2010
Y	2011	Z	2012
A	2013	B	2014

C	2015	E	2016
F	2017	G	2018
H	2019	J	2020
K	2021	L	2022
M	2023	N	2024
P	2025	R	2026

EXAMPLE:	123DBV	123 for the individual animal DB for the facility (Dunbar Vet. Hospital, Vancouver) V for the year (2008)
	123AAHV	123 for the individual animal AAH for the facility (Yaletown Pet Hosp., Vancouver) V for the year (2008)

The ability to reunite a pet with its owner depends on how the codes are tattooed. They should follow the exact same sequence as above. Clinics are responsible for maintaining the records, and these need to be transferred to the new owner in the event of a change in clinic ownership.

To register tattoos with the BC Pet Registry, please email info@bcpetregistry.ca for more information.

Tattoo Placement

The right ear is the preferred site for the tattoo. All veterinarians and shelters in the province should be able to identify the practice facility that placed the tattoo. Each practice facility should be able to identify the animal from its individual number. Returning the animal to its owners should then be a straightforward process.

Privacy Information

With regard to the Privacy Act, owners that choose to participate in the tattoo program waive their right to their contact information remaining confidential in the sole circumstance of identifying an animal tattooed under this program. Other practice facilities as well as an agency that has statutory authority such as the BC SPCA may contact your veterinary facility to obtain the telephone number for the owner of a lost pet. This contact information should be released in accordance with the Bylaws (Code of Ethics, S. 249, Access to Information) to assist with reuniting the pet and owner. If you do not wish to provide this information, instead of refusing to release the information, obtain the facility's name and telephone number and contact the owners to inform them of their pet's location.

If you choose to participate, the tattoo that is put on the pet should have a number of your choice as the animal identification code, the assigned practice code and the year code. This program does not supersede Canadian Kennel Club and American Kennel Club tattoo numbers but may be more useful as it is not restricted to purebred dogs and the practice codes are not confidential.

The CVBC and BC Pet Registry encourages your participation in this program. If you have any further questions regarding the program or the necessary tattooing equipment, please email info@bcpetregistry.ca or call 1-855-622-7722.

Microchip Recovery Contacts

BC Pet Registry	bcpetregistry.ca	1-855-622-7722 (After hours: 1-866-303-5950)
EIDAP Inc.	eidap.com	1-888-346-8899
Pettrac (AVID)	avidid.com	1-800-338-1397
M4S ID	microchipsolutions.com	1-877-738-4384
24PetWatch	24petwatch.com	1-866-597-2424
PetLynx	petlynx.net	1-866-738-5969
Canada Chip	ckc.ca	1-800-396-1896
AAHA	petmicrochiplookup.org	1-800-252-2242

Registering Tattoos with the BC Pet Registry

Veterinarians have the option to register tattoos with the BC Pet Registry's online permanent pet ID database. Any microchip, tattoo, or license can be registered online at bcpetregistry.ca with an Industry Account. Registering permanent ID with the BC Pet Registry is highly recommended to provide pets with the best chance of being reunited with their guardians should they become lost.

Please note that this is an optional registration and is not required. Paper records can still be maintained at the clinic or hospital for tattoos.

Step 1: Sign-up for a veterinary clinic account

Staff can [register for a veterinary clinic account online](#). This account will allow you to search a tattoo code, microchip, or license on the registry should a lost pet come in to your clinic or hospital.

Step 2: Register clients

Each tattooed or microchipped pet can be added to the Registry during a regularly scheduled appointment. Account details should be added by a veterinary staff member during the appointment to ensure registration is complete.

Step 3: Information is stored online

The BC Pet Registry offers an internationally traceable, secure database for all forms of permanent pet identification. This information will not be sold to third parties.

Decrease paperwork at your clinic and feel comfortable knowing your client's pets are protected! Register for an industry account today and become a part of BC's only provincial pet ID database.

INSTRUCTIONS: CLOSING, MERGING, OR RENAMING YOUR PRACTICE

If you are planning to close your practice, please contact the College of Veterinarians of British Columbia (CVBC) to notify them of your practice's closure.

Tattoo Record Keeping Guidelines

BC Pet Registry recommends keeping tattoo records indefinitely. If you are planning to close, merge, or rename your practice, arrangements must be made to ensure these records are still accessible. Please contact the CVBC to learn more about current bylaws and guidelines.

Notifying the BC Pet Registry

If your clinic is closing, merging, or being renamed, please contact the BC Pet Registry so that we can update the Provincial Tattoo Identification Program documents.

Registering Tattoos with the BC Pet Registry

Tattoos can be registered with the BC Pet Registry in the case of practice closure. Please note that pet owner's permission must be obtained in order to register clients. If you would like more information, please contact us at: info@bcpetregistry.ca.

Notifying Clients

In the case your clinic is closing, merging, or being renamed, it is recommended that an email be distributed to clients sharing the benefits of registering their tattoos with the BC Pet Registry. Tattoo records hosted on the BC Pet Registry website will allow any veterinarian or shelter enrolled in the program to access records, no matter where the paper logs are/were previously housed.

If you would like an email template to customize, please contact us at: info@bcpetregistry.ca.

Contact us at: info@bcpetregistry.ca to begin registering your clients' tattoos with BC's only provincial pet ID database.

BC TATTOO IDENTIFICATION CODES

* = Veterinary facility closed

AA	Vancouver Veterinary Hospital, Vancouver	AB	BC SPCA Animal Hospital, Vancouver
AC	Anderson Animal Hospital, Vancouver* (Merged with Vancouver South Animal Hospital June 2020)	AD	Aberdeen Animal Hospital, Burnaby*
AE	Terrace Veterinary Hospital, Terrace*	AF	Animal Care Clinic & Hospital FC/Fairview Van (No records available since 1997)*
AG	Austin Animal Hospital, Coquitlam*	AH	All Critters Animal Hospital Fleetwood, Surrey
AJ	Arbutus West Animal Clinic, Vancouver	AK	Ocean Park Veterinary Clinic, Surrey
AL	Alouette Animal Hosp, Maple Ridge	AM	Aldergrove Animal Hospital, Aldergrove
AN	Aldor Veterinary Clinic, Langley	AP	Animal Medical Hospital, West Van
AR	Ambleside Animal Hospital, West Van	AS	Allondale Animal Hospital, Surrey
AT	Armstrong Veterinary Clinic	AV	King George Veterinary Hospital, Surrey
AX	No. 2 Road Animal Hosp, Richmond	AY	Accord Veterinary Services, Kamloops*
BA	Burquitlam Animal Hosp, Coquitlam	BB	Burton Veterinary Services, Abbotsford
BC	Blue Cross Pet Hospital, Vancouver	BE	North Burnaby Pet Hosp, North Burnaby
BF	Dolphin Veterinary Services, Langley	BG	Coast Mountain Vet Services, Whistler
BH	Bulkley Valley Vet Clinic, Smithers*	BJ	Atlas Animal Hospital-North Vancouver
BK	Newton Animal Hospital, Surrey	BM	Acadia Veterinary Clinic, Vancouver
BN	Care Pet Wellness Burnaby/New West	BP	Pacific Dental Service for Animals, Princeton*
BR	Blueridge Cove Animal Hosp, North Van	BS	South Burnaby Veterinary Hospital, Burnaby
BT	Eagle Road Animal Hospital, Mission* (Records held by Eagle Hill Animal Hospital - AGJ)	BV	Burnaby Veterinary Hospital, Burnaby
BW	Brookwood Veterinary Hosp, Langley	BX	Greenbelt Veterinary Services, Chilliwack
BY	Pineview Pet Hospital, Aldergrove*	CA	Cambie Animal Hospital, Vancouver* (Merged with Vancouver South Animal Hospital June 2020)
CB	Coast Meridian Animal Hosp, Port Coquitlam	CC	Cranbrook Veterinary Hospital, Cranbrook
CD	Cedar Hills Animal Hospital, Surrey	CF	Central Animal Hospital, Kamloops
CG	Aaron Animal Hospital, Cloverdale	CH	Central Veterinary Clinic, Chilliwack
CK	Lifetime Pet Care Practice of Strawberry Hill, Surrey	CL	Coquitlam Animal Hospital, Coquitlam
CN	Cats Only Vet Clinic, Vancouver	CP	Central Park Veterinary Hospital, Burnaby*
CR	Cheam View Vet Hospital, Chilliwack	CS	Capilano Pet Hospital, North Van*
CT	Cat Hospital, The, West Vancouver*	CV	Tri-Lake Animal Hospital, Winfield
CW	Champlain Animal Clinic, Vancouver	CX	Nelson Animal Hospital, Nelson
CY	Chetwynd Veterinary Hospital, Chetwynd	DA	Dear Animal Hospital, The, Richmond* (Closed 05/10/18, records held by Island Animal Hospital - HH)
DB	Dunbar Veterinary Hospital, Vancouver*	DC	Care Pet Wellness Group-Seymour Animal*
DD	Westview Vet Hospital, Powell River	DE	South Valley Veterinary Hospital, Osoyoos
DF	Vancouver City Pound, Vancouver	DH	Sunshine Hills Veterinary Clinic, Delta
DJ	Creston Veterinary Hospital, Creston	DK	Dawson Creek Vet Clinic, Dawson Creek
DL	South Valley Vet Hospital, Keremeos*	DM	Dewdney Animal Hospital, Maple Ridge
DN	North & West Van Mobile Veterinary Services	DP	Central Animal Hospital, Vernon
DR	Queen Charlotte Island Animal Hospital, Tlell	DS	Vernon Veterinary Clinic, Vernon
DV	Dundarave Vet Clinic, West Vancouver*	DW	Castlegar Veterinary Hospital, Castlegar

DX	Boundary Animal Hospital	DY	Driftwood Veterinary Clinic, Houston*
EA	Ellis Animal Hospital, Kelowna*	EC	Central City Animal Hospital, New West
EE	Pacific Equine Clinic, Surrey	EF	Eagle Ridge Veterinary Hospital, Sechelt
EH	Vancouver Animal Emerg. Clinic, Vancouver	EJ	Terra Nova Village Veterinarian, Richmond
EK	West Kelowna Animal Hospital	EL	Kitsilano Animal Clinic, Vancouver
EN	Nicola Valley Veterinary Clinic, Merritt* (Closed 12/31/18, records held by Merritt Veterinary Hospital – ME)	ER	Eagle Ridge Animal & Bird Hosp., Coquitlam
ES	Dr. R. Estensen, Abbotsford*	ET	Valleyview Veterinary Clinic, Kamloops
EV	Garibaldi Vet Hosp, Garibaldi Highlands	EW	Surrey Animal Hospital, Surrey
EX	Bakerview Pet Hospital, Abbotsford* (Records held by Elwood Animal Hospital – PP)	EY	West Kootenay Animal Hospital, Trail
FA	Vetcetera Pet Hospital of Richmond* (New name/code: Central Richmond Pet Hospital - ACV)	FB	Arrow Lake Veterinary Hospital, Castlegar
FC	S. Cariboo Animal Hosp, 100 Mile House*	FD	Mackenzie Veterinary Clinic, MacKenzie* (Closed as of September 1, 2019. For medical records, contact Chetwynd Veterinary Hospital at 250-788-9374).
FE	Vetcetera Pet Hosp, Lougheed/Pinetree* (New name/code: Oxford Animal Hospital - ACU)	FF	Squamish Veterinary Hospital, Squamish*
FG	Fairfield Animal Hospital, Kelowna	FH	Fraser Heights Animal Hospital, Surrey
FJ	North Peace Vet Clinic, Fort St. John	FL	Fort Langley Veterinary Clinic, Fort Langley
FN	Central Langley Pet Hospital, Langley	FR	Mills Veterinary Services, Armstrong
FP	Fraser Pet Hospital, Vancouver*	FT	Leishman Veterinary Services, Mission*
FS	Ospika Animal Hospital, Prince George (Former name: All-Mobile Veterinary Services)	FW	Tumbler Ridge Vet Clinic, Tumbler Ridge*
FY	Anderson Veterinary Clinic, Penticton	GA	Kimberly Veterinary Clinic, Kimberley
FV	Fraserview Animal Clinic, Vancouver*	GC	Garden City Veterinary Hospital, Richmond
FX	Alexander Mobile Equine Surgery, Langley*	GE	Olson Animal Hospital, Prince George*
GB	Gibsons Animal Hospital, Gibsons*	GG	Chilliwack Veterinary Clinic, Chilliwack*
GD	Vanderhoof Veterinary Clinic, Vanderhoof	GJ	Gresley-Jones Veterinary Services, Trail*
GF	Glenn Mountain Animal Hospital, Abbotsford	GL	Cache Creek Veterinary Hospital
GH	Guildford Animal Hospital, Surrey	GN	Nechako Veterinary Clinic, Langley*
GK	Lakeland Vet Clinic, 100 Mile House	GR	Steveston Veterinary Hospital, Richmond
GM	White Rock Veterinary Hospital, White Rock	GT	Abbotsford Veterinary Clinic, Abbotsford
GP	Point Grey Veterinary Clinic, Vancouver	GW	Riverside Small Animal Hospital, Kamloops
GS	Granville Island Veterinary Hospital, Vancouver	GY	48 th Avenue Animal Hospital, Ladner
GV	Valley Veterinary Services, Chilliwack	HB	Night Owl Bird Hospital, Vancouver
GX	Country Grove Vet Clinic, Aldergrove	HD	Hill 'n Dale Animal Hospital, Mission*
HA	Care Pet Wellness Group Highlands Animal Hosp., North Van	HF	Huff Animal Hospital, Delta
HC	Mayne Island Veterinary Clinic, Mayne Island	HH	Island Veterinary Hospital, Richmond
HE	Penticton Veterinary Hospital, Penticton	HK	Summerland Animal Clinic, Summerland
HG	Valley Veterinary Clinic, Windermere*	HM	Tsawwassen Animal Hospital, Delta
HJ	Hornby Veterinary Clinic, Hornby Island*	HP	Vancouver Animal Wellness Hosp., Van
HL	The Lions Vet Clinic, North Vancouver*	HS	Chase Veterinary Clinic, Chase
HN	Oak Animal Hospital, Vancouver	HV	Hollyburn Veterinary Clinic, West Vancouver
HR	Port Coquitlam Animal Hospital, Port Coquitlam	HX	The Cat Hospital, West Vancouver*
HT	Invermere Veterinary Hospital, Invermere	JA	Sardis Animal Hospital, Sardis
HW	Babine Pet Hospital, Smithers	JC	Shuswap Veterinary Clinic, Salmon Arm

HY	Harbourside Vet Housecall Service, North Van	JE	Sechelt Animal Hospital, Sechelt
JB	Jade Bay Veterinary Services Oyama*	JG	Animal Medical Clinic-Okanagan, Penticton* (Closed June 2020, For records, contact Dr. George Proudfoot at South Okanagan Animal Care Centre)
JD	Prince George Vet Hospital, Prince George	JJ	Pawsitive Veterinary Care, Kelowna
JF	Sitara Animal Hospital, Kelowna	JL	Urban Animal Hospital, Vancouver
JH	Cypress St. Animal Hospital, Vancouver	JN	Panorama Veterinary Services, Winfield
JK	Avon Animal Hospital, Surrey	JR	Kettle River Veterinary Service, Grand Forks*
JM	Richmond Animal Hospital, Richmond	JT	South Peace Animal Hosp., Dawson Creek* (Closed 12/21/18, for records email southpeaceanimalhospital@hotmail.com)
JP	West Boulevard Vet Clinic, Vancouver	KB	Kent Veterinary Clinic, Agassiz
JS	South Surrey Veterinary Hospital, Surrey	KD	Kerrisdale Veterinary Hospital, Vancouver
KA	Kamloops Vet Clinic, Kamloops	KF	Oliver Veterinary Hospital, Oliver
KC	Kelowna Vet Hospital, Kelowna	KH	Kennedy Heights Animal & Bird Hosp., Surrey
KE	Parkside Veterinary Hospital, Kitimat*	KK	Kootenay Animal Clinic, Creston*
KG	Chinook Veterinary Services, Williams Lake	KM	Abbotsford Veterinary Hospital, Abbotsford*
KJ	Okanagan Veterinary Hospital, Kelowna	KP	Pacific Coast Vet Hospital, Prince Rupert
KL	Creekside Animal Clinic, Vernon	KS	Williams Lake Veterinary Hosp., Williams Lake
KN	Rutland Pet Hospital, Kelowna	KV	Kingsway Veterinary Clinic, Vancouver
KR	Knight Road Veterinary Clinic, Vancouver*	KX	Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops
KT	Coquihalla Veterinary Clinic, Hope (Former name: Coquihalla Veterinary Services and Bate Veterinary Clinic)	LA	Langley Animal Clinic/Spay & Neuter Clinic, Langley
KW	Quesnel Veterinary Clinic, Quesnel	LC	Scottsdale Veterinary Hospital, Surrey
KY	Kootenay Veterinary Clinic, Cranbrook* (Closed Feb 2021. records, contact Dr. Gerry MacIntyre at kootenayvetrecords@gmail.com).	LE	Clearbrook Animal Hospital, Clearbrook
LB	Albatross Vet Services, Langley	LG	All About Pet Clinic, Langley
LD	Coldstream Veterinary Clinic, Vernon*	LK	Lakeshore Animal Clinic, Kelowna
LF	Sunridge Veterinary Clinic, Vernon	LM	Mission Creek Animal Hospital, Kelowna
LJ	Steeple Veterinary Clinic, Cranbrook	LP	Lonsdale Pet Hospital, North Vancouver
ME	Logan Lake Vet Clinic, Merritt (Same code as Merritt Veterinary Hospital)	LT	Seafair Animal Clinic, Richmond
LN	Ladner Animal Hospital, Delta*	LW	Columbia Veterinary Services, Golden
LS	Lindsey Veterinary Hospital, Penticton	LY	Surdel Animal Hospital, Delta*
LV	Lynn Valley Vet Clinic, North Vancouver	MB	CRC Veterinary Hospital, Dawson Creek*
LX	Pitt Meadows Animal Clinic, Pitt Meadows	MD	Care Pet Wellness Group Marine Drive*
MA	Maple Ridge Veterinary Hospital, Maple Ridge	MF	Mission Veterinary Hospital
MC	Marshall Veterinary Hospital, Quesnel (Relinquished tattoo code July 29/09)	MH	Crescent Beach Vet Clinic, Surrey
ME	Merritt Veterinary Hospital, Merritt	MK	Killarney Animal Hospital, Vancouver
MG	Alta Vista Animal Hospital, Vancouver	MM	Amherst Veterinary Hospital, Vancouver
MJ	Metrotown Animal Hospital, Burnaby	MS	Westview Veterinary Services, North Van
ML	Walnut Grove Animal Hospital, Langley	MV	Wells Gray Vet Clinic, Clearwater*
MR	Cedar Grove Animal Hospital, Mission	MX	Caulfeild Veterinary Hospital, North Van
MT	West King Edward Animal Clinic, Vancouver	NA	Mundy Animal Hospital, Coquitlam
MW	Gladwin Veterinary Clinic, Abbotsford	NC	Kensington Animal Hospital, Burnaby
MY	Clayton Animal Hospital, Langley*	NE	University Veterinary Clinic, Vancouver
NB	Central Valley Veterinary Hospital, Kelowna	NH	The Burns Lake Veterinary Clinic, Burns Lake

	(Former name: Vetcetera Pet Hospital)		
ND	DeBruin Veterinary Clinic, Quesnel*	NK	Fraser Highway Animal Clinic, Surrey*
NG	Central Ridge Vet Clinic, Maple Ridge*	NM	Westwood Heights Pet Hospital, Coquitlam
NJ	Gold Creek Vet Clinic, Cranbrook*	NP	North Fraser Veterinary Hospital, Mission*
NL	Jean Lauder, Qulchena	NT	Trenant Park Pet Clinic, Ladner
NN	Animal Care Hospital of Williams Lake	NW	Westbank Animal Care Hospital, Kelowna
NR	Fleetwood Vet Services, Surrey	NY	Nakusp & Valhalla Vet Clinics, Nakusp*
NV	Capitol Hill Animal Hospital, Burnaby (Former name: The Coast Cat Clinic)	PB	Elk Valley Animal Clinic, Fernie
NX	Newlands Veterinary Clinic, Langley*	PD	Fraser Valley Animal Hospital, Abbotsford
PA	Housecall Vet Services of Greater Van., Burnaby*	PF	Animal Housecall Practice, North Van*
PC	North Bluff Animal Hospital, White Rock	PH	Clayburn Pet Hospital, Abbotsford
PE	Bird & Exotic Animal Hospital, Surrey*	PK	Como Lake Veterinary Hospital, Coquitlam
PG	Exclusively Cats Hsecal Practice, Vancouver*	PM	Murdoch Vet Services, Prince George
PJ	Mosquito Creek Vet Hosp, North Vancouver	PP	Elwood Park Animal Hospital, Abbotsford
PL	Park Gate Animal & Bird Hospital, North Van	PS	Andersen Veterinary Services, Aldergrove
PN	Selkirk Veterinary Hospital, Nelson	PV	Companion Animal Clinic, Richmond
PT	Lansdowne Animal Hospital, Richmond	PX	Heartland Veterinary Services, Kelowna
PW	White Valley Veterinary Services, Lumby (Former name: Flater Veterinary Services)	XA	North Kootenay Veterinary Services, Kaslo
PY	Grand Forks Central Vet Services, renamed Boundary Country Veterinarian Services Ltd.* Closed Oct 2020. For medical records, please email boundarycountryvetservices@gmail.com	XD	North Shore Veterinary Clinic, North Van
XC	Pet Care Small Animal Vet Serv, Creston*	XG	Aggasiz Animal Hospital, Aggasiz
XF	Agwest Group, Abbotsford*	XJ	The Animal Clinic of Vancouver, Vancouver*
XH	Sunwood Vet Hospital, Coquitlam	XL	Small Creatures Pet Clinic, Langley
XK	Carepoint Vet Hospital, Chilliwack*	XN	Skeena Animal Hospital, Terrace
XM	Vedder Mountain Vet Clinic, Chilliwack	XR	Cats at Home Feline Hsecal Practice, Surrey
XP	Little Mountain Vet Clinic, Chilliwack	XT	Country Meadows Pet Hosp, Maple Ridge
XS	North Road Animal Hospital, Coquitlam	XW	All About Cats Veterinary Clinic, North Van
XV	Atlas Animal Hospital, Vancouver	XY	Apex Animal Hospital, Langley
XX	Angel Animal Hospital, Surrey	YA	Pals With Paws Vet Hospital, Salmon Arm
XZ	Atlas Animal Hospital, Sechelt*	YC	Animal Emerg Clinic of Fraser Vly, Langley
YB	Carrington Animal Hospital, Westbank	YE	Catcare Veterinary Clinic, Richmond
YD	South Peace Animal Hospital, Dawson Creek* (Closed 12/21/18, for records email southpeaceanimalhospital@hotmail.com)	YG	Pemberton Veterinary Hospital, Pemberton*
YF	The Animal Clinic on Cornwall*	YJ	Columbia Summit Vet Hospital, Kamloops
YH	Shaughnessy Vet Hospital, Port Coquitlam	YL	Eastridge Animal Hospital, Maple Ridge
YK	Murrayville Veterinary Clinic, Langley*	YN	Kermodei Veterinary Hospital, Terrace
YM	Princeton Animal Clinic, Princeton*	YR	Alpine Animal Hospital, New Westminster
YP	Allwest Animal Hospital, Abbotsford	YT	Port Moody Animal Hospital, Port Moody
YS	Bowen Vet Services, Bowen Island* (Temporarily closed 06/30/18, records with Mountainside – AGS)	YW	Healing Place Veterinary Clinic, North Van*
YV	Wilson Veterinary Housecall, North Vancouver*	YY	Stevens Veterinary Services, Horsefly Lake*
YX	The Animal Clinic on Burrard, Vancouver*	YZ	Powell River Veterinary Hospital, Powell River

BC TATTOO IDENTIFICATION CODES: NEW 3-LETTER FACILITY CODES

* = Veterinary facility closed

AAA	Vetcetera Pet Hospital-Park Royal* (New name/code = West Vancouver Veterinary Hospital - ACT)	AAB	Crescent Falls Veterinary Hospital, Vernon
AAC	Hastings Veterinary Hospital, Burnaby	AAD	Tender Care Vet Hospital, Surrey*
AAE	Westgate Animal Hospital, Maple Ridge	AAF	Vancouver Feline Hospital, Vancouver
AAG	Second Chance Animal Shelter, Nelson	AAH	Yaletown Pet Hospital, Vancouver
AAJ	Delbrook Mall Animal Hospital, North Van	AAK	K.L.O. Veterinary Hospital, Kelowna
AAM	Oak Bay Pet Clinic, Victoria	AAN	Haney Animal Hospital, Maple Ridge
AAP	Cloverdale Animal Hospital, Cloverdale	AAR	Lifeline Animal Clinic, Victoria
AAS	Paws & Claws Animal Hospital, Langley	AAT	Madeira Park Veterinary Clinic, Mad. Park
AAV	Sunshine Coast Pet Hosp & Mobile Service, Gibson's Landing	AAW	Rivers Animal Hospital, Fort St. John
AAX	Lougheed Animal Hospital, Mission	AAY	Menzies Pet Hospital, Chilliwack
ABA	Atlantic Animal Hospital, Surrey	ABB	South Point Pet Hospital, Surrey
ABC	Whatcom Road Veterinary Hosp, Abbotsford*	ABD	Panorama Village Animal Hospital, Surrey
ABE	Lincoln Animal Hospital, Coquitlam	ABF	Central Cowichan Animal Hosp, Cowichan
ABG	BCSPCA Prince George Spay/Neuter Clinic	ABH	Cottonwood Veterinary Clinic, Chilliwack
ABI	Family Pet Hospital, Chilliwack	ABJ	Alpine Pet Hospital, Kelowna
ABK	VetCare Mobile Animal Clinic & Surgery, Salmon Arm*	ABL	Rose Valley Veterinary Hospital, Kelowna
ABM	North Delta Hospital, Delta (Former name: Delta Animal Hospital)	ABN	Pacific Rim Veterinary Hosp, Port Alberni
ABO	Willowbrook Animal Hospital, Langley	ABP	Canada West Veterinary Specialists, Van
ABR	Sunoka Veterinary Clinic, Summerland	ABS	Central Ridge Vet Clinic, Okanagan Falls*
ABT	Sunshine Plaza Animal Hospital, Vancouver	ABV	South Fraser Animal Hospital, Abbotsford
ABW	Coombs Veterinary Hospital, Coombs (See Norgate Animal Hospital)	ABX	Alpenlofts Veterinary Hospital, Garibaldi Highlands
ABY	City Petcare Hospital, Surrey	ABZ	Peninsula Crossing Animal Hospital, Surrey
ACA	The Landing Veterinary Clinic, Gibsons	ACB	High Point Animal Hospital, Surrey
ACC	Salmon Arm Mobile Veterinary Clinic*	ACD	Tricity Animal Hospital, Port Coquitlam
ACE	Norgate Animal Hospital, North Van	ACF	Apollo Animal Hospital, Surrey
ACG	Grand Street Cat Clinic, Mission* (Records with: South Fraser Animal Hospital - ABV)	ACH	Thunderbird Animal Hospital, Langley
ACI	Douglas College, (AHT Program) New West	ACJ	BC SPCA Kamloops Spay Neuter Clinic, Kamloops
ACK	Dr. Jim Proctor*	ACL	186 St. Animal Hospital
ACM	Eagle Rise Animal Hospital	ACN	Mainland Animal Emergency Clinic
ACP	West Coast Veterinary Dental Services Inc.	ACR	Healing Paws Veterinary Care
ACS	Lions Gate Animal Hospital*	ACT	West Vancouver Veterinary Hospital
ACU	Oxford Animal Hospital	ACV	Central Richmond Pet Hospital*
ACW	Little Paws Animal Clinic	ACX	Pemberton Veterinary Hospital
ACY	Hope Veterinary Services	ACZ	Meadowvale Animal Hospital
ADA	Otter Point Veterinary Hospital	ADB	Revelstoke Veterinary Clinic
ADC	Edmonds St. Animal Hospital	ADD	Chase River Animal Hospital
ADE	Fraser Village Pet Hospital*	ADF	Townline Veterinary Hospital
ADG	Tranquille Road Animal Hospital	AEA	Main Street Animal Hospital

AEB	Pacific Animal Hospital* (Closed as of June 11, 2019. For medical records, contact 604-585-1177)	AEC	Capital Cat Clinic
AEE	Head to Tail Veterinary Hospital	AEF	Deep Creek Veterinary Services
AEH	Columbia Square Animal Hospital	AEJ	Downtown Veterinary Clinic
AEK	Murrayville Animal Hospital	AEL	Gibsons Animal Hospital
AEM	Hemlock Animal Hospital	AEN	Burnside Pet Clinic
AEP	Alpha Animal Hospital	AEQ	Central Island Veterinary Emergency Hospital Ltd.
AER	College Heights Veterinary Clinic	AES	Peace Arch Veterinary Hospital White Rock
AET	Burtch Pet Clinic	AEU	Mountain View Veterinary Hospital Ltd.
AEV	Twin Rivers Animal Hospital (If AEV, contact both Twin Rivers & The Country AH)	AEW	1 st Ave Animal Hospital
AEX	Healing Choices Veterinary Clinic Ltd. *	AEY	Kitimat Animal Hospital
AEZ	Asher Road Animal Hospital	AFA	Dawson Street Veterinary Clinic, Burnaby
AFB	Willoughby Animal Hospital Inc.	AFC	Queen's Park Pet Hospital Ltd.
AFE	Burkeview Animal Hospital Ltd	AFF	Terrace Animal Hospital
AFG	Eagleview Veterinary Hospital	AFH	Hart Family Veterinary Clinic Ltd.
AFJ	BC Animal Hospital	AFK	Animal Health Clinic of Whistler
AFL	Central Park Animal Hospital	AFM	Pandosy Village Veterinary Hospital Ltd.
AFN	Grace Veterinary Hospital Ltd.	AFP	Aberdeen Veterinary Hospital
AFR	Greystone Animal Hospital	AFS	Yorkson Creek Veterinary Hospital Ltd.
AFT	Gentle Pet Clinic, Fort St John	AFV	Harbourview Animal Hospital* (Closed as of December 2 2019. Records held at Delbrook Mall Animal Hospital).
AFW	Small Blessing Veterinary Services Ltd.	AFX	The Cat Hospital of Kamloops
AFY	Coastal Rivers Pet Hospital	AFZ	Newport Village Animal Hospital
AGA	Gladys Pet Hospital, Abbotsford	AGB	All Creatures Animal Hospital
AGC	Meadowbrook Cat Clinic	AGE	Harbour City Animal Hospital
AGF	Vic West Pet Hospital	AGG	Maillardville Animal Hospital
AGH	Millstream Veterinary Hospital	AGJ	Eagle Hill Animal Hospital
AGK	Tanglefoot Veterinary Services Ltd. Fernie	AGL	Gibsons Veterinary Hospital
AGM	RAPS Animal Hospital	AGN	Vet to Pet Mobile Services Ltd.
AGP	Oaklands Veterinary Hospital	AGR	Shawnigan Lake Vet. Wellness Practice
AGS	Mountainside Animal Hospital & 24 Hour Emergency Services	AGT	VCA Canada Feltham Animal Hospital
AGV	Chilliwack Animal Hospital	AGW	Grandview Animal Hospital
AGX	VCA Canada Ross Bay Animal Hospital	AGY	Dr. Tom Sholseth Mobile Veterinary Service
AGZ	Mahalo Veterinary Hospital	AHA	Tynehead Animal Hospital
AHB	South Mission Animal Hospital	AHC	Uptown Animal Hospital
AHE	Neighbourhood Veterinary Hospital	AHF	Spall & Harvey Animal Hospital, Kelowna
AHG	Fairview Animal Hospital, Aldergrove	AHH	PoCo West Animal Hospital
AHJ	Heritage Animal Hospital, Parksville	AHK	Birchwood Veterinary Clinic, Prince George
AHL	Stave Lake Veterinary Hospital, Mission	AHM	Skyline Veterinary Hospital
AHP	108 Avenue Animal Hospital	AHN	Beach Avenue Animal Hospital

AHR	Duncan Cat Clinic	AHS	RainTree Veterinary Hospital
AHT	Island Tides Veterinary Hospital	AHV	Fantastic Beasts Veterinary Services
AHW	McCallum Centre Animal Hospital	AHX	Silver Star Animal Care Clinic
AHY	Langley Meadows Animal Hospital	AHZ	Campbell Heights Animal Hospital
AJA	Sahali Animal Hospital	AJB	Mission Pawsible
AJC	Arrowsmith Animal Hospital	AJE	Alma Animal Hospital
AJF	Fantastic Beasts Veterinary Services Nanaimo Inc.	AJG	Better Beginnings Veterinary Clinic
AJH	Lake Country Veterinary Clinic	AJJ	The Spay Station – Mobile Spay/Neuter and Veterinary Clinic
AJK	Black Creek Animal Hospital		

VANCOUVER ISLAND TATTOO IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

***For use with the Vancouver Island pre-existing tattoo code list. Please note *this method is now obsolete*. New Vancouver Island clinics and hospitals will be provided with a three-letter tattoo code.**

1. The facility code was **1 or 2** pre-assigned letters found on the attached list.
2. The individual numerical designation was assigned and recorded by the facility placing the tattoo.
3. The year codes are as follows:

M	2002	N	2003
P	2004	R	2005
S	2006	T	2007
V	2008	W	2009
X	2010	Y	2011
Z	2012	A	2013
B	2014	C	2015
E	2016	F	2017
G	2018	H	2019
J	2020	K	2021

Note: Some practices on Vancouver Island may have continued to use the previous year code system i.e.: D = 1989, E = 1990 and so on.

The letters D, I, O, Q and U have been purposely excluded from the above list.

EXAMPLE: **D123V**

D for the facility (Island Veterinary Hospital, Nanaimo)
123 for the individual animal
V for the year (2008)

RE123V

RE for the facility (Elk Lake Veterinary Clinic, Victoria)
123 for the individual animal
V for the year (2008)

VANCOUVER ISLAND TATTOO CODES: PRE-EXISTING TATTOO CODE LIST

* = Veterinary facility closed

A	Bellevue Veterinary Hospital, Parksville	B	Benson View Vet Hospital, Nanaimo
C	Departure Bay Vet Hospital, Nanaimo	D	Island Veterinary Hospital-Central, Nanaimo
E	Ladysmith Animal Hospital, Ladysmith	G	Nanaimo Veterinary Hospital, Nanaimo
H	Parksville Animal Hospital, Parksville	J	Veterinary Housecall Service, Parksville*
K	Prevost Veterinary Clinic, Duncan	L	Gulf Islands Vet Clinic, Salt Spring Island
M	Manzini Animal Hospital, Port Alberni	N	Comox Valley Animal Hospital, Courtenay
O	Alberni Veterinary Clinic, Port Alberni	P	Campbell River Vet Hosp, Campbell River
R	Brentwood Bay Vet Clinic	S	Courtenay Veterinary Clinic, Courtenay
W	Mill Bay Veterinary Hospital, Mill Bay	X	Christmas Hill Animal Clinic, Victoria*
RA	Dr. R.F. Abernathy, Duncan*	RB	Belmont-Langford Vet Hosp, Victoria
RC	Central Victoria Vet Hosp, Victoria	RD	Dogwood Vet Hospital, Campbell River
RE	Elk Lake Veterinary Clinic, Victoria	RJ	Juan de Fuca Veterinary Clinic, Victoria
RL	Lakehill Pet Clinic, Victoria* (Closed 12/07/18, records with: VCA Canada Feltham Animal Hospital - AGT)	RM	Pacific Mobile Veterinary Clinic, Victoria
RN	North Douglas Vet Clinic, Victoria*	RR	Napier Lane Animal Clinic, Victoria*
RS	Gorge-Esquamalt Vet Clinic, Victoria*	RV	Victoria Veterinary Clinic, Victoria
RW	Qualicum Animal Hosp, Qualicum Bch	RY	Fantastic Beasts Veterinary Services, Courtenay (previously Puntledge Vet Clinic)
SB	Quadra Animal Hospital, Victoria*	SC	Central Saanich Animal Hospital, Saanich
SD	Sidney Veterinary Services, Sidney*	SE	Twin Cedars Vet Services, Garbiola Isl
SF	Hillside Veterinary Hospital, Victoria	SG	Heritage Cat Clinic, Victoria* (Closed 03/31/19, records with: VCA Canada Ross Bay Animal Hospital – AGX)
SH	Shelbourne Pet Clinic, Victoria* (Closed 12/07/18, records with: VCA Canada Feltham Animal Hospital - AGT)	SK	Sooke Veterinary Hospital, Sooke
SL	Colwood Veterinary Hospital, Victoria*	SM	Glenview Animal Hospital Ltd., Victoria
SP	North Island Vet Hospital, Port Hardy	SR	Garry Oak Veterinary Hospital, Sidney
SS	Sidney Animal Hospital, Sidney	ST	Hollywood Pet Hospital, Saanichton* (Closing 04/30/19, records with: VCA Canada Ross Bay Animal Hospital – AGX)
SV	Breadner Vet Services, Saanichton	SW	Feltham Gordon-Head Pet Clinic, Victoria* (Closed 11/30/18, records with: VCA Canada Feltham Animal Hospital - AGT)
SX	Cowichan Veterinary Services*	SY	Fairfield Pet Clinic, Victoria* (Closed 03/21/19, records with: VCA Canada Ross Bay Animal Hospital – AGX)
TA	Duncan Animal Hospital, Duncan	TB	McKenzie Veterinary Services, Victoria
TC	Pacific Cat Clinic, Victoria	TD	Dean Park Pet Hospital, Sidney
TE	Royal Oak Pet Clinic, Victoria	TF	Bute Street Veterinary Clinic, Port Alberni
TG	Gold River-Tahsis Veterinary Clinic*	TH	Glanford Animal Hospital, Victoria* (Closed 07/31/18, records with: Thetis Heights Veterinary Clinic)
TJ	Cobble Hill Animal Hospital Ltd. Mill Bay	TK	Greenwood Animal Hosp, Campbell River

TL Saltspring Vet Services, Salt Spring Isle
TN Saseenos Vet Services Ltd., Sooke
TR Anicare Veterinary Hospital Saanichton
TT Woodgrove Animal Hospital, Nanaimo
TW **Beachview Veterinary Hosp, Qualicum***
TY Petroglyph Animal Hospital, Nanaimo
VB The Clinic for Cats, Nanaimo

VE **Comox Cat Clinic, Comox***
VG Shamrock Veterinary Clinic, Comox
VJ Sunrise Vet Clinic Inc.
VL **Eden Cat Vet Clinic, Campbell River***
VN Coastland Vet Hosp, Campbell River
VR Van Isle Veterinary Hospital, Courtenay
VZ Oceanside Animal Hospital,
WB Lighthouse Veterinary Hosp, Qualicum

TM **Colwood Cat Clinic, Victoria***
TP Beacon Cat Hospital, Saanichton
TS Applecross Veterinary Hospital, Nanaimo
TV Cumberland Veterinary Clinic
TX Broadmead Village Veterinary Clinic
VA Tsolum Mobile Vet Health, Courtenay
VC North Island Animal Hospital / Port McNeil Veterinary, Port McNeil
VF **Lakeside Pet Hospital, Lake Cowichan***
VH City Pet Animal Clinic, Victoria
VK Chemainus Animal Hospital, Chemainus
VM Admirals Walk Pet Clinic, Victoria
VP Vetcetera Pet Hospital-Tillimum, Victoria
VT **Kindred Spirits Vet Hospital, Victoria***
WA Merecroft Vet Clinic, Campbell River
WC Mid-Isle Veterinary Hospital, Qualicum