



BVNA
British Veterinary
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Fri 10th - Sun 12th October

BVNA CONGRESS 2025

Don't miss out - Join us at Telford International Centre

LECTURE & WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

IRONBRIDGE 1	IRONBRIDGE 2	IRONBRIDGE 3	PATTINGHAM 1
EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE	NUTRITION Sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition	SPECIES SPECIFIC BEHAVIOUR CONSIDERATIONS Sponsored by ABTC	PROGRESSION Every VN is a leader
09:00-10:00	09:00-10:00	09:00-10:00	09:00-10:00
Trials and tribulations: Sorting the sick from the sicker <i>Laura James</i>	Supporting dogs with cognitive dysfunction <i>Hillary Pearce</i>	'Crazy and spicy' or 'misunderstood moggies' - why do cats always get the bad rap? <i>Nikki McLeod</i>	EI EI O: The human side of leading <i>Stuart Ford-Femmah</i>
10:00 EXHIBITION OPENS			
10:30-11:30	10:30-11:30	10:30-11:30	10:30-11:30
A practical approach to canine and feline transfusion medicine <i>Charlotte Fennell</i>	The role of the RVN in supporting skin cases and the dermatologist <i>Emma Marshall</i>	Rabbit and Guinea pig friendly practice - advice for caregivers and for veterinary practices <i>April Murphy</i>	Clinical supervisors Sponsored by RCVS
12:00-13:00	12:00-13:00	12:00-13:00	12:00-13:00
Fur-real emergencies: Toxicology in practice <i>Laura James</i>	Nutritional support for allergic skin disease <i>Fi Marjoram</i>	When distraction won't work: working with aggressive dogs in practice <i>Laura Ward</i>	Growing a positive workplace culture
13:00-14:00 LUNCH			
14:00-15:00	14:00-15:00	14:00-15:00	14:00-15:00
VN FUNDAMENTALS	Perioperative feeding plans, in-patient nutritional monitoring and client care at patient discharge appointments <i>Susan Campbell</i>	How welfare impacts behaviour in dogs, cats and rabbits <i>Connie Garvey</i>	NURSING THE SENIOR PATIENT
Pain - more than a score <i>Emily Saunders</i>			Senior pet health monitoring <i>Joy Shutt</i>
15:30-16:30	15:30-16:30	15:30-16:30	15:30-16:30
The RVN role in maintaining patient safety when providing in patient care <i>Jessica Hill</i>	IN CONVERSATION	Creating confidence in canine confidence clinics <i>Sam Massey</i>	When love leads the way: Communicating and assessing with compassion in end of life care <i>Nicola Roberts</i>
	Reform of the VSA		
16:30 HAPPY HOUR IN THE EXHIBITION HALL - EVERYONE WELCOME			
17:30 EXHIBITION CLOSES			
19:00 MUSICAL BINGO at Holiday Inn Hotel Ticket only			

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FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER

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PATTINGHAM 2		BECKBURY 1 & 2		BECKBURY 3	BECKBURY 4	PRACTICAL ZONE	
EQUINE		BURTONS CLINICAL TEACHING	BURTONS PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS	BVNA WORKSHOPS		DROP IN SESSIONS	
09:00-10:00		09:00-10:00	09:00-10:00	09:00-10:00			
Equine behaviour and low stress practice Jenny Hindmarsh		Capnography essentials Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin	Get to know your multi-parameter monitor	<div>PJ VN Tutoring</div> <div>Ideal for clinical coaches and students, take the opportunity to practice real OSCE tasks</div> <div>Nextmune</div> <div>Learn how to use a microscope and analyse prepared samples, building confidence in identifying cells commonly found.</div> <div>IMV Imaging</div> <div>Designed to be an interactive, dynamic learning experience for Vet Nurses. You'll get to dive into the practical side of imaging with one of our clinical experts, where you can get hands-on with ultrasound, x-ray, and endoscopy equipment.</div>			
10:00 EXHIBITION OPENS							
10:30-11:30		10:30-11:30	10:30-11:30				10:15-12:00
Donkeys - not just small horses with big ears Marie Rippingale		Capnography: Delving deeper Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin	Choosing the right circuit and how to prepare for low-flow				All sewn up - the art of suturing Sponsored by B Braun
12:00-13:00		12:00-13:00	12:00-13:00	<div>12:30-14:00</div> <div>Sexual harassment - preventative training legal requirement October 2024 BVNA Members Advisory Service</div>			
Nursing care for the senior equine patient		Ventilation essentials Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin	How to make your infusion pump work for you				
13:00-14:00 LUNCH							
14:00-15:00		14:00-15:00	14:00-15:00	<div>15:15-17:00</div> <div>CPR interactive workshop Katy Brown</div>			
RVN utilisation and ambulatory nursing Anna Saul		Blood pressure essentials Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin	Get to know your multi-parameter monitor				
15:30-16:30		15:30-16:30	15:30-16:30				
Surgical nursing Rosina Lillywhite & Emma Carter		Blood pressure: Delving deeper Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin	Choosing the right circuit and how to prepare for low-flow				
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PROGRESSION Maximising RVN utilisation	WILDLIFE, EXOTICS & ZOO	REFERRAL NURSING	STUDENT
08:45-09:45	08:45-09:45	08:45-09:45	08:45-09:45
Creating an efficient veterinary team - Unlocking potential and enhancing practice Hilary Orpet & Andrea Jeffery Tracy Mayne Memorial Lecture	Emergency and critical care in small mammals Kelly O'Flaherty & Hayley Ayres	Down the drain: surgical and thoracic drain management Sammie Baxter	OSCE's near? No need to fear! Kelly Robinson
09:45 EXHIBITION OPENS			
10:15-11:15	10:15-11:15	10:15-11:15	10:15-11:15
RVN utilisation in surgical cases Flick Caldwell	Wildlife nursing Jesle Varu	Immune mediated haemolytic anaemia - above and beyond the prednisolone! Charlotte Fennell	Time management strategies and prioritising YOU! Maintaining a sufficient work/life balance and the importance of self-care April Murphy
11:45-12:45	11:45-12:45	11:45-12:45	11:45-12:45
Much more than 'just' a veterinary nurse - maximising input from RVNs in medical cases Kelly Robinson	A-Z of anaesthesia: from aardvarks to zebra Lauren Valentine	Why do orthopaedic surgeries have a higher risk of surgical site infections Rebecca Jordan	Troubleshooting common anaesthesia problems Elora-Dane Hurcombe
12:45-13:45 LUNCH			
13:45-14:45	13:45-14:45	13:45-14:45	13:45-14:45
REHABILITATION		IN CONVERSATION	MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING
Sleep: What is it really and how does it impact pain and behaviour in our patients Lauren Davis	'Wake up fishy' - fish anaesthesia Kelly O'Flaherty	Ethics and welfare debate	Building resilience within veterinary practice Laura Hughes Sponsored by Purina
15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15
Rehabilitation for the orthopaedic patient	Schedule 3 in zoo/wildlife and non-traditional companion animals Lauren Valentine	Say what you see or don't...the impact of words in practice Samantha Lympny-Tier	Healing the healers: Tackling burnout in veterinary nurses Angela Chapman
17:00 EXHIBITION CLOSES			
19:00 Swinging Sixties Party & Awards Ticket only			

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SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER

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PATTINGHAM 2	BECKBURY 1 & 2	BECKBURY 3	BECKBURY 4	PRACTICAL ZONE
ONE HEALTH ONE WELFARE	BURTONS CLINICAL TEACHING	BURTONS PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS	BVNA WORKSHOPS	DROP IN SESSIONS
08:45-09:45	08:45-09:45	08:45-09:45		
Animal emotionality Sponsored by Pet Remedy	Capnography essentials Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin	How to make your infusion pump work for you	09:15-11:00 CPR interactive workshop Katy Brown	PJ VN Tutoring Ideal for clinical coaches and students, take the opportunity to practice real OSCE tasks Nextmune Learn how to use a microscope and analyse prepared samples, building confidence in identifying cells commonly found. IMV Imaging Designed to be an interactive, dynamic learning experience for Vet Nurses. You'll get to dive into the practical side of imaging with one of our clinical experts, where you can get hands-on with ultrasound, x-ray, and endoscopy equipment.
09:45 EXHIBITION OPENS				
10:15-11:15	10:15-11:15	10:15-11:15		
Feline shelter medicine approaches Gemma MacAllister & Helen Dowson Sponsored by Cats Protection	Capnography: Delving deeper Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin	Not another scope to clean!	11:30-13:00 VNJ LIVE EVERYONE WELCOME	
11:45-12:45	11:45-12:45	11:45-12:45		
KEYNOTE SPEAKER Helen Ballantyne	Ventilation: Delving deeper Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin	Choosing the right circuit and how to prepare for low-flow		
12:45-13:45 LUNCH				
13:45-14:45	13:45-14:45	13:45-14:45		
VN EDUCATORS Collaboration in VN training - Training providers, clinical supervisors and Training Practices Sponsored by Lantra	Rabbits: IPPV essentials Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin	How to make your infusion pump work for you	15:00-16:45 RVNs role in preventing wound infections and AMR Amanda Curtis Sponsored by Essity	
15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15		
BVNA AGM ALL MEMBERS WELCOME	ECG essentials Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin	Get to know your multi-parameter monitor		
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ANAESTHESIA & ANALGESIA Sponsored by Burtons	FIRST OPINION NURSING	NURSING THE FELINE PATIENT Sponsored by iCatCare	PROGRESSION Your career passport
09:00-10:00	09:00-10:00	09:00-10:00	09:00-10:00
Pre-anaesthetic consideration - prevention is better than complications Ann Stanford	Setting up mobility clinics	Engaging or protective? Feline emotions explained Vicky Halls	Advancing veterinary nursing through evidence-based practice and research Angela Chapman & Hamish Morrin
10:00 EXHIBITION OPENS			
10:30-11:30	10:30-11:30	10:30-11:30	10:30-11:30
ECG abnormalities Liza Ebeck	A team based approach to RVN utilisation in first opinion practice	Protective cats in the clinic - what should i do? Laura Watson	Glorious You - Channeling your authentic self for personal and professional growth Samantha Lympny-Tier
12:00-13:00	12:00-13:00	12:00-13:00	12:00-13:00
Brachycephalic/ high risk anaesthesia Elora-Dane Hurcombe	So you've learnt a new skill. Now what? Lessons (and mistakes) from setting up acupuncture clinics in general practice Ellie Bateman	Unowned cats: A team approach Vicky Halls	Embracing your own career pathway Tara Ryan Sponsored by CVS
13:00-14:00 LUNCH			
14:00 EXHIBITION CLOSES			
14:00-15:00	14:00-15:00	14:00-15:00	14:00-15:00
Anaesthetic complications and emergencies Liza Ebeck	Whelp is on the way dear! Nicola Hughes	House soiling in cats: Prevention and first aid Alex Taylor	Veterinary nursing skills in the community
15:00 CLOSE OF CONGRESS			

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SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER

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PATTINGHAM 2	BECKBURY 1 & 2	BECKBURY 3 & 4	PRACTICAL ZONE
VCA Sponsored by Abbeydale Vetlink	BVNA WORKSHOPS	BVNA WORKSHOPS	DROP IN SESSIONS
09:00-10:00		09:30-11:15	
Feeding health: Spotighting nutrition as the fifth vital sign Emma Collins		Practical application of wound dressings Amanda Curtis Sponsored by Essity	PJ VN Tutoring Ideal for clinical coaches and students, take the opportunity to practice real OSCE tasks
10:00 EXHIBITION OPENS			
10:30-11:30	10:15-12:00		Nextmune Learn how to use a microscope and analyse prepared samples, building confidence in identifying cells commonly found.
Purr-scriptions and waggy tails. VCAs, get your claws into pharmacy Kirsty Gwynne	All sewn up - the art of suturing Sponsored by B Braun		IMV Imaging Designed to be an interactive, dynamic learning experience for Vet Nurses. You'll get to dive into the practical side of imaging with one of our clinical experts, where you can get hands-on with ultrasound, x-ray, and endoscopy equipment.
12:00-13:00			
From side-eye to tail wags: Navigating animal emotions in the clinic Charlotte Prothero			
13:00-14:00 LUNCH			
14:00-15:00	13:30-15:00		
Feathers, scales and furry tails - please go to triage Craig Brooks	Is it right to just go with the flow? FGF calculations and how to use them Ann Stanford		
15:00 CLOSE OF CONGRESS			

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Delegate Ticket Option	Members before 31 July	Non-Members before 31 July*
Day Rate (any day of choice)	£130	£250
Two Days (any days of choice)	£230	£390
Whole Congress (three days)	£285	£450
Student Day Rate	£100	N/A
Exhibition Only (per day)	£40	£120

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All prices include VAT

Workshops are priced at £12.00 each

£1.00 from every registration will be donated automatically to BVNA'S Charity of the Year, The Daphne Shipman Benevolent Fund

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