



BVNA
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Nursing Association

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 Laura James SQP-RAMA Accreditation	Supporting dogs with cognitive dysfunction Hillary Pearce SQP-RAMA Accreditation	'Crazy and spicy' or 'misunderstood moggies' - why do cats always get the bad rap? Nikki McLeod	EI EI O: The human side of leading Stuart Ford-Femmah
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: an update of the essentials when caring for those anaemic pets! Charlotte Fennell SQP-RAMA Accreditation	The role of the RVN in supporting skin cases and the dermatologist Emma Marshall	Rabbit and Guinea pig friendly practice - advice for caregivers and for veterinary practices April Murphy	Supporting clinical supervisors Jasmine Curtis & Tori Thornton 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 Laura James SQP-RAMA Accreditation	Nutritional support for allergic skin disease Fi Marjoram	When distraction won't work: Working with aggressive dogs in practice Laura Ward SQP-RAMA Accreditation	Growing a positive workplace culture Lyndsay Hughes & Rob Williams
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 discharge appointments Susan Campbell SQP-RAMA Accreditation	How welfare impacts behaviour in dogs, cats and rabbits Connie Garvey	NURSING THE SENIOR PATIENT
Masters of disguise: Recognising and managing feline pain Emily Foot SQP-RAMA Accreditation			Senior moments: Nurse clinics for ageing pets Joy Shutt
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 Jessica Hill SQP-RAMA Accreditation	IN CONVERSATION Updates on potential Reform of the Veterinary Surgeons Act SQP-RAMA Accreditation	Creating confidence in canine confidence clinics Sam Massey	When love leads the way: Communicating and assessing with compassion in end of life care Nicola Roberts SQP-RAMA Accreditation
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 SQP-RAMA Accreditation	Capnography essentials Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin	Get to know your multi-parameter monitors		
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 SQP-RAMA Accreditation	PJ VN Tutoring Ideal for clinical coaches and students, take the opportunity to practice real OSCE tasks
12:00-13:00	12:00-13:00	12:00-13:00		
Progression of the equine veterinary nursing profession - past, present and future Marie Rippingale & Rosina Lillywhite	Ventilation essentials Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin	How to make your infusion pump work for you		Nextmune Learn how to use a microscope and analyse prepared samples, building confidence in identifying cells commonly found.
13:00-14:00 LUNCH				
14:00-15:00	14:00-15:00	14:00-15:00		
Exploring the utilisation and role of equine RVNs in ambulatory veterinary practice Anna Saul	Blood pressure essentials Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin	Get to know your multi-parameter monitors	Sexual harassment - preventative training legal requirement October 2024 Nicky Ackerley BVNA Members Advisory Service	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.
15:30-16:30	15:30-16:30	15:30-16:30		
Surgical nursing for the equine patient Rosina Lillywhite & Emma Carter	Blood pressure: Delving deeper Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin	Choosing the right circuit and how to prepare for low-flow	CPR interactive workshop Katy Brown SQP-RAMA Accreditation	
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PROGRESSION Maximising RVN utilisation Sponsored by ManyPets	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 Deane	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 dissecting the role of the surgical nurse Lyndsay Hughes & Marie Rippingale	Wildlife nursing - an overview Jesle Varu SQP-RAMA Accreditation	Immune mediated haemolytic anaemia - above and beyond the prednisolone! Charlotte Fennell SQP-RAMA Accreditation	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: Aardvarks to zebra Lauren Valentine	Why do orthopaedic surgeries have a higher risk of surgical site infections Rebecca Jordan SQP-RAMA Accreditation	Troubleshooting common anaesthesia problems Elora-Dane Hurcomb
12:45-13:45 LUNCH			
13:45-14:45	13:45-14:45	13:45-14:45	13:45-14:45
Unlocking potential: RVN roles and growth within practice Panel Discussion Sponsored by Vets for Pets	'Wake up fishy' - fish anaesthesia Kelly Deane	IN CONVERSATION CMA investigation - what opportunities can we seize as the VN profession Panel Discussion	MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING 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 Sleep: What is it really and how does it impact pain and behaviour in our patients Lauren Davis	Schedule 3 in zoo/wildlife and non-traditional companion animals Lauren Valentine SQP-RAMA Accreditation	Say what you see...or don't...the impact of words in practice Samantha Lympany-Tier & Lacey Daniels	Healing the healers: Tackling burnout in veterinary nurses Angela Chapman
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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		
Understanding a care centred approach - why emotions matter <i>Andrew Hale</i> Sponsored by Pet Remedy	Capnography essentials <i>Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin</i>	How to make your infusion pump work for you	09:15-11:00 CPR interactive workshop <i>Kate Brown</i> SQP-RAMA Accreditation	PJ VN Tutoring Ideal for clinical coaches and students, take the opportunity to practice real OSCE tasks
09:45 EXHIBITION OPENS				
10:15-11:15	10:15-11:15	10:15-11:15		
Feline shelter medicine approaches <i>Gemma MacAllister & Helen Dowson</i> Sponsored by Cats Protection SQP-RAMA Accreditation	Capnography: Delving deeper <i>Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin</i>	Endoscopy - Getting to grips with your equipment and minimising downtime	11:30-13:00	Nextmune Learn how to use a microscope and analyse prepared samples, building confidence in identifying cells commonly found.
11:45-12:45	11:45-12:45	11:45-12:45	VNJ LIVE EVERYONE WELCOME	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.
KEYNOTE SPEAKER <i>Helen Ballantyne</i>	Ventilation: Delving deeper <i>Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin</i>	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				
The collaborative of veterinary nurse training <i>Stacey Bullock & Amanda Major</i> Sponsored by Lantra	Rabbits: IPPV essentials <i>Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin</i>	How to make your infusion pump work for you		
15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:00-16:45 RVNs role in preventing wound infections and AMR <i>Amanda Curtis</i> Sponsored by Essity SQP-RAMA Accreditation	One Health Interactive session with Julian Hoad and Helen Ballantyne exploring how veterinary professionals can embrace the One Health approach including starting points for discussions, sharing of knowledge, networking and how to have these conversations with clients.
BVNA AGM ALL MEMBERS WELCOME	ECG essentials <i>Keith Simpson & Karen Heskin</i>	Get to know your multi- parameter monitors		
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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 SQP-RAMA Accreditation	The joint approach: the importance of the nursing team in OA diagnosis and management Zoe Mitchell Sponsored by Zoetis	Engaging or protective? Feline emotions explained Vicky Halls SQP-RAMA Accreditation	Advancing veterinary nursing through evidence-based practice and research Angela Chapman & Hamish Morrin SQP-RAMA Accreditation
10:00 EXHIBITION OPENS			
10:30-11:30	10:30-11:30	10:30-11:30	10:30-11:30
ECG abnormalities under anaesthesia Liza Ebeck SQP-RAMA Accreditation	Whelp is on the way dear! Nicola Hughes	Protective cats in the clinic - what should i do? Laura Watson SQP-RAMA Accreditation	Glorious You - Channeling your authentic self for personal and professional growth Samantha Lympany-Tier
12:00-13:00	12:00-13:00	12:00-13:00	12:00-13:00
Step-by-step guide for anaesthetising the brachycephalic patient Elora-Dane Hurcomb SQP-RAMA Accreditation	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	Empowering nursing to embrace their 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 SQP-RAMA Accreditation	A team based approach to RVN utilisation in first opinion practice Carly Blann & Lauren Hargrave	House soiling in cats: Prevention and first aid Alex Taylor	The value of RVNs in community outreach Bin Johnston, Gemma Reid & Sam MacAulay
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SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER

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PATTINGHAM 2	BECKBURY 1 & 2	BECKBURY 3	BECKBURY 4	PRACTICAL ZONE
VCA Sponsored by Abbeydale Vetlink	BVNA WORKSHOPS	BVNA WORKSHOPS	BVNA WORKSHOPS	DROP IN SESSIONS
09:00-10:00				
Feeding health: Spotlighting nutrition as the fifth vital sign Emma Collins			09:30-11:15	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.
10:00 EXHIBITION OPENS			Practical application of wound dressings Amanda Curtis Sponsored by Essity	
10:30-11:30	10:15-12:00	10:30-11:30		
Purr-scriptions and waggy tails. VCAs, get your claws into pharmacy Kirsty Gwynne	All sewn up - the art of suturing Sponsored by B Braun SQP-RAMA Accreditation SOLD OUT	Your insight is needed! Strengthening the role of RVNs in team-based veterinary healthcare Julie Dugmore & Jill Macdonald Sponsored by RCVS		
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 SQP-RAMA Accreditation			
14:00 EXHIBITION CLOSES				
15:00 CLOSE OF CONGRESS				

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Delegate Ticket Option	Members	Non-Members*
Day Rate (any day of choice)	£190	£300
Two Days (any days of choice)	£310	£475
Whole Congress (three days)	£360	£525
Student Day Rate	£100	N/A
Exhibition Only (per day)	£40	£120

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