



BVNA
British Veterinary
Nursing Association

Fri 9th - Sun 11th October

BVNA **CONGRESS** **2026**

**LECTURE & WORKSHOP
PROGRAMME**

IRONBRIDGE 1	IRONBRIDGE 2	IRONBRIDGE 3	PATTINGHAM
REFERRAL NURSING	NUTRITION Sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition	ANAESTHESIA & ANALGESIA Sponsored by Burtons Medical Equipment	COMPASSION & EMPATHY
08:45-09:45	08:45-09:45	08:45-09:45	08:45-09:45
Inpatient care in critical illness cases Kat Hart	A team approach to setting up successful nurse-led nutrition consultations Megan Everett	Common anaesthesia issues/troubleshooting Courtney Scales	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Compassion in action: Considering empathy at the heart of veterinary nursing Linda Ryan
09:45 EXHIBITION OPENS			
10:15-11:15	10:15-11:15	10:15-11:15	10:15-11:15
From brain to bladder: Nursing the neuro patient Zoe Hatfield	Weight consultations: Back to basics Fi Marjoram	Scale up your reptile anaesthesia Craig TESSYMAN	Safe to say: Creating a culture where voices matter Freya Rooke Sponsored by VDS
11:45-12:45	11:45-12:45	11:45-12:45	11:45-12:45
Nursing the congestive heart failure patient Liza Ebeck	Thriving together: Chronic disease consults for lifelong client and patient support Susan Campbell	Anaesthesia pharmacology Lauren MacCarthy	Are we really kind? Ali Heywood
12:45-13:45 LUNCH			
13:45-14:45	13:45-14:45	13:45-14:45	13:45-14:45
LEADERSHIP	REHABILITATION		CLINICAL SUPERVISORS
Sustainable leadership: Managing boundaries and burnout Lyndsay Hughes	Rehabilitation of the OA patient Nichi Cockburn	Pain management Nathan Price	Neurodivergent support Macaulay Gatenby
15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15
Beyond kindness: The reality of compassionate leadership across veterinary teams Ali Heywood The Tracy Mayne Memorial Lecture	Shining a light on the evidence: Laser therapy in veterinary nursing Emily Ashdown	ECG abnormalities under anaesthesia Liza Ebeck	The confident Veterinary Nurse: Building a positive mindset for career success Elle Payne
16:30 EXHIBITION CLOSES			
19:00 WINTER WONDERLAND BALL & AWARDS at Telford International Centre Ticket only			

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BECKBURY 1 & 2	BECKBURY 3	BECKBURY 4	EXHIBITION HALL
BURTONS CLINICAL TEACHING 08:45-09:45	BURTONS PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS 08:45-09:45	BVNA WORKSHOPS	EXHIBITOR STREAM
Capnography: Building confidence Karen Heskin	Get to know your multi-parameter monitor Frank Watts & Roisin Gavin	09:30-11:00	
09:45 EXHIBITION OPENS		Physiotherapy and rehabilitation for the RVN Nichi Cockburn	09:45 EXHIBITION OPENS
10:15-11:15	10:15-11:15		10:15-11:15
Capnography: Deep dive Karen Heskin	Choosing the right circuit and how to prepare for low-flow Joanne Jago & Sam Saxty		Investors in the Environment
11:45-12:45	11:45-12:45	11:45-13:15	11:45-12:45
Mastering dental radiography	Anaesthesia machines are simple - Confidence from set-up to safety Grainne Kelly & Rachel Boulton	The future of anaesthesia monitoring - are you prepared? Courtney Scales Sponsored by Pioneer	Trigger stacking and the cumulative nature of stress for cats coming into practice Daniel Warren-Cummings Sponsored by Cats Protection
13:00-14:00 LUNCH			12:45-13:45 LUNCH
13:45-14:45	13:45-14:45	14:00-15:45	13:45-14:45
Mechanical ventilation: Building confidence Karen Heskin	Get to know your multi-parameter monitor Frank Watts & Roisin Gavin	Wound management Amelia Sherwood Sponsored by J.A.K. Marketing	Investors in the Environment
15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15		15:15-16:15
Mechanical ventilation: Deep dive Karen Heskin	The future of anaesthesia is now - Introducing the Veta 5 Plus Grainne Kelly & Rachel Boulton		VNJ Live
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ADVANCED CLINICAL NURSING	DIAGNOSTICS	BEHAVIOUR Sponsored by ABTC	COMPASSION & EMPATHY
08:45-09:45	08:45-09:45	08:45-09:45	08:45-09:45
Stem cell therapy Emily Foot	Laboratory skills - perfecting urine analysis Matt Garland	How brachycephalic anatomy affects their behaviour and communication Kate Davies	Compassion without fatigue Hamish Morrin
09:45 EXHIBITION OPENS			
10:15-11:15	10:15-11:15	10:15-11:15	10:15-11:15
Pancreatitis in the veterinary hospice patient: Pain, palliation and quality of life Maja Redfern Sponsored by Dignipets	Ultrasound guided nerve blocks Matt Wright	Cooperative care in the veterinary setting Debbie Anslow	Euthanasia and end of life care: Supporting owners through bereavement
11:45-12:45	11:45-12:45	11:45-12:45	11:45-12:45
Sugar, spice and not so nice: Tackling feline diabetes Lewis Knox	From x-rays to MRI: Embracing the 'Golden Age' of diagnostic imaging in the veterinary profession Nick Taylor	Considering animal emotional health in veterinary nursing - are we healthy enough? Nikki McLeod, Debbie Anslow, Alex Taylor, Macaulay Gatenby Panel Discussion	Compassion in practice: Understanding fertility and parenthood journeys Lyndsay Hughes, Jenny Stavisky, Rob Williams Panel Discussion
12:45-13:45 LUNCH			
13:45-14:45	13:45-14:45	13:45-14:45	13:45-14:45
FIRST OPINION NURSING	INFECTION CONTROL & ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP	CURRENT TOPICS	What social work can bring to veterinary nursing: Practical skills for complex client care Yasmin Amer
Basic neonatal care - Day one skills for the new and experienced Debbie Leonard Sponsored by Lantra	One health Nathan Price	Veterinary Surgeons Act Reform Jimmy Lindqvist, Gwen Rees, Sarah Holliday Panel Discussion	
15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15
Behavioural changes in the senior cat - what Veterinary Nurses need to know Alex Taylor Sponsored by iCatCare	Sepsis, SIRS and MODS: The nurse's role in complex critical illness Kat Hart	DENTISTRY FOR THE RVN Making the most of your dentistry skills under Schedule 3 Stacey Parker	BVNA AGM
16:15-17:15 HAPPY HOUR - EXHIBITION HALL			
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Monitoring blood pressure: Building confidence Karen Heskin	Get to know your multi-parameter monitor Frank Watts & Goisin Gavin		Mental health awareness for the workplace BVNA Members Advisory Service
11:45-12:45	11:45-12:45	11:30-13:00	11:45-12:45
Plethysmography and pulse oximetry Claire Woolford	The future of anaesthesia is now - Introducing the Veta 5 Plus Grainne Kelly & Rachel Boulton	Haematology 'Is that platelet count real'....examining the blood smear Matt Garland	Contextualised care Lou Northway & Julie Gibson Sponsored by RCVS Knowledge
13:00-14:00 LUNCH			12:45-13:45 LUNCH
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Capnography: Building confidence Karen Heskin	Endoscopy essentials: Mastering your equipment Cheryl Stear & Frank Watts	CPR Katy Brown	Writing for the VNJ and Research
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EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE	CONFIDENCE IN NURSE CLINICS	WILDLIFE, EXOTICS & ZOO	COMPASSION & EMPATHY
08:45-09:45	08:45-09:45	08:45-09:45	08:45-09:45
Advanced monitoring and spotting the red flags in the critical patient Sam Thompson	Ear we go: A practical case from consult to cytology Matt Garland & Nicola Lakeman	Common conditions in backyard poultry practice Tariq Abou-Zahr	Team support and professional respect Jess Woolrich Sponsored by VetLed
09:30 EXHIBITION OPENS			
10:00-11:00	10:00-11:00	10:00-11:00	10:00-11:00
Beyond fluids: Advanced shock support for Veterinary Nurses Sam Thompson	Top tips for the consulting nurse Jody Barry	Nursing of ferrets Kerry Brennand	Managing a cancer/chronic illness diagnosis Kim Rathbone, Alison Clark Panel Discussion
11:15-12:15	11:15-12:15	11:15-12:15	11:15-12:15
Be positive about transfusions Helen Rooney	SURGICAL NURSING Surgical safety checklists Theona Aristidou	Expect the unexpected: Triage for exotic patients Craig Brooks	Psychological safety Jess Woolrich Sponsored by VetLed
12:15-13:15 LUNCH			
13:15-14:15	13:15-14:15	13:15-14:15	13:15-14:15
Emergency triage and stabilisation in first opinion practice Sam Thompson	Behind the drapes: Surgical preparation and aseptic technique for Veterinary Nurses Emma Foreman	Nutrition for exotic species Yvonne Morrin	Wired differently: Understanding the double empathy problem Ruth Serlin
15:00 EXHIBITION CLOSES			
15:00-16:00	15:00-16:00	15:00-16:00	
Nursing feline acute respiratory distress syndrome Emily Foot	Managing surgical complications: Recognition, response and recovery Lou Garmston	Training for compliance: How animals can volunteer for their care Yvonne Morrin	
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EQUINE	STUDENTS	BVNA WORKSHOPS	EXHIBITOR STREAM
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Equine wound management: Why won't my wound heal? Bonny Millar	Purrfectly calm cats: Small tweaks for major feline welfare wins Laura Watson Sponsored by iCatCare	09:00-10:30	
09:30 EXHIBITION OPENS		CPR Katy Brown	09:30 EXHIBITION OPENS
10:00-11:00	10:00-11:00		10:00-11:00
Advanced laboratory techniques	An introduction to chronic pain: It's not just arthritis Ellie Bateman		**COMING SOON**
11:15-12:15	11:15-12:15	11:00-12:30	11:15-12:15
Worming based on CANTER and BEVA guidelines Mark Baker Sponsored by Zoetis	You had me at hello: Communication with clients Lily Parkin	Inclusive practice: British Sign Language and deaf awareness for nursing staff Hannah Perrin	**COMING SOON**
12:15-13:15 LUNCH			12:15-13:15 LUNCH
13:15-14:15	13:15-14:15		13:15-14:15
Keeping spirits up when hooves are down Philippa Pritchard	VCA Sponsored by Abbeydale Vetlink Caring for the hospitalised rabbit Craig Brooks		Hints and tips for successful assessment Sponsored by Chester Veterinary Training Centre
15:00 EXHIBITION CLOSES			
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Wound care bandaging and casting Bonny Millar	Supporting recovery: Simple physiotherapy techniques in everyday practice for VCAs Kirsty Gwynne		
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Delegate Ticket Option	Members Up to 31 July	Non-Members* Up to 31 July
Day Rate (any day of choice)	£140	£275
Two Days (any days of choice)	£250	£430
Whole Congress (three days)	£340	£530
Student Day Rate (members only)	£100	N/A
Exhibition Only (per day)	£90	£200
Workshops (each)	£12	£12

* ALL non-member rates include 1 year's digital BVNA Membership

All prices include VAT

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

Booking terms and conditions apply (see website for details)

SOCIAL EVENT



Winter Wonderland Ball
at BVNA Congress 2026

MUSIC - DINNER - DANCING

Friday 9th October 2026
Telford International Centre, Ironbridge Suite
£62.00pp (including 2 course dinner and fizz on arrival)
Doors open at 6:30 - Awards will start promptly at 7pm

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