



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 Vetpol & VetSkill SQP Accredited	Common anaesthesia issues and troubleshooting Courtney Scales	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Compassion in action: Considering empathy at the heart of veterinary nursing Linda Ryan Vetpol SQP Accredited
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 Vetpol SQP Accredited
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 Brown	Are we really kind? Ali Heywood Vetpol SQP Accredited
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 Vetpol SQP Accredited	Rehabilitation of the OA patient Nichi Cockburn Sponsored by VOA	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 Vetpol SQP Accredited	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	BURTONS PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS	BVNA WORKSHOPS	EXHIBITOR STREAM
08:45-09:45	08:45-09:45		
Capnography: Building confidence Karen Heskin	Get to know your multi-parameter monitor Frank Watts & Roisin Gavin		
09:45 EXHIBITION OPENS		09:30-11:00	09:45 EXHIBITION OPENS
10:15-11:15	10:15-11:15	Physiotherapy and rehabilitation for the RVN Nichi Cockburn	10:15-11:15
Capnography: Deep dive Karen Heskin	Choosing the right circuit and how to prepare for low-flow Joanne Jago & Sam Saxty		A quick guide to greening your practice Hannah Smith Sponsored by Investors in the Environment
11:45-12:45	11:45-12:45	11:30-13:00	11:45-12:45
Mastering dental radiography Sarah Ramsden	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 Vetpol & VetSkill SQP Accredited
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	Beyond the dressing - Taking the lead in wound care Amelia Sherwood Sponsored by J.A.K. Marketing Vetpol SQP Accredited	A quick guide to greening your practice Hannah Smith Sponsored by 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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IRONBRIDGE 1	IRONBRIDGE 2	IRONBRIDGE 3	PATTINGHAM
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
Back on their paws: Stem cell solutions for aching joints Emily Foot	Laboratory skills - perfecting urine analysis Matt Garland	How brachycephalic anatomy affects their behaviour and communication Kate Davies	Compassion without fatigue Hamish Morrin Vetpol SQP Accredited
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	Psychological safety in veterinary teams Laura Hughes Sponsored by Nestle Purina Vetpol SQP Accredited
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 Vetpol SQP Accredited
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	
Basic neonatal care - Day one skills for the new and experienced Debbie Leonard Sponsored by Lantra Vetpol & VetSkill SQP Accredited	One health Nathan Price Vetpol & VetSkill SQP Accredited	Veterinary Surgeons Act Reform Sarah Holliday, Jimmy Lindqvist, Gwen Rees Panel Discussion	What social work can bring to veterinary nursing: Practical skills for complex client care Yasmin Amer Vetpol SQP Accredited
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 Vetpol & VetSkill SQP Accredited	Sepsis, SIRS and MODS: The nurse's role in complex critical illness Kat Hart	DENTISTRY FOR THE RVN How to be fully involved in dentistry as a nurse - and make it fun! Stacey Parker	BVNA AGM
16:15-17:15 HAPPY HOUR - EXHIBITION HALL			
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ECG essentials Karen Heskin	Choosing the right circuit and how to prepare for low flow Joanne Jago & Sam Saxty	09:15-10:45	
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10:15-11:15	10:15-11:15		10:15-11:15
Monitoring blood pressure: Building confidence Karen Heskin	Get to know your multi-parameter monitor Frank Watts & Roisin Gavin		Mental health awareness for the workplace BVNA Members Advisory Service Vetpol SQP Accredited
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	Remebering our 'why' - Contextualised care for RVNs Lou Northway & Julie Gibson Sponsored by RCVS Knowledge Vetpol SQP Accredited
13:00-14:00 LUNCH			12:45-13:45 LUNCH
13:45-14:45	13:45-14:45	13:45-15:15	13:45-14:45
Capnography: Building confidence Karen Heskin	Endoscopy essentials: Mastering your equipment Cheryl Stear & Frank Watts	Hands-on CPR Katy Brown	Writing for the VNJ and Research Hamish Morrin & Nikki Ruedisueli
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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 Vetpol & VetSkill SQP Accredited	Civility in practice - The reality of lasting change Jess Woolrich Sponsored by VetLed Vetpol SQP Accredited
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 Vetpol & VetSkill SQP Accredited	Ferrets Speaker TBC Sponsored by Supreme Petfoods Vetpol & VetSkill SQP Accredited	Managing a cancer/chronic illness diagnosis Kim Rathbone, Alison Clark, Alex Taylor Panel Discussion Vetpol SQP Accredited
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 Vetpol SQP Accredited	Do you feel safe to speak up? Supporting psychological safety within your team Jess Woolrich Sponsored by VetLed Vetpol SQP Accredited
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 Vetpol SQP Accredited
15:00 EXHIBITION CLOSES			
15:00-16:00	15:00-16:00	15:00-16:00	
From first signs to critical care: Nursing the feline ARDS patient Emily Foot	Managing surgical complications: Recognition, response and recovery Lou Garmston	Co-operative care: How animals can be trained for voluntary health assessment Yvonne Morrin	
16:00 CLOSE OF CONGRESS			

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EQUINE	STUDENTS	BVNA WORKSHOPS	EXHIBITOR STREAM
08:45-09:45	08:45-09:45		
Equine wound management: Why won't my wound heal? Bonny Millar Vetpol SQP Accredited	Purrfectly calm cats: Small tweaks for major feline welfare wins Laura Watson Sponsored by iCatCare Vetpol & VetSkill SQP Accredited	09:00-10:30	
09:30 EXHIBITION OPENS		Hands-on CPR Katy Brown	09:30 EXHIBITION OPENS
10:00-11:00	10:00-11:00		09:45-10:45
Equine critical care Pip Brazier	We are courageous and we can make positive change Declan Jones	11:00-12:30	Point taken: Managing needlestick risks in veterinary nursing John Tulloch Sponsored by VDS
11:15-12:15	11:15-12:15		11:15-12:15
Worming based on CANTER and BEVA guidelines Mark Baker Sponsored by Zoetis Vetpol & VetSkill SQP Accredited	You had me at hello: Communication with clients Lily Parkin Vetpol & VetSkill SQP Accredited	Inclusive practice: British Sign Language and deaf awareness for nursing staff Hannah Perrin	Lecture title TBC Lisa Tolfree Sponsored by Inspiring Vet Care
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 Vetpol & VetSkill SQP Accredited	VCA Sponsored by Abbeydale Vetlink Hopping through hospital: A guide to rabbit nursing Craig Brooks		Hints and tips for successful assessment Sponsored by Chester Veterinary Training Centre
	15:00 EXHIBITION CLOSES		
15:00-16:00	15:00-16:00		
Wound care bandaging and casting Bonny Millar Vetpol SQP Accredited	Supporting recovery: Simple physiotherapy techniques in everyday practice for VCA's Kirsty Gwynne		
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Day Rate (any day of choice)	£200	£330
Two Days (any days of choice)	£330	£520
Whole Congress (three days)	£420	£620
Student Day Rate (members only)	£100	N/A
Exhibition Only (per day)	£90	£200
Workshops (each)	£12	£12

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