



# Easing your transition to professional life



# The Young Vet Network

The BVA recognises that new graduates represent the future of our profession but that the transition from vet school to working life can often be a hard one. The BVA's initiative the Young Vet Network (YVN) is designed to address some of the key problems faced by newly qualified vets. It offers support for final-year student and recently graduated members, up to eight years qualified, and aims to ease the transition into professional life.

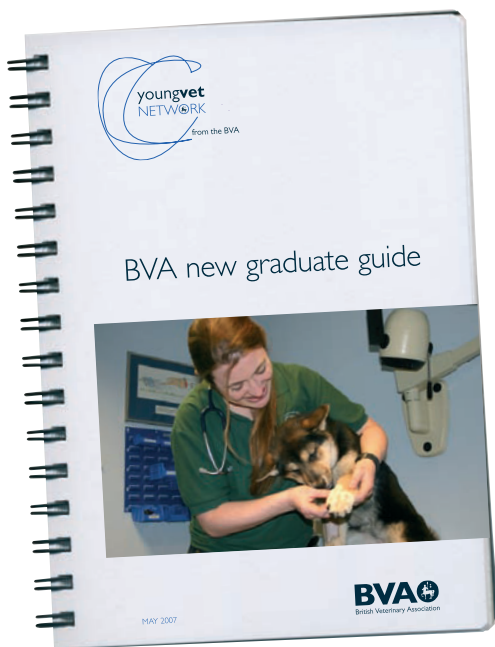
The YVN incorporates resources and services to support BVA members in their first years outside university, including:

- The *BVA new graduate guide* – a comprehensive guide, offering advice and guidance on successfully making the transition from veterinary student to veterinary surgeon. With tips on everything from successful interviewing to communicating with clients. Free to all final year students and newly graduated BVA members;
- An online support network, where final year and graduate members will be on hand to offer advice and support, answer questions or even set up informal meetings with others in their areas. If you are a member and would like to join the online network please email [yvn@bva.co.uk](mailto:yvn@bva.co.uk) with your name, membership number and desire to be involved;
- Graduate representation on the BVA's Council. Making the BVA more representative of the whole profession;
- Access to free CPD.

# How to get involved

Eligible BVA members are automatically sent the *BVA new graduate guide* (pictured below) and invited to join the online network.

If you are a non-member in your final year or up to eight years qualified and want to be involved in the Young Vet Network, you will first need to join the BVA. On joining you will be eligible to all the support and services offered through the YVN.



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Sussex Veterinary Society graduate support scheme meeting, June 2007

# Additional graduate support

## Graduate support scheme meetings

In addition to the YVN, the BVA has set up a graduate support scheme, led by its territorial divisions, which is open to both members and non-members. The scheme consists of meetings which are hosted by the divisions and run by trained facilitators. The main aim of the meetings is to support new graduates and to provide a forum where they can share their concerns. The RCVS has confirmed that attendance at these meetings attracts CPD points.

## Reduced membership rates

In recognition of the financial difficulties faced by many recent graduates, the BVA offers subsidised subscription rates for the first eight years after graduation, so that you can still benefit from our wide range of services while establishing yourself in the profession.

# Further information

## The Young Vet Network

For further information on the Young Vet Network, please visit [www.bva.co.uk/youngvetnetwork](http://www.bva.co.uk/youngvetnetwork) or contact the BVA on [yvn@bva.co.uk](mailto:yvn@bva.co.uk) or 020 7908 6361.

## Graduate support scheme meetings

For further information on the BVA recent graduate support meetings, please contact the BVA on [memberservices@bva.co.uk](mailto:memberservices@bva.co.uk) or 020 7908 6355.

## BVA membership

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# The BVA

The BVA is the national representative body for the veterinary profession with over 11,000 members working in all areas of the profession.

The BVA's main functions are:

- Developing and delivering policy affecting the profession;
- Promoting and protecting the professional in matters propounded by government and other external bodies; and
- The provision of services to members.

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