



## **BVA e-news: August 2008**

Welcome to 2008 and monthly news updates from the British Veterinary Association (BVA).

### **Hazardous waste - paperwork**

Are you aware of hazardous waste paperwork requirements?

All facilities that produce more than 200 kg of hazardous waste per annum need to [register their premises](#).

Before any hazardous waste leaves the premises a [consignment note](#) needs to be completed.

All people who move or receive hazardous waste need to record this and [maintain a register](#) of each waste involved for their records which must be kept for at least three years.

### **BVA Congress 2008 - vets in a changing environment**

We are looking forward to another successful Congress which will cover a diverse range of [topics](#) including

- equine dentistry
- emerging diseases in Europe and their effect on zoos
- ophthalmology
- orthopaedics
- medicines
- and much more

Delegates will earn valuable CPD points and large discounts on registration are available starting at 27% for BVA members and 52% for recent graduate members.

[Register for BVA Congress](#)

## **Bluetongue - re-emerging in France**

Following delivery of Merial's first two million doses of vaccine, Defra announced a further extension to the bluetongue Protection Zone.

We have [updated](#) our website with information on the Merial vaccine, including ordering, administration, off-label use and pricing.

Bluetongue has recently re-emerged in large areas of France. The BVA urges all members to be vigilant for signs of disease. For further information on the [clinical signs](#).

## **BVA guides**

We have produced [new guides](#) on

- The Criminal Records Bureau: a guide to routine checks' to assist those asked to offer work experience to school-age children
- 'Making the most of EMS'
  - one guide is for providers of EMS
  - the other is a student guide

## **In Practice - September**

Clinical and management articles in the next issue of [In Practice](#) include

- horses - diagnosis and management of acute stifle injury in adult horses
- pets - nutritional support for the hospitalised small animal patient
- cats/dogs - assessment and management of chronic ear disease
- thinking green when designing a new practice
- passport to the world – experiences of vets working abroad

## **Veterinary Record - equine issue**

Coinciding with the British Equine Veterinary Association congress, The Veterinary Record dedicates the Paper and Articles section to equine issues on 6 September.

It will cover equine peritonitis, ovariectomy in mares, treatment of headshakers and administering drugs and blood sampling horses recovering from anaesthesia.

These articles will be available after the date indicated. [What's in this week's edition?](#)

## **Animals in research**

Members can access a new [policy brief](#) on the use of animals in research.

It gives an overview of key facts and legislation, including the roles and duties of Named Person in Charge of Day to Day Care (also known as NACWO) and Named Veterinary Surgeons.

## **VETS.TV - new videos added**

New videos filmed at BSAVA Congress are now available on [VETS.TV](#) and include

- BSAVA Congress – a flavour of this years BSAVA Congress
- X-ray unit – what look for when choosing an X-ray unit
- MRSA - making vets and pet owners more aware of the threat of MRSA
- oncology – a general overview
- hypertension – why vets should be on the look out for hypertension in small animals and how it can be treated

VETS.TV is the pilot for an online television site and we are encouraging everyone to log on and give us their feedback.

## **Recently graduated? Get off to a flying start!**

- Independent financial advice – how to get a handle on your finances as soon as you graduate
- Income protection – protecting the investment you've made in yourself throughout university
- Mortgage Services –access to whole of market and specialist lenders who understand your earning potential

Only available to BVA members.

[Further information](#)

## **Healthcare plan - Westfield Health**

BVA members who are practice owners can offer their employees this [fantastic healthcare plan](#) with cover starting from just £1 a week per employee.

Employees will have access to 6 healthcare benefits and services, including money back towards their everyday healthcare treatments, such as

- optical – glasses, contact lenses and sight tests
- dental – check ups, scale & polish and fillings

- therapies – physiotherapy, osteopathy, acupuncture and chiropractic treatments
- consultations

## **TB Master - a new way to help you monitor TB**

BVA members are entitled to a large discount on the [TB Master software](#).

The computer programme is a way to record the TB results for a herd on farm and allows the user to print off the results to be sent to Defra.

The discount is 50% on the purchase price of the software and 10% on the annual license fee.