

BVA e-news: June 2009

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



This month we offer BVA members a special discount for the London Vet Show, draw your attention to new consultations and pick out highlights in our print and online publications.

Don't forget that you need to register by 30 June to benefit from the 10% early bird discount for BVA Congress.

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Congress 10% early bird special is closing soon

Receive a 10% early bird discount for BVA Congress 2009 when you book before June 30 at www.bva.co.uk/congress

The 2009 Congress programme is also available for downloading – in it find

- session programme
- local accommodation
- travel tips and advice
- venue location
- social programme

This year's Congress takes place in Cardiff on 24 – 26 September 2009.

- You can subscribe to the BVA e-news at www.bva.co.uk/newsroom/BVA_e-news.aspx
- For the most up-to-date news please see www.bva.co.uk



London Vet Show special offer for BVA members



Forty hours of lectures counting towards continued professional development (CPD), a clinical programme from the Royal Veterinary College, business lectures, social activities and over 100 exhibitors means November's London Vet Show will be unmissable.

BVA members can have a free pass to the exhibition and up to three conference sessions. Or for just £50 upgrade to a full conference pass. Offer ends 10th July.

For the programme and to register using code BVA071 go to www.londonvetshow.co.uk

BVA consultations

New consultations on which we would like members' comments are

- the next stage in the review of extra mural studies (EMS)
- Koi Herpes Virus

And a reminder that several more [consultations](#) are still open, not least one by the Welsh Assembly on tuberculosis eradication.



Review of veterinary nursing qualifications



The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons has started a major review of its veterinary nursing qualifications.

The new Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) aims to provide a more user-friendly and flexible system and the College is keen to hear the views of those involved with the delivery of training and employers of qualified nurses.

Please visit www.rcvs.org.uk/vnawardsreview for the consultation papers. Comments should be submitted by 30 June 2009.

Dog welfare study

The Royal Veterinary College is undertaking a research project to determine the key factors that affect companion dog welfare. Data is being collected through a survey until the end of June 2009.

Visit www.rvc.ac.uk/survey for more information



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BVA Overseas Newsletter



Highlights in the [latest newsletter](#) include

- BVA Congress session
- Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards
- Comprehensive online veterinary information WikiVet
- humane killing of animals for disease prevention
- new animal welfare web portal
- animal welfare accepted in Halal guidelines
- noticeboard - lectures, publications, CPD and overseas work opportunities

Veterinary Record – upcoming articles

Pig transport - July 4

Effects of the environment, type of trailer and journey time on the mortality and morbidity of pigs

Bacterial carriage of keyboards - July 4

Bacteria isolated from keyboards in the consulting rooms of 20 veterinary practices

Swine influenza - July 18

Procedures used to successfully eliminate H3N3 influenza virus from a pig herd in Mexico

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In Practice – current articles



There is an extensive listing of [CPD events online](#) and clinical and management articles in the June issue of In Practice include

- Understanding conception rates in dairy cows
- Veterinary care of chinchillas
- Normal parturition and management of dystocia in dogs and cats
- Haematology and biochemistry in alpacas and llamas
- Introduction to raptor management and husbandry
- Seeing the practice through clients' eyes

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BVA AWF Discussion Forum on VETS.TV

Footage from this year's BVA Animal Welfare Foundation [Discussion Forum](#) is now available to view on VETS.TV and includes various sessions for each of these subjects



- welfare in education
- killing with kindness
- breed it, see it, fix it



Money back healthcare plan for employees

Westfield Health's Foresight Healthcare Plan provides employees with money back towards essential healthcare expenses such as dental, optical and therapy treatments and access to scanning facilities.

The plan is an effective absence and risk management tool as well as a valuable employee benefit.

[More information](#) including a BVA member discount is available on the BVA website.

Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) Newsletter

Highlights in the [June issue](#) include

- climate change and (re)emergence of animal diseases
- pet travel: Commission proposal on transitional period
- equine disease surveillance harmonisation
- public health: Salmonella in poultry meat
- medicines: Prudent use of antimicrobials and antimicrobial resistance
- CPD: results of European survey
- and more including animal cloning and specialisation



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