

## BVA e-news: May 2009

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



**This month we are looking for your input on a range of subjects including pre-movement TB testing, medicines, responsibility and cost sharing and various welfare issues.**

**As well as encouraging members to put themselves forward for BVA committees, we bring you our student survey results, along with highlights of BVA services and what's in our publications.**

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To formulate a BVA response we would like to hear our members' views about

- new rules to safeguard the **welfare of chickens** (broilers)
- welfare of **racing greyhounds** regulations
- veterinary checks on **rabies susceptible animals**
- preparing for **climate change**; second consultation to inform Scotland's climate change adaptation framework
- **Tuberculosis Eradication** (Wales) Order 2009
- **Veterinary Medicines** Regulations 2009

For more details and how to have your say in a BVA response on any of the above please [log in here](#).

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## Responsibility and cost sharing – your input

We are also busy preparing a BVA response to Defra's consultation on its plans for [responsibility and cost sharing](#) in England which continues until the end of June and are still keen to hear members' views - [log in here](#).

Alongside this consultation Defra is running a series of [regional events](#) around England to give people the opportunity to hear and discuss the proposals at first hand. BVA President Nicky Paull continues to urge colleagues to attend these events and ensure that Defra is made fully aware of the views of veterinarians on the proposals.



## TB testing – your comments

BVA and British Cattle Veterinary Association Officers will be meeting with Defra officials on 3 June for a review of pre-movement TB testing – what is and what isn't working well and which changes the veterinary profession would like to make.

If you have any issues you would like to raise in advance of this meeting then please contact us ([log in here](#) and see bottom of the page).

## BVA standing committee elections

It is election time again at BVA. Each of the Association's committees has vacancies and we encourage BVA members to put themselves forward.

Learn more about the [work of the standing committees](#)

For more information and an application pack please [contact us](#)



## Veterinary students face financial and mental health pressures

The recently published student survey by the BVA and the Association of Veterinary Students concludes that one in three veterinary students find themselves in difficult or severe financial situations, more than half have suffered from stress, over a fifth from depression, over a quarter from anxiety and one in every 14 from an eating disorder.

The 2008 survey also found that some veterinary schools have almost doubled their intake of overseas veterinary students since the survey was last conducted in 2005.

Read a [summary](#) or see the detailed [survey results](#)

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## Veterinary Record

- **Thrombocytopenia** in dogs - May 23  
Review of 871 dogs examined with thrombocytopenia between 2000 and 2004
- Rapid screening for **lameness in cows** - May 30  
Study of dairy cows arching their backs as a possible sign of lameness
- **Dog-appeasing pheromone (DAP)** use in puppies - June 6  
Study of the use of DAP in reducing signs of stress in puppies

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## FVE Newsletter



The [May edition](#) of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe Newsletter covers

- EU support for welfare campaign
- tail docking in Ireland
- alternatives to animal testing
- 'castration vaccine' for pigs
- antimicrobials report
- and more - have a look!

## 50% off selected CPD courses

A reminder that we now offer a large discount on **RVC Refresher Day** courses to all BVA members - only £55.32 + VAT (full rate £110.64 + VAT).

**Interactive Online Lectures** are available for BVA's Young Vet Network members for only £27.76 + VAT (full rate £55.52 + VAT).

[More information and booking details](#)

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### **BVA's new Head of Media and PR**

We are delighted to welcome Sally Burnell as Head of Media and PR this month. Sally joins the BVA from the national crime reduction charity Nacro, where she was in charge of media relations for the organisation's 300 projects in England and Wales and its policy and lobbying work on criminal justice issues.

Sally is taking over from Chrissie Nicholls who retired in March.

### **Young Vet Network prize winners**

The winners of the Young Vet Network promotion at this year's BSAVA Congress are Miss Clare Hepher, Miss Victoria James and Miss Disa Simonar. Each will receive retail gift voucher packages from John Lewis worth £150, £100 and £50 respectively. Congratulations to all three winners!

The Young Vet Network is a BVA initiative to help support recent graduates once they have left university. [Find out more](#)



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