

BVA e-news: October 2008

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



This month we encourage members to feed their comments on pedigree dog health back to us and feature European and overseas news as well as an upcoming cattle edition of *The Veterinary Record*.

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Pedigree dog health and welfare

The BVA Ethics and Welfare Group (EWG) is currently working towards developing a policy on Pedigree Dog Health and Welfare.

For more information please see the [Pedigree Animal Health and Welfare](#) section of the BVA website.

We encourage members to let us have their views on this issue so they can be included in the deliberations of the EWG. Please post your thoughts on the [Members Forum](#) or email us.

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Welfare education and debate

Building on the success of previous years, an unprecedented 100% of final year students attending the [BVA Animal Welfare Foundation](#) Welfare Forum in September rated the event as “Excellent” in an anonymous feedback questionnaire.



The annual Forum, which is held in Lancaster before the start of the BVA/SPVS Final Year Seminar, allows students to consider ethical dilemmas that they are likely to face when working in different types of veterinary practice.

The Welfare Forum is just one way in which the BVA AWF contributes to the improvement of animal welfare through education and debate.



Membership benefits booklet

Following our wide ranging membership research last year members will soon receive their 2008/09 member benefits booklet to help them get the most out of their BVA membership.

In the booklet we detail all the information you require to access your services, plus general information and contact details.

For further information or if you have not yet received your booklet, please contact the BVA [membership department](#).

Registering for the new website

We would like to remind all members that before they can access member restricted content they need to register with the new BVA website.



Another benefit of registering is that you can update your personal details and interests and renew your membership online.

[Register now](#)

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Veterinary Record – cattle issue



Coinciding with the British Cattle Veterinary Association Congress, [The Veterinary Record](#) dedicates its Papers and Articles section to cattle issues on 8 November.

Topics covered include

- **Milk fever** - perspectives on the treatment, control and pathogenesis of milk fever
- **Mastitis** - use of domestic detergents in the Californian Mastitis **Test**
- **Reticular motility** - ultrasonographic evaluation
- **Dermatitis** - treatment of digital dermatitis

European Veterinary Week – further details

Further details on the European Veterinary Week, to be held between 10-14 November, will soon be available at www.one.health.eu.

The theme is “prevention is better than cure” with a focus on biosecurity at borders and on-farm.



Volunteering opportunities and other overseas news

This month's [BVA Overseas Newsletter](#) contains

- application and nomination deadlines for BVA travel grants
- new chairman for the BVA Overseas Group
- recent requests for volunteers and In Practice articles on working overseas
- and much more

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European veterinary news

You might also be interested in the October [newsletter](#) of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe which includes

- a call by MEPs for a ban on food products from cloned animals
- the role of veterinarians in the protection of animal welfare
- new regulations on the protection of animals at the time of slaughter



Laptop prize winner

The winner of this year's [VETS.TV](#) promotion is Laura Pratola, a veterinary student at Glasgow University.

By simply visiting the BVA stand during this year's British Equine Veterinary Association Congress and entering the VETS.TV promotion,

Laura has won herself a brand new HP laptop. Congratulations Laura!

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