

BVA e-news: September 2008

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



September was an exciting and busy month at the BVA with the launch of our redesigned website, our annual Congress and AGM which saw the new BVA President elected.

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New BVA Officer team



After another successful BVA Congress covering a range of topics from retirement strategy to human health/ animal health to better regulation on medicines a new [BVA Officer team](#) was elected.

The new BVA President is Mrs Nicky Paull, taking over from Mr Nick Blayney who became immediate BVA Past-President and Professor Bill Reilly was chosen as BVA President-Elect.

Our website carries Congress [news](#) and [The Veterinary Record](#) will give you in depth coverage over the coming weeks.

A special BVA Congress edition of Off the Record will be arriving with your next Veterinary Record where Nick reflects on the past year and Nicky discusses her plans for the coming year.

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- For the most up-to-date news please see www.bva.co.uk

Warning to all members

Watch out for a company calling itself Vet TV attempting to lease office equipment, primarily flat screen TVs, to veterinary practices with the promise of an income from advertising.

Sales representatives have been referring to endorsement from the BVA. The trade name being used by this company is causing confusion with the highly regarded name of the BVA's web-based training facility VETS.TV.

BVA does not endorse Vet TV.

No link of any description exists between BVA, VETS.TV and the company trading as Vet TV.

We are taking steps to resolve this problem. We strongly advise members, if approached, to read all documentation thoroughly before signing any contract.



Have you visited our website lately?

We have completely revamped our website improving navigation and search facilities and providing more information in a clearer format. Members, once registered, can choose their own password, update their personal details and renew their membership online.

Have a look at www.bva.co.uk and let us know what you think.

If your own website links to any BVA website page you may want to check that the links are still working.

Make rabies history

BVA contributed to World Rabies Day on 28 September by raising awareness through a [news release](#).

The BVA, through its Overseas Group, is supporting this global campaign and Dr Sarah Cleveland, who received the [Trevor Blackburn Award](#) for her work abroad and particularly on rabies control, gave a [presentation](#) at the overseas session at BVA Congress.



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European Veterinary Week

“Animals + Humans = One Health” is the theme of the inaugural European Veterinary Week on 10 -14 November.

The week is organised by the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe in partnership with the Commission’s DG SANCO and will involve a series of events in Brussels, Paris and at the Eurotier Agricultural Fair in Hannover.

In the months following, a roadshow bus will travel to major agricultural, veterinary and travel events to promote this message throughout Europe.

In Practice – October

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

- **Chronic kidney failure** - diagnosis and treatment
- **Dairy cows** - nutrition of the periparturient dairy cow
- **Wildlife as reservoirs** - zoonotic diseases in the UK
- **Canine elbow dysplasia** - aetiopathogenesis and diagnosis
- **Keeping fees fair** - helping clinicians estimate correctly



Find an extensive listing of [CPD events](#) online



The Veterinary Record – recent and upcoming articles

- **Neutering age of kittens** – September 27
Discussing the age recommended by veterinary practices, with emphasis on early neutering
- **Toxocara** species eggs in children’s play areas – September 27
Report of a survey of the extent of soil contamination by the zoonotic *Toxocara* species inside and outside fenced play areas
- **Bluetongue** seroprevalence – October 11
Study of the spread of BTV-8 in cattle in the Netherlands in spring 2007

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Have your say

We are currently consulting on a number of issues

- Review of the England Implementation Group
- The Future of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate
- 2008 Defra's Contingency Plan for Exotic Animal Diseases
- Adapting the UK to climate change



Members are encouraged to [feed comments into BVA](#) and can see the [recent response](#) to the Defra Discussion Paper: Ensuring the UK's Food Security in a Changing World.

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