The British Veterinary Association: key events

1791  First UK veterinary school formed in London

1850s  First local veterinary associations formed

1881  First National Veterinary Congress held in London at which a Resolution passed approving the formation of a British National Veterinary Association

1882  Amalgamation of local veterinary associations into National Veterinary Association (NVA)

1883  First Annual General Meeting and Annual Congress of NVA and election of George Fleming as first President

1888  The Veterinary Record founded by William Hunting

1912  Formalisation of federal constitution involving representation of constituent divisions on the NVA Council

1919  NVA reconstituted as National Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA)

1920  The NVMA purchased The Veterinary Record and acquired its first home – two rooms in Buckingham Palace Road staffed by two clerks

1921  On January 1st 1921 the first volume of the new series of The Veterinary Record appeared as the official journal of the Association

1925  The Association, now known as the National Veterinary Medical Association of Great Britain and Ireland, moved to Gray’s Inn Road staffed by a full time salaried secretary and a clerk

1937  The NVMA moved to Gordon Square

1952  The NVMA was reconstituted as the British Veterinary Association (BVA)

1953  The BVA moved to 7 Mansfield Street, London W1

1960  Research in Veterinary Science launched

1982  BVA Centenary Year

1984  BVA Animal Welfare Foundation established

1988  Centenary of The Veterinary Record

2003  BVA restructured and BVA Board established

2009  Veterinary Record and In Practice production moved to BMJ Publishing Group Ltd at BMA House, London WC1

2011  BVA Council restructured and first all-member elections held for regional representatives. BVA celebrates World Veterinary Year marking the 250th anniversary of the world’s first veterinary school in Lyon, France

2013  Veterinary Record marks 125th anniversary. Edward Boden’s history of the BVA ‘Punching Above Their Weight’ published.