

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 1 st 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 250 th anniversary of the world's first veterinary school in Lyon, France
2013	Veterinary Record marks 125 th anniversary. Edward Boden's history of the BVA 'Punching Above Their Weight' published.