Your membership benefits 2016

An overview of the services and benefits you receive as a BVA member
BVA membership

BVA is the largest national representative body for the veterinary profession in the UK with over 15,000 members.

We guide our members throughout their careers, from student to retirement, with the support and knowledge they need to achieve their goals, and we speak up for them on the issues that matter most.

BVA members enjoy a range of benefits secured through our collective strength. Membership gives you the opportunity to engage with your profession and keep your skills and knowledge up to date through the resources and services we offer.

Benefits at a glance

**Representation** *(pages 3–6)*
- Representation on issues that matter most to the veterinary profession

**Professional development** *(pages 7–15)*
- BVA journals
- Clinical and non-clinical CPD
- Events
- Online resources

**Support** *(pages 16–21)*
- Legal support services
- Careers advice and support
- Professional guides and resources

**Saving you money** *(pages 23–28)*
- Discounts with selected partners
BVA is the voice of the veterinary profession in the UK, representing members on the issues that matter most. We work collaboratively with our divisions and branches to represent and champion the whole profession.

An active organisation which represents the profession’s voice and defends our interests

—BVA member research 2015
Campaigning on your behalf

BVA gives you a strong and effective voice on matters of veterinary policy, animal health and welfare, and public health across the UK and Europe. We champion the role of vets and challenge negative perceptions. We are a trusted source of informed opinion and we campaign in the media and with politicians on the issues that matter most to you. We work with our divisions and our branches to speak with one voice. Our current priority issues include:

• **Welfare at slaughter**: Our campaign to end non-stun slaughter hit the front-page headlines and sparked a national debate about welfare at slaughter, a top priority for our members. We continue to push for an end to non-stun slaughter, whilst also campaigning on new slaughter regulations and calling for mandatory CCTV in abattoirs.

• **Dog health and welfare**: We are a leading and well-respected voice in public awareness and political campaigns to promote and improve dog health and welfare. We work alongside key stakeholders to campaign for better dog breeding standards across the UK, and raise awareness of the dangers of buying puppies online or from overseas. We promote the puppy contract and health testing.

• **Promoting the value of the profession**: We use our national media profile to promote positive messages about vets, and defend the profession against criticism. Our media coverage doubled from 2013 to 2015 thanks to our proactive work using statistics from our Voice of the Veterinary Profession survey panel to promote key messages to the animal-owning public.

• **Bovine TB and endemic disease eradication**: We have championed the need for an evidence-led comprehensive strategy to eradicate bovine TB. We are working with the NFU and others to promote a more strategic approach to other endemic livestock diseases, based on veterinary advice.

• **Veterinary workforce issues and career support**: We shone a spotlight on recruitment problems in the profession and, through the joint BVA/RCVS Vet Futures project, we are exploring how to better support veterinary careers in the future.

• **Other priorities include**: responsible pet ownership, veterinary surveillance, improving veterinary wellbeing, veterinary medicines and AMR, and global issues.

[www.bva.co.uk/policy](http://www.bva.co.uk/policy)
How we act on what you tell us

How we collect your views at grassroots

- Working with RCVS on the Vet Futures project to look ahead to 2030
- Hitting the headlines with our non-stun slaughter campaign
- Hosting political events to present the veterinary viewpoint
- Working with partners on public-facing campaigns
- Meeting ministers and other politicians across the UK and in Europe
- Focusing on our top ten policy priorities
- Increasing our media coverage
- Responding to consultations from the government and other stakeholders

Member research

BVA committees

BVA community

BVA specialist and territorial divisions

Voice of the Veterinary Profession survey panel

BVA Council and your regional representatives

BVA Branches in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

Social media – BVA on Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook
BVA in the news

We work hard to ensure we are a strong voice for vets in national, regional and trade media. In 2015 we increased our overall coverage by 27% compared to 2014, averaging over 300 media hits a month. This included hundreds of stories using statistics from the Voice of the Veterinary Profession survey (see below for more information).

We are also continuing to work in partnership with ITN Productions to produce Veterinary View, a news and current affairs-style programme about and for the veterinary profession.

www.bva.co.uk/news
www.bva.co.uk/veterinary-view

Share your views

BVA members can share their views via regional representatives and BVA divisions
You can find out who your regional representative is on our website.
www.bva.co.uk/council

Contribute to discussions in our member-only online community
A place where members can voice their opinions and seek guidance from fellow members in confidence.
www.bva.co.uk/community

Get in touch with BVA committees
Policy is driven by the work of our committees and groups which report into BVA Council.
www.bva.co.uk/committees

Join the BVA Voice of the Veterinary Profession survey panel
Share your thoughts, opinions and experiences of working in the profession in the UK and help us build up statistics and news stories to promote positive messages in the media.
www.bva.co.uk/voice

Connect with us on social media
@BritishVets BritishVeterinaryAssociation /BritishVets
Professional development

Keep your skills and knowledge up to date with the latest news and developments in veterinary medicine.

Excellent value CPD with great content – very useful.
—BVA CPD feedback 2015

Good communication, good website, great journals.
—BVA member research 2015
BVA journals

**Veterinary Record**

BVA members receive *Veterinary Record* as part of their membership on a weekly basis. It provides clinical research papers, news, CPD and jobs direct to your door.

[veterinaryrecord.bmj.com](http://veterinaryrecord.bmj.com)

**In Practice**

BVA members receive *In Practice* once a month. It provides CPD material for veterinary practitioners including clinical and veterinary practice management articles.

[inpractice.bmj.com](http://inpractice.bmj.com)

**Veterinary Record Case Reports**

Published online since 2013, *Veterinary Record Case Reports* offer a valuable collection of cases in all disciplines so that you can easily find clinically important information on both common and rare conditions.

**New for 2016**

BVA members can access *Veterinary Record Case Reports* online for free and receive a 25% discount on article publishing charges.

[vetrecordcasereports.bmj.com](http://vetrecordcasereports.bmj.com)

**Veterinary Record Open**

*Veterinary Record Open* is an online only open access journal publishing veterinary research on a range of topic areas.

BVA members receive a 25% discount on article publishing charges.

[vetrecordopen.bmj.com](http://vetrecordopen.bmj.com)
The BVA In Practice CPD programme features clinical courses on companion animals, farm animals and equines, as well as a range of non-clinical courses to help you develop your business and personal skills.

**Top speakers**
All of our speakers are recognised experts in their field who deliver practical tips you can implement immediately.

**Great savings**
**BVA member discount**
BVA members receive preferential rates on all our courses.

**Book 3 courses for the price of 2**
The same person doesn’t need to attend all three courses, but the delegates all have to be BVA members and work together*.

**Early bird booking**
Additional savings for bookings made more than six weeks in advance of the course.

**Blended learning**
All our courses have a pre-event questionnaire to ensure the course content is tailored to your learning objectives. You will also receive related reading prior to the course, and post-course support which puts you in touch with your speaker and fellow delegates.

[www.bva.co.uk/events](http://www.bva.co.uk/events)

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*This offer is only valid for BVA members. All three courses must be booked at the same time. The cheapest course will be free. A practice may book using the offer and send a different member of their team to each course. This offer is only valid for BVA 2016 CPD courses and excludes media training courses and any webinars. The offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer relating to BVA CPD.*
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Informative, challenging, practical, entertaining, inspiring

Our comprehensive onsite and online CPD portfolio covers all key areas of veterinary practice.

Veterinary education and life-long learning are our business at the RVC – experience CPD at its best.

Please contact us if you would like a copy of our latest brochure.

See www.rvc.ac.uk/cpd for full course details.

BVA YVN members receive a 50% discount on recorded webinars (subject to availability)
BVA CPD partners

Royal Veterinary College
RVC Webinar Plus
BVA members on a career break or in their first to third year after graduation can access selected RVC Webinar Plus courses at 25% off the standard price. The pre-recorded RVC Webinar Plus courses are designed to refresh, broaden and deepen clinical skills.

Discounted RVC webinars for YVN members
BVA Young Vet Network members (up to eight years qualified) get 50% off an extensive library of RVC recorded webinars.

www.bva.co.uk/rvc

The Webinar Vet
50% off platinum membership
BVA members are entitled to 50% off The Webinar Vet Platinum Membership. This provides full access to an archive of over 400 hours of recorded webinars.

Extra discounts apply for:
- recent graduate members up to three years qualified
- practices with two or more members joining
- student members
- final-year student members (free membership)

International Webinar Vet Virtual Congress
BVA members also benefit from substantial discounts on The Webinar Vet’s Virtual Congress, where you can earn up to 35 hours of CPD without leaving your practice or home.

www.bva.co.uk/twv
Are you a busy vet struggling to meet your CPD targets?

The Webinar Vet’s online presentations offer you a stress-free way of achieving CPD that’s interactive, convenient and fantastic value.

We excel at providing practical, topical and varied CPD for busy vets and veterinary practices. With The Webinar Vet you don’t just follow an online course, you listen to live audio visual lectures by expert presenters. With at least 40 Thursday evening webinar broadcasts a year plus access to over 400 hours of archive material, you can easily achieve your annual CPD requirements – from the comfort of your own home!

The benefits of Platinum Membership

☒ No travelling to and from a venue and getting home late
☒ No expenses for fuel, food or entertaining
☒ No time wasted out of your practice
☒ No need for a locum to cover your absence
☒ No stress

✓ Thursday evening webinar invites, at least 40 a year, meaning you can complete all your CPD via The Webinar Vet
✓ Full access to Platinum webinar archive of over 400 hours meaning all your CPD hours are in just one place
✓ Monthly newsletter and a CPD CD to listen to in the car that you can refer back to time and again
✓ Our CPD tracker tracks your CPD hours automatically, all ready to send to the RCVS
✓ Priority notice and heavily discounted rates, for our Expertise Series and Virtual Congresses so you never miss any of our events

50% discount for BVA members on our Platinum Membership

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Call us on 0151 324 0580 or visit www.thewebinarvet.com/bvabenefits
BVA events

BVA at the London Vet Show
BVA members save 15% on their ticket to the London Vet Show which features:

- BVA Congress – political debate on the key veterinary issues
- BVA farm and equine streams – for the general practitioner
- BVA Career Development Stream – personal and professional skills

Plus much more, including:

- RVC-programmed companion animal and equine streams
- a world-class business stream
- Europe’s largest veterinary exhibition with over 400 suppliers
- the BVA Gala Dinner

www.bva.co.uk/londonvetshow

BVA Members’ Day
BVA’s annual celebration of the profession and the achievements of our members takes place on 22 September. It is free to members and features:

- keynote addresses by world-renowned experts
- the BVA Awards ceremony
- the BVA AGM
- networking and drinks

www.bva.co.uk/membersday
Our website is a one-stop platform for all membership needs as well as being home to a wealth of useful resources. Here you can:

- manage your membership details, including contact information and professional interests
- quickly find and download resources and information most relevant to you
- follow BVA news and get involved in BVA campaigns
- book, pay for, and easily manage bookings for BVA CPD courses
- download, print and share a range of resources for clients, including posters, leaflets and videos

www.bva.co.uk

**Vets.tv**
Vets.tv is our online CPD channel and provides members with convenient access to educational videos that highlight important issues, procedures and topics.

www.vets.tv

**bva community**
Our online forum allows members to share their views, seek advice and network with other members. Members can influence BVA policy by getting involved in discussions.

www.bva.co.uk/community
Support

We support our members through every stage of their career, from vet school to retirement.

BVA has been supportive for many different reasons—career support, career advancement, and support for future veterinary professionals.

—BVA member research 2015
Legal support services

Whether you’re studying to become a vet or planning to retire, BVA offers support to members at every step with our free legal support services.

**Free legal helpline**
- 365 days a year
- 24 hours a day
- 7 days a week
- All personal and professional legal issues covered

**Free mediation service**
- Employment issues
- Trained mediator
- Conflict resolution
- Avoids litigation

**Support for employees**
Guidance and support with disciplinary and grievance issues and representation at hearings.

0845 643 6414
www.bva.co.uk/legal

One of the best aspects of the service I received was the provision of a union representative who stood by me at every grievance and disciplinary threat meeting I had. The union representative was the same person each time allowing them to truly understand what I was experiencing and to help stand up for my rights … I cannot fault the service I received and am still receiving.

—BVA member 2015
Careers advice and support

BVA members looking for careers advice can access a range of support as part of their membership package.

**BVA Careers Service**

- Discounted one-to-one coaching by email, phone or in person
- Expert, impartial advice about any career issue from making decisions about your future career, to increasing your effectiveness in your job

[www.bva.co.uk/careers](http://www.bva.co.uk/careers)

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**Careers-related webinars and events**

**BVA careers webinars**

New for 2016, a range of webinars focusing on careers advice.

**BVA Careers Development stream at the London Vet Show**

Programmed by BVA this stream provides advice on careers and career development. BVA members are entitled to a 15% discount on the lowest advertised ticket price.

[www.bva.co.uk/events](http://www.bva.co.uk/events)

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**BVA publications**

- *BVA guide to job hunting*
- *BVA guide to planning for your last 10 years in practice*

[www.bva.co.uk/careers](http://www.bva.co.uk/careers)
Looking for a job?

Vet Record Careers contains the latest veterinary vacancies. Browse, sign up for job alerts, and create a job seeker profile to be among the first to know when opportunities arise.

www.vetrecordjobs.com

Recruiting?

BVA members receive a 20% discount on recruitment advertising with Vet Record Careers. Further benefits apply for group members.

I was impressed with the efficiency and ease with which my advert was handled. I had my first enquiry from Vet Record Careers within 24 hours of agreeing the wording, and I had an overwhelming response which led to a very satisfactory recruitment.

—BVA member

Useful resources available from BVA

**BVA medicated feeding stuffs prescription pads**
20 per pack.

*Members: £19.20 (inc VAT)  Non-members: £38.40 (inc VAT)*

**Veterinary prescription authentication labels**
The labels are available in books of 30.

*Members: £19.20 (inc VAT)  Non-members: £38.40 (inc VAT)*

**Guidance notes for the safe use of ionising radiations—IRR 1999**
Second edition, updated in 2014

*Members: £25.00  Non-members: £50.00*

Order from [www.bva.co.uk/shop](http://www.bva.co.uk/shop) or by calling 020 7908 6344

All prices include VAT (where applicable) and postage.
Professional guides and resources

BVA guidance

BVA members can access a range of invaluable guidance available to download for free. These provide guidance on the following areas:

- HR and employment law
- Ethical guidance
- Medicines
- Practice management
- Veterinary certification

www.bva.co.uk/guides

Client leaflets

Free to download, our series of leaflets for animal owners and farmers covers topics including:

- How to choose a veterinary practice
- About the veterinary practice team
- The cost of veterinary care explained
- The benefits of pet insurance
- Antibiotics – your role as a pet owner
- Antibiotics – your role as a farmer
- Veterinary medicines explained
- Getting your pet vaccinated
- What to do if you find a stray cat or dog
- Is your farm a safe place to work?

www.bva.co.uk/public
Additional support for younger members

Our younger members represent the future of the profession which is why we provide extra support and services for them.

**Students**

In addition to the standard member benefits, student members receive:

- free EMS insurance
- extra discounts on membership
- online career advice and guidance
- access to travel grants
- free membership to The Webinar Vet for final-year students

[www.bva.co.uk/students](http://www.bva.co.uk/students)

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**Recent graduates**

BVA members who have qualified within the last eight years are classed as members of the Young Vet Network and receive the following additional benefits:

- face-to-face regional networking and CPD meetings
- free personal accident insurance
- *BVA new graduate guide*
- tailored career advice

[www.bva.co.uk/youngvetnetwork](http://www.bva.co.uk/youngvetnetwork)
The Canine Health Schemes provide an opportunity for your practice to offer additional services for breeders and pet owners

The Canine Health Schemes serve to provide dog breeders with the option of testing for certain inherited diseases to enable them to breed only from dogs which have fewer, or no signs of inherited disease and therefore help to reduce the incidence of these diseases.

There are four Canine Health Schemes available

- Chiari Malformation/Syringomyelia scheme — the only official scheme of its kind in the UK
- Eye scheme — to screen for evidence of hereditary eye disease in dogs
- Hip scheme — to reduce the incidence of hip dysplasia in dogs used for breeding
- Elbow scheme — to reduce the incidence of elbow dysplasia in dogs used for breeding

020 7908 6380
chs@bva.co.uk
www.bva.co.uk/chs
Membership benefits are excellent, particularly health insurance which is such an essential benefit to me. I cannot thank you enough for providing this cover.

— BVA member research 2015
Bupa

BVA members and their families can benefit from discounted rates on BupaCare health insurance.

What BupaCare gives you
As well as fast access to diagnosis and treatment, you’ll benefit from the reassurance of specialists with at least seven years’ experience in their chosen field and access to proven, eligible cancer drugs and treatments.

How much BupaCare could cost

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All rates quotes are monthly rates.

All costs are inclusive of insurance premium tax. The cost of your policy is determined by your age. The prices in the table above are for the specific age shown, for a policy on BupaCare scale C with £100 excess. Offer valid until 29 February 2016 at which time it will be reviewed.

0808 159 7569*, quoting F590
www.bva.co.uk/bupa

*We may record or monitor our calls.

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Let us help you look after your health

To find out more about our specially priced health insurance scheme, designed for BVA members

Call 0808 159 7569* quoting F590
Visit bva.co.uk/bupa

*BVA special rates apply from March 1 2015 to February 29 2016. Precise terms of cover will depend on assessment of your individual circumstances. Full details are available on request.

*Calls are free from a UK landline. We may record or monitor our calls. Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday.

Bupa health insurance is provided by Bupa Insurance Limited, which is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority.
Lloyd & Whyte offer professional insurance and financial advice to assist, support and protect what matters to you throughout every stage of your veterinary career, both at home and in practice.

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