

50 years of Veterinary Nursing – How did it all begin?

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- 1908 Canine Nurses Institute
- 1913 Ruislip Dog Sanatorium
 - Mr William Kirk MRCVS
- 1938 Mrs Florence Bell, RVC Head Nurse
 - On cigarette card !
- Mid 1930s Sewell and Cousins approached RCVS for recognition of canine nurses



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- 1957 BSAVA inaugurated
- 1961 Animal Nursing Auxillary (ANA) training started
- 1962 first ANA examinations in September



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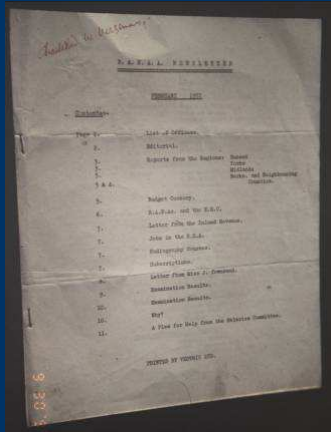


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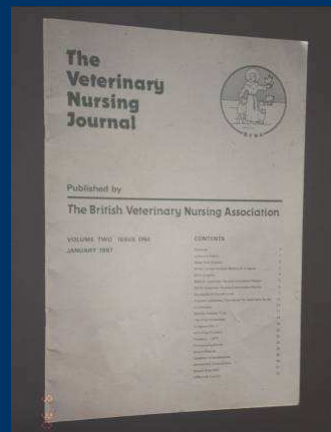
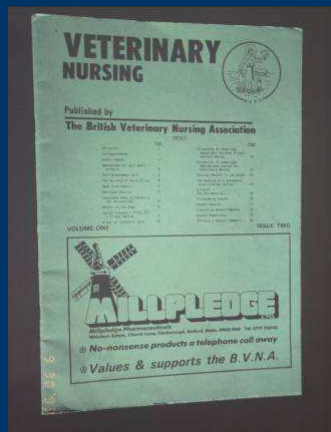
- 1965 BVNA inaugurated 1965
- 1966 BVNA became BANAA (British Animal Nursing Auxillary Association)
- 1984 BVNA re-instated as Veterinary Nurses renamed



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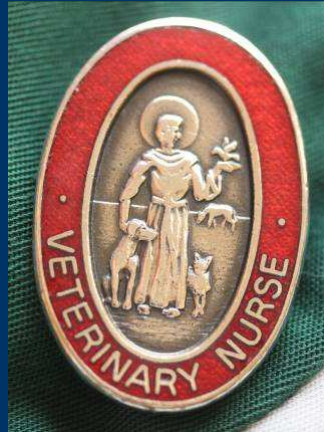
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- Early duties
 - Reception
 - Assisting anaesthesia
 - Kennel cleaning
 - Basic first aid



Veterinary Nurses post qualifying

- Forward thinking RANAs made progress
 - First RANA veterinary representative was Julie Gaymer (nee Sansom)
 - Many VNs were (& still are) the first point of contact with veterinary representatives



Veterinary Nurses post qualifying

- Natural progression of nurse roles
 - Head nurse
 - Practice manager
 - Now even practice owners



Veterinary Nurses post qualifying



Triage



Health Checks



Medicating patients



Veterinary Nurses post qualifying

- Nurse training
- Initially only VS acted as RCVS examiners for the RANA/VN scheme
- First nurse examiners about 1979-80
 - Rita Hinton first VN examiner
- Berkshire College of Agriculture
- Nurses teaching at colleges



Veterinary Nurses post qualifying

- Diplomas
 - Enrolment 1989, exams 1992
 - Advanced Veterinary Nursing (Surgical) and (Medical)
 - New style Diplomas reinstated
- Degree in Veterinary Nursing
- VN Register started 2007 - RVN
- Specialist Equine Nursing (REVN)
- Nurse Physiotherapy





Diploma Nurses



Male Nurses





Equine Nurses



Even Exotic Nurses.....(sorry Mattie!)





Nurse physiotherapy



Veterinary Nurses post qualifying

- Closer involvement with RCVS committees
- Now, finally, a place on RCVS Council
 - Congratulations to Andrea Jeffrey



