

RCVS Fellowship 'Fellows of the future' research:

Title: The History of Registered Veterinary Nurses

Summary:

I started doing this research when my head of Vet nursing department at the Royal Veterinary College, Hilary Orpet conducted a lecture about the history of my profession, Registered Veterinary Nursing. From there, my interest in the history of my profession sky rocketed and I came up with a tv project of a historical drama series with a young female protagonist becoming a Registered Veterinary Nurse in the 1960s.

From there, I researched about the profession and actually we were used to be known as Registered Animal Nursing Auxiliaries in the 1962. I looked at what the uniform used to be, a fun fact it was a white pinafore dress and cap! So much has changed from the uniform, to our responsibilities to our profession being recognized in the veterinary industry.

However, I became stuck during my research as there is not a lot of documented and evidence of what we were doing in those times.

Furthermore, in the future, I would like to go further and collect more information and pictures about the profession as I would like to produce a TV documentary all about Registered Veterinary Nurses and a TV reality show only focusing on RVNs! I would like to give the future RVNs a voice to be recognized as a really important career/profession, to protect our title and to educate clients and owners and future students who we really are.