

RCVS SETTING VETERINARY STANDARDS

COVID-19



### 67%

of respondent veterinary nurses experienced a change in shift patterns at some point in the pandemic, compared with

> 57% of respondent veterinary surgeons







# 49%

of respondent veterinary nurses worked additional hours due to others being furloughed at some point in the pandemic, compared to

40% of respondent veterinary surgeons







## 37%

of respondent veterinary nurses were furloughed at some point in the pandemic, compared with

23% of respondent veterinary surgeons

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Many respondent veterinary nurses reported taking on extra responsibilities such as: general domestic cleaning (70%), clinical cleaning (65%) and reception work (63%)

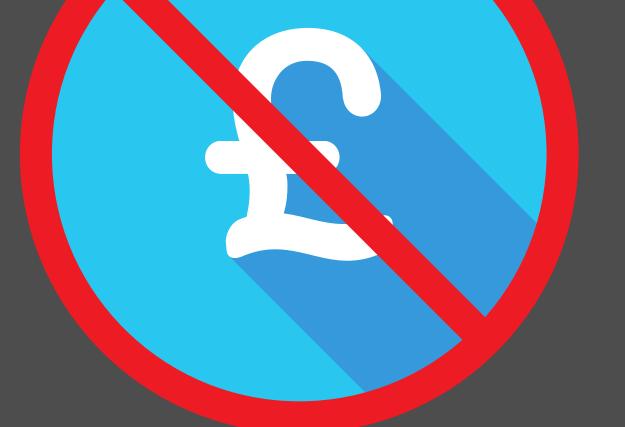






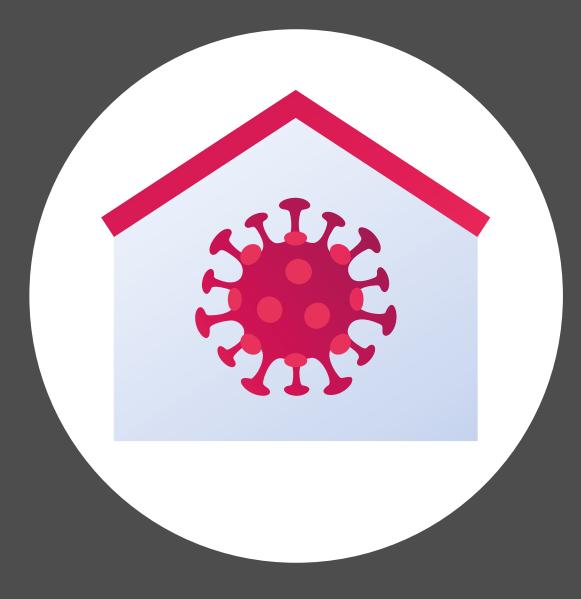
of respondent veterinary surgeons who worked extra hours did so unpaid or mostly unpaid, compared to

21% of respondent veterinary nurses





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**38%** of respondent veterinary surgeons and

40%

of respondent veterinary nurses had to self-isolate at some point during the pandemic





### **7%** of respondent veterinary surgeons and

# 8%

of respondent veterinary nurses had to shield at some point in the pandemic due to being clinically vulnerable









Around 40% of respondent veterinary surgeons and over

40%

of respondent veterinary nurses said they had experienced concerns for their personal safety aside from catching Covid. The majority of both vets and VNs said this was more frequent than before the pandemic.

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Many respondents experienced conflict between their personal wellbeing and professional role, and found it difficult to juggle their work and caring responsibilities. Many said their mental health was adversely affected.



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A large majority of respondents said they had personally seen an increase in caseload due to new animal ownership

