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The Association of Zoo and Exotic Veterinary Nurses

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A thank you from the Chair and health and wellbeing reminder

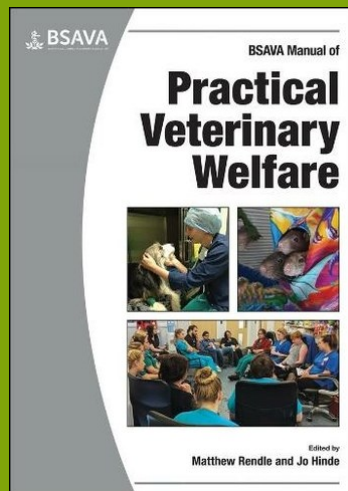
Chair of the AZEVN and RCVS VN Council Matthew Rendle released a special video on Vet Nurse Day to acknowledge the hard times the veterinary nursing community has suffered over the past 18 months, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. *‘I wanted to take this opportunity to say how incredibly proud I am at the moment to be a veterinary nurse.’* Matthew continues to acknowledge the continually maintained standard of care we provide our patients.



Matthew touches on how important it is to take some time to reflect on these difficult times, *‘It’s a time now for reflection, and to be mindful of our own wellbeing’* and be sure to reach out to colleagues to share this reflection.

BSAVA Manual

Matthew Rendle and Jo Hinde along with a team, of experts have been working tirelessly to bring you this brand-new BSAVA manual. “The Manual of Practical Veterinary Welfare” is not only aimed at Vets and Nurses, but one for the whole team to enjoy. The information is concise and practical with information on assessment and maintenance of a high standard of care and welfare for animals of any species that you may come across. The new manual will be available for purchase from the 18th of November 2021. We wanted to say a big well done to Matt and Jo for working so hard on this, we can’t wait to read it.



AZEVN annual two day

Conference 2022

Put the date in your diaries—the date for the AZEVN annual conference has been confirmed!

The upcoming annual conference is extra special to the AZEVN team, as it will be the 10th official conference—10 Years of AZEVN!

Sophie and Bridget started the ZEVN workshop to-

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th May

Spring Grove House,

West Midlands Safari Park

gether all that time ago, with attendance starting with only 10 people! Since then, the ‘ZEVN Workshop’ (2012) has progressed onto becoming an Association we all fondly know as the AZEVN, in 2016.

It is safe to say the association has grown since then, reaching members internationally, and with tickets to the annual conference now selling out!

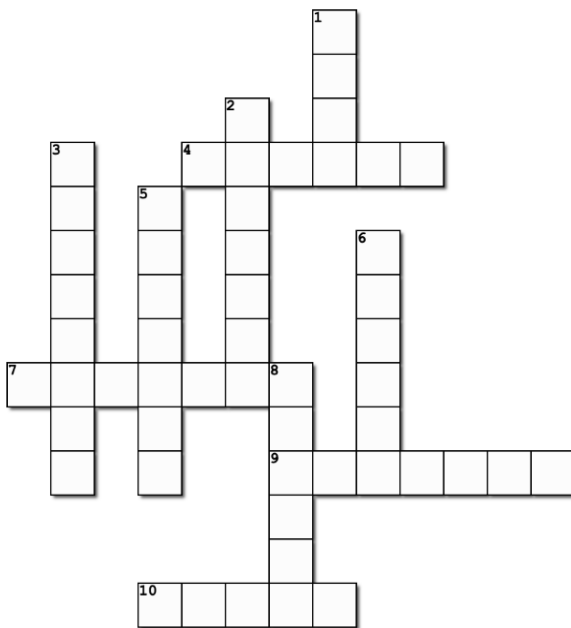
We are proud to be able to offer an affordable conference for Nurses who share our interest and passion for all things exotics.

AZEVN bites

Due to the continuing restrictions that were in place during the Spring of 2021, the decision was made to cancel the normal AZEVN in-person Conference and hold a virtual online alternative that was named AZEVN Bites.

Recordings of the talks are being added to the website, with a few available already. Log in and have a look! Available to members and associate members only.

Complete the crossword puzzle below



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Across

- 4. What animal has a three chambered heart
- 7. Who is the Chair of the AZEVN
- 9. What animal is known as the sea cow
- 10. What animal can have up to 10 cervical vertebrae

Down

- 1. What conference did the AZEVN have an exotic stream at this year
- 2. What animal has the highest blood pressure
- 3. Name the largest rodent
- 5. Where was the first AZEVN conference held
- 6. What is a baby rabbit called
- 8. What animals faeces are cube shaped

Expanding WEBSITE

Members and associate members can now access fantastic resources regarding species-specific nursing. From invertebrates to big cats— we are here to help you to learn and gain confidence working with any species!

Could you be the next AZEVN volunteer?

We will again be looking for two RVNs with a passion for exotics to and join the team from May 2022—May 2023. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details in the new year!

What do you know about associate membership?

Did you know that veterinary paraprofessionals (including nursing assistants, non-registered veterinary nurses and more!) can become associate members of the AZEVN for only £10 per year?

This membership will unlock a plethora of information, knowledge and links to even more useful resources. Although attendance to the AZEVN annual conference is not possible this year, we are working on keeping our Associate Members in the loop as much as possible with recordings of talks and posts on our social media!

How did you do? Submit your answers for a chance to WIN

Please submit your crossword answers to info@azevn.org subject 'crossword' to be in with a chance of winning an AZEVN prize!

Competition closes on the 20th November. Any entries after this time will not be counted. Good luck!

British Vet Nursing Association (BVNA) Congress

4th October 2021, Telford international Centre.

Did you know that the AZEVN ran an exotic stream at this year's BVNA congress? The AZEVN planned an exotic filled day of lectures that were presented by the team themselves. The BVNA was able to offer tickets online for veterinary nurses from all around the globe to enjoy, so those who were not able to attend the congress could watch from the comfort of your own home. The AZEVN have received some good feedback with a few new faces coming along to the exotic talks, and even gained a couple of new members.

For some of the AZEVN team, giving a talk at the BVNA was a first, and it was certainly a goal ticked off the nursing bucket list. Here is what Kirsty, one of the committee members had to say about giving her first talk at the BVNA:

“When asked to talk at the British Veterinary Nursing Association (BVNA) conference for the first time my initial thoughts were ‘I can’t do this, I am not good like those real speakers’ The initial feeling was nerve racking. However, I have always been passionate about nursing all animals no matter how big or small, feathers, fur or scales. I choose to lecture about the aspect of veterinary nursing that I love and enjoy, in hope to I could spark that interest in other like-minded professionals. Once I was up there on the stage and the words started flowing those nerves quickly turned into enthusiasm. Instead of self-doubt and worry, it quickly became a very proud milestone in my Veterinary Nurse career”

Well done Kirsty on your first BVNA talk, we thought you were brilliant! – volunteers



We would love to hear from you!

Social media is an incredible resource for networking and sharing our colleague's vast expanse of exotics knowledge! Don't be a stranger—the Facebook 'AZEVN—VN forum' was made for us all to share knowledge and experience! So please, join in, like and follow:



Are you currently nursing an exotic patient with a wound/ injury? Keep reading!

You may remember, back in 2018, with thanks to one of our conference sponsors Danetre Health product, for a donation of the Photizo phototherapy unit. The AZEVN are delighted to be able to offer their members the opportunity to loan the unit for use at your place of work. The AZEVN would strongly advise that you read the Photizo Unit Loan Agreement Document that details everything you need to know about the process and hopefully will answer any questions that you may have – This can be found on our website along with the application form.

