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Brexit has already had a significant effect on the veterinary profession but the future is still uncertain. As the guardian of animal health and welfare, the profession has the opportunity to further strengthen our relationship with other stakeholders.



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Karen Wild

Are we properly able to assess behaviours, counsel owners and modify an animal's behavioural choices within a veterinary clinic setting? Or is it better to take the time and expense involved with a home visit and see pets in their 'normal' environment?

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Andra-Elena Enache

Corneal ulceration is a common ophthalmic presentation in dogs and cats, in both general and referral practice. When inappropriately managed, a corneal ulcer can lead to persistent pain, blindness (by excessive scarring, pigmentation, vascularisation or perforation) or even loss of the eye (enucleation).

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Samantha Flavell

"Being a locum nurse has allowed me the opportunity to work in a number of different types of veterinary practices, which has, in turn, allowed me to use and develop a number of different nursing skills."

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Helen Ballantyne

There are many medical specialist applications of technology; highly researched and highly expensive. However, there are many more mainstream applications assisting the nursing of patients.

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The increasing focus of diagnosis and management of chronic pain is relatively new and has been signalled by the development of pain measurement tools and an ability to track the effect of pain on quality of life in veterinary patients.

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Jane Ellison

There are always areas in our homes and workplaces that are repositories for rubbish, some of which can cause serious risks to our pets. It is paramount to emphasise to pet owners the importance of keeping any rubbish containers securely fastened, or in a separate area from their animals.



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You pay a monthly sum to an insurance company and if your pet is unfortunate enough to fall seriously ill or have an accident, the insurance covers the costs of the vets' bills. The client has their bills paid, the vet earns their salary, the pet makes a recovery and the insurer is in profit – if only it were so simple.

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Marie Rippingale

Horses are prey animals, and are notorious for trying to hide signs of pain. It is therefore essential for equine welfare that there is an accurate and careful assessment of the clinical signs of pain.

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