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Hilary Orpet qualified as a Veterinary Nurse in 1987 after attending Berkshire College of Agriculture. She joined the Queen Mother Hospital for small animals at the Royal Veterinary College in 1988 after spending 2 years in a mixed practice in Hampshire. Hilary became Senior Surgical Nurse in 1992 and gained her Diploma in Advanced Veterinary (surgical) Nursing in 1993. Hilary published the successful 'Handbook of Veterinary Nursing' along with a fellow teaching colleague in 2002. Hilary has been combining both clinical work and teaching veterinary nurses since 1994 and is now a Lecturer in Veterinary Nursing at the Royal Veterinary College and course director for the Foundation in Veterinary Nursing degree and the BSc in Veterinary Nursing degree at the Royal Veterinary College. In 2006 Hilary was made a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and will be pursuing further research into teaching and learning. She currently sits on veterinary nursing council at the RCVS.