

BVNA Research Bites: Information for candidates 2020



What is Research Bites?

Held during BVNA Congress, Research Bites provides an opportunity for those who have undertaken research relevant to the veterinary nursing profession to showcase their findings in the form of posters and short oral presentations.

The event is designed to provide a friendly and constructive platform for veterinary nurses and students with little experience of public speaking. It is a fantastic opportunity to develop presenting skills, whilst discussing and sharing best nursing practice, and increasing the evidence base available to the profession.



New categories for 2020:

Research Bites has been growing in popularity each year, and as a result we are now inviting submissions in three different categories:

- Research projects (e.g. undergraduate or postgraduate dissertation)
- Student veterinary nurse case reflection
- Registered veterinary nurse case reflection

This exciting new development means even more veterinary nurses and students can get involved in the Research Bites event. Whether you are in the process of completing a dissertation, or have worked with an interesting case in practice – we'd like to hear from you!

Is Research Bites for me?

- Would you like to improve your writing and presenting skills?
- Have you wondered how to progress to speaking at a future BVNA Congress?
- Have you recently undertaken data collection for a research project?
- Have you encountered an interesting case in practice?
- Would you like to share the results of your study or your experience of a case with BVNA Congress delegates and readers of the VNJ?
- Would you like a complimentary day ticket to BVNA Congress?



Why take part?

Submitting an abstract and providing a summary of your research or case reflection in the form of a poster and/or oral presentation will help to further enhance your writing and presentation skills. Being shortlisted to present at BVNA Congress is also a great addition to your CV! Prizes are awarded for Best Poster and Best Presentation – so if you'd prefer not to deliver a verbal presentation, you can still opt to submit your work as a poster only.

We understand that especially for those who are new to writing or public speaking, this can all feel like a daunting process. To put you at ease and to help prepare you for what will be expected on the day, BVNA mentors can be available as you prepare your poster and/or presentation if you would like assistance.

We are passionate about this competition as we feel that supporting and sharing research and nursing practices are great ways to further education relating to animal welfare, both within the profession and wider industry. It is always fascinating to hear the research that is ongoing amongst the profession, and past topics have included factors affecting owner selection of brachycephalic breeds, retention of RVNs within the profession, and supporting clients with canines suffering from diabetes mellitus. We hope that the future inclusion of case reflections will provide an even greater opportunity for veterinary nurses to share and discuss their experiences in practice.



How do I get involved?

1. Submit a brief abstract/summary on your research project or case reflection to bvna@bvna.co.uk (please refer to BVNA's Guidelines on Writing an Abstract for further instructions). The deadline for abstract submissions is **Tuesday 30th June 2020**.
2. Your abstract will be peer-reviewed. Following acceptance by reviewers, research projects and case reflections will be shortlisted for presentation at BVNA Congress 2020.
3. If your submission is shortlisted, you will be invited to the Saturday of BVNA Congress 2020, and asked if you would like to deliver an oral presentation alongside your poster. You will receive notification of this decision by **Friday 31st July 2020**. Your abstract will also be published in the VNJ.
4. If selected for presentation, you will be required to submit a PDF file of your poster, and a Powerpoint file of your presentation (if applicable) by **Friday 11th September 2020**. Please refer to BVNA's Guidelines on Producing a Poster and Presentation for further details.
5. Your poster will be displayed within the exhibition throughout BVNA Congress 2020, and you will deliver your oral presentation (if applicable) on **Saturday 10th October 2020**.



All successful applicants will receive free registration to BVNA Congress on Saturday 10th October 2020, and will be able to access a wide variety of lectures and the commercial exhibition. All applicants are required to attend the Research Bites event where abstract presentations will commence (regardless of whether presenting or not).

For more information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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