Sports Weekend is a longstanding vet school tradition, beginning in the 1960's. Vet schools in the UK and Ireland gather to compete in a variety of official and not-so-official sports along with a "spot" of socialising on the Friday and Saturday nights.

Glasgow University will be hosting this year, and we’ll be doing our best to sort hosts beforehand so everyone knows where they’re sleeping for the weekend. All you need is yourself, your costume and a sleeping bag! And maybe a sharpie...

At Glasgow University, we’ve been working hard to make the next AVS Sports Weekend an amazing experience for all! The weekend will consist of two days of fun, games, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Andrea Suarez
Sports Weekend Organiser
SPORTS WEEKEND 2024

FRIDAY NIGHT
- Arrival at Glasgow University union
- Buffet dinner
- Karaoke
- Ceilidh dancing
- Nightclub to start the weekend...

SATURDAY DAY
- Rugby, netball, football
- Egg and spoon, limbo etc
- Food trucks
- Numerous bars at the venue

SATURDAY NIGHT
- Pub crawl around West End and Central area
- Finishing at Glasgow's biggest club, The Garage.

Tickets will be released by your AVS rep and will be communicated to you in due course. If you're not sure who this is, please check our website and pop them a message! Alternatively, please email avscommittee@gmail.com and Claire will direct you to your rep.

FOLLOW THE INSTAGRAM AT @AVSGLASGOW2024 FOR REGULAR UPDATES.
The latest BVA Council meeting brought several exciting updates and important discussions. The council kicked off by approving the minutes from the last meeting, ensuring all previous actions and decisions are now officially recorded. An intense and detailed discussion took place regarding the ongoing investigation by the Competition Markets Authority, highlighting its significance. BVA introduced a new policy on diet choices for cats and dogs, which received unanimous approval, aiming to guide pet owners and vets in making informed dietary choices for their pets. Another significant decision was the approval of the BVA policy on RCVS Governance, reinforcing the governance framework within the veterinary profession.

A standout moment was an inspiring presentation by a recipient of a student grant from the Animal Welfare Forum (AWF). She showcased an innovative design for dental work on cows, demonstrating the incredible potential and creativity of students. This presentation also highlighted the benefits available to students through the AWF. I would encourage more students to engage with these opportunities, as they are really worthwhile. The council discussed various divisional areas, where I put a particular focus on Extra-Mural Studies (EMS) on behalf of AVS. Emphasis was placed on the steps being taken to support students, aligning with BVA’s existing EMS policy. This support is crucial for the professional development of veterinary students.

A new initiative to incorporate student reviews into the BVA’s Good Workplace Scheme was discussed. This addition would allow students to provide feedback on veterinary practices, enhancing the overall quality and relevance of the scheme. The council also discussed the RCVS EMS database, which will enable students to access and find placements across the country and is expected to be incredibly useful for students seeking EMS placements.

For more detailed information and to access the latest Council papers and minutes, BVA members can visit the BVA website under the BVA Council section. This resource is invaluable for staying updated on the latest developments within the veterinary profession. Stay engaged and make the most of these opportunities to enhance your veterinary education and career!
Other news and opportunities

CALLING ALL FINAL YEARS!
We’re here to help as you transition from student to qualified vet. Rely on us to keep you up to date with the latest developments in our fantastic, ever-changing profession.
Read more about benefits of being a BVA member at bva.co.uk/graduates. Pre-order your grad gift here and receive it when you join or renew as a Year 1 young vet member.

Meraki EMS Grant
At Meraki, they understand how integral clinical EMS is to increase new graduate confidence. As a recognition of the increasing financial pressures vet students are facing, Meraki are launching an EMS grant in collaboration with AVS, which started on 1st July!

Meraki are giving away a £70 and £30 EMS grant every month for 12 months. See details on the website for how to apply. We can’t wait to see your entries!

JAVS submissions OPEN
Our JAVS editors Phoebe and Jess work on pulling articles from students together to release JAVS (“Journal of the Association of Veterinary Students”) twice a year. We’re currently accepting applications for JAVS 2025, which will be released at Congress in Cambridge, February 2025. We welcome all types of articles, from student experiences on EMS to rebuilding the vet community post-covid. To submit or ask questions, please email Phoebe at javseditor@gmail.com.