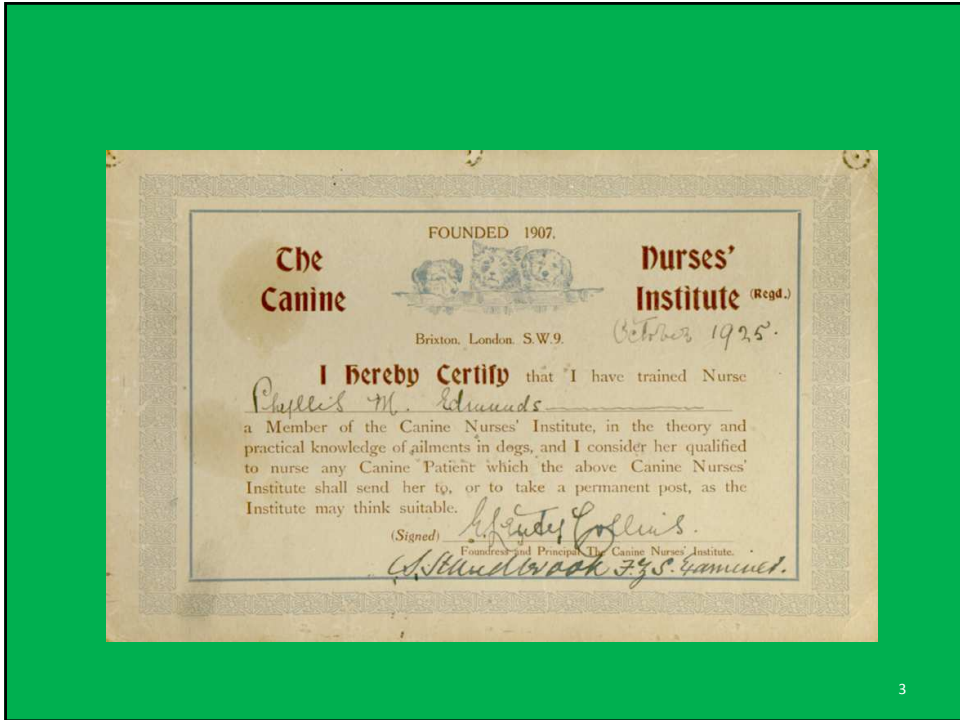


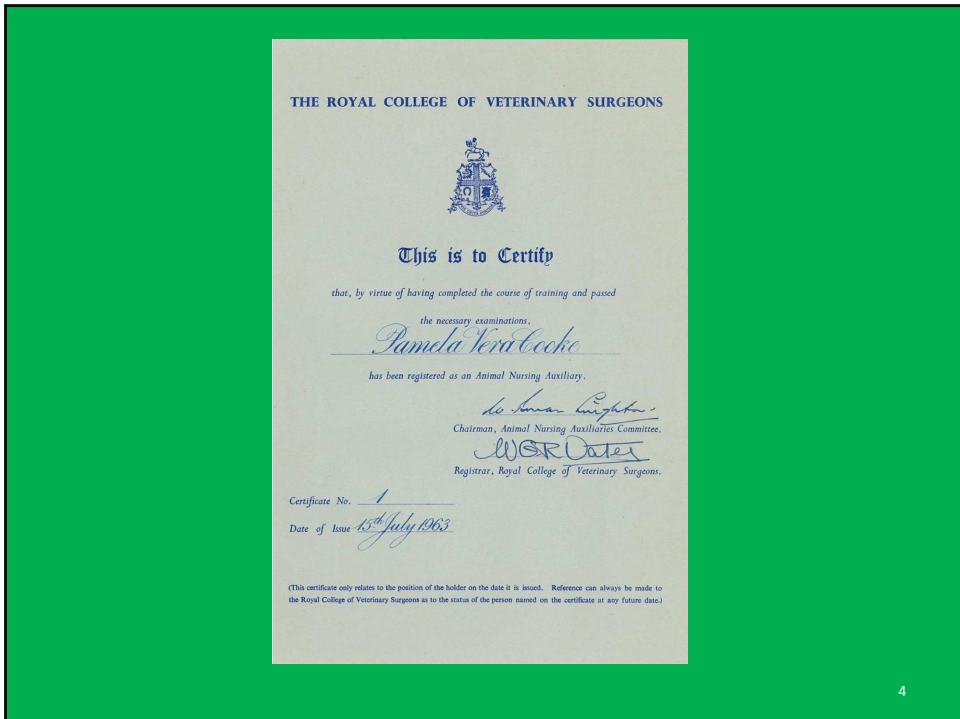
Personal Reflections & Professional Direction

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Training - Then

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- 'On the job' with no requirement to attend a college course. Most trainees were taught by their employers.
- ATCs
- One F/T college course
- Evening classes at Kingsway, Hounslow and Farnborough
- Jones was the veterinary nurses bible.

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Cutting Edge !

Early uniforms were traditional dresses supplemented with white apron and cuffs in cotton or nylon.

The hat was an optional extra!

Belts were petersham and varied in colour depending on your status



A happy winner of the Pedigree Petfoods Champion Dog Show Competition run by the Company's Breeder and Veterinary Service, Miss Rita Freeland, RANA, who works at Ashley Road, Epsom, is shown receiving a portable colour T.V. set from Mr. Chris Richardson, the Southern Field Sales Manager. Miss Freeland obtained her qualification five years ago.

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Health & Safety?



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Conforming/Cohesive – what's that?



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Tuckett Grey & Partners



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Hot in Summer – Cold in Winter!



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Waiting Room

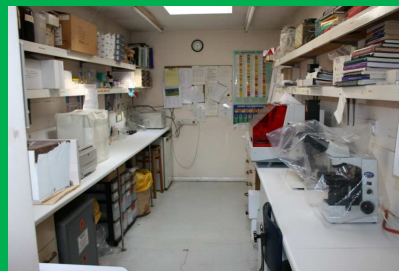


Prep / Dental / Standby Theatre

Theatre x 1



Lab



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Merchandising

- Waiting rooms were for just that!
- Selling food, toys etc to clients was unheard of!
- Pedigree Petfoods (tinned only)
 - Low Calorie Diet
 - Nephritis Diet
 - Recovery Diet

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The Trainee Years!

- Cleaning
- Husbandry
- Sterilisation
- Breeds
- Reception!
- More Cleaning
- The best breed of dog is.....

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Hamish - Border Terrier extraordinaire!

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Surgical Nursing

Analgesia – ‘not strictly necessary as animals don’t feel pain to the same extent’?

No need to monitor closely post op!

Convalescent diets – baby food, Complan, pilchards

Exclusion diet – Mutton and Rice



Anaesthesia

- Thiopentone Sodium
- Saffan
- Halothane

No monitors

No scavenging?!



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Medical Nursing

Parvovirus!

Distemper

Lots of blocked tom cats

Ectoparasites were treated with Nuvan Top/Staykil – ‘Spot on’ treatment was a thing of the future

Little awareness of the psychological needs of inpatients



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1975 - BCA

1975/76 'Could do better?'

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REPORT
Animal Nursing Auxiliaries Course
for Autumn 1975 Term
Name S. P. BARDER

| Subject | Assessment | Comments |
|---|------------|--|
| Anatomy and Physiology | B - | Has worked hard at a subject she finds difficult |
| Laboratory Diagnostic Tests | B | A conscientious hard working student |
| Theory and Practice of Nursing Part I | B + | Quiet student, with practical assurance |
| First Aid | | |
| Management, Hygiene, Feeding and Breeds | | |
| Nutrition | | Shows interest throughout |
| Genetics | A - | Competent worker and has ability to make a hand |
| Farm Practical | | Very reliable but a good worker |

Principal's Comments: Has worked hard throughout but now needs to take a more active part in practical and discussion groups.
Sent term commence on Sunday, 11th January, 1976
Students to be in residence by 11.00 Date

M. H. J. [Signature] Tutor
J. [Signature] Principal
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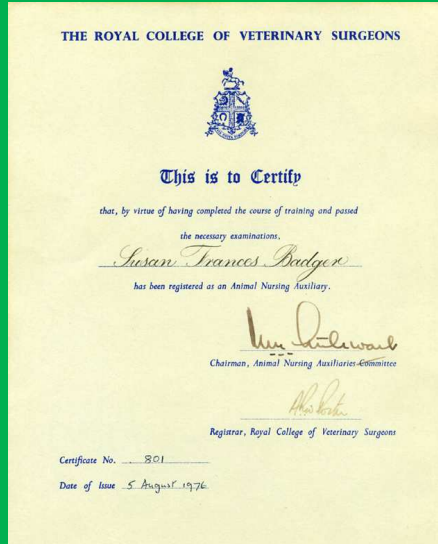
REPORT
ANIMAL NURSING AUXILIARY COURSE
for Spring 1976 Term
Name: S. P. BARDER

| Subject | Assessment | Comment |
|-----------------------------|------------|--|
| Surgical Nursing | B + | Has worked with quiet determination to achieve a satisfactory result |
| Medical Nursing | B | |
| Radiography | B | Quiet and capable student |
| Theory and Practice Part II | B + | |
| Anaesthesia | B + | |
| Theatre Practice | | Has shown initiative and interest in her work |
| Practical | B + | |

Principal's Comments: Has tried to take a more active part in discussions this term and worked conscientiously throughout at all subjects.

M. H. J. [Signature] Tutor
J. [Signature] Principal

1976 – The RANA



1984 – VN



Pay & Conditions

- BANAA conducted a pilot study in the mid seventies and the results caused something of a stir!
- One vet said 'We can do without RANA's...we ran practices without them before and can do so again if they price themselves out of the market.they must accept that job satisfaction will be their major reward not money.'
- Thankfully this was not the general consensus

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Veterinary Practice September 1982

"Many prospective trainees may want to consider taking a secretarial course whilst waiting for a training position. This may help broaden opportunities once qualified especially as some practices will not take trainees until they are 18."

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Training - Now

Level 3 Diploma
Advanced Diploma/Graduate Diploma
Foundation Degree
Honours Degree
Top Up

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Change of direction – teaching!



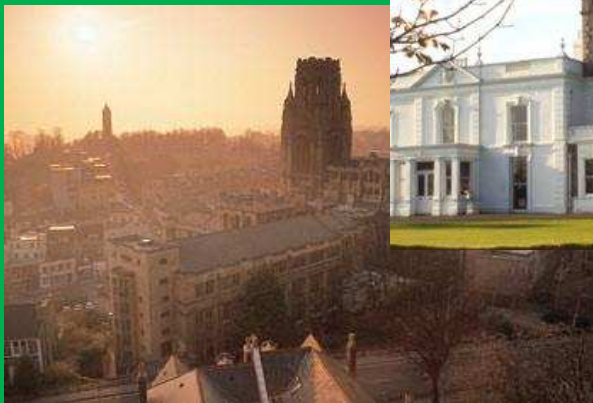
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Degrees

- First – RVC/Middlesex/CAW
- Then Bristol a year later
- A number of institutions now deliver degrees and some have direct entry to the Register

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VNPA/VNBS



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Experience gained in different clinical environments



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Research

- 4th year students are required to produce a Dissertation on a subject related to nursing practice
- Previous dissertations have been published in peer - reviewed veterinary journals

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There has been a gradual increase in the number of graduates over the last decade



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BVNA 1965 -



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Early Days

- 'In the mid 60's a group of qualified veterinary realised that there needed to be some form of liaison between them and the veterinary profession, so in 1965 Mr Alastair Porter, Registrar of the RCVS, helped this team of dedicated qualified VNs set up an association which would be able to assist & support fellow veterinary nurses '

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- On 13th March 1965 the BVNA was officially launched, with the aims of the association being 'to foster and promote the standard of veterinary nursing and the interest and status of the RANA'.
- Chair - Jennifer Townson (No. 6)
- Secretary - Pam Cooke (No. 1)
- Treasurer - Rosemary Popplewell (No. 3)
- The President was Mr Kenneth Evans MRCVS

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Identity Crisis!

- Unfortunately during their 1st AGM in 1966 it was reported that as the title 'Veterinary Nurse' did not exist the association title would have to change from B.V.N.A. to B.A.N.A.A. (British Animal Nursing Auxiliaries Association)
- The association eventually reverted back to BVNA in January 1985

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The Seedbed Centre



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BVNA Congress

- The first congress was held in 1974 at The Hotel Russell in London and it then moved to B C A where it stayed for 16 years
- In 1990 it moved to Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire where it was held until 2007
- It then moved from Stoneleigh Park to today's current venue The Kettering Conference Centre in Northamptonshire

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BVNA Congress is the largest in Europe

- BVNA Congress is now a three-day veterinary nursing event with **over 60 hours of CPD**.
- Now in its 38th year it offers a four-tiered lecture programme on Friday and Saturday and a five-tier stream on Sunday
- In total over **70 lectures and 15 practical interactive workshops** are delivered over the three days

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Veterinary Nursing - The Future

- Non-statutory Register – RVN
- New VSA?
- Development of a professional identity and individual body of knowledge
- Further acceptance of the importance of the nurse's role within veterinary practice and in the wider context – RCVS Council

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But....

- Continued loss of experienced nurses from the profession
- Threats to training due to the present economic situation –
 - Practices need to cut costs
 - Colleges & Universities must review their provision and more expensive courses will suffer

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The Modern Veterinary Nurse



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- Has a wider role than ever before which includes a focus on the core subject of nursing care, Schedule Three, nurse clinics, practice management, training.....
- Is a professional in her (or his own right)
- Is trained to a high standard and is an accepted part of today's modern practice.....

1935 - 2009



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Hampden Veterinary Hospital
Sep 2009 - Present



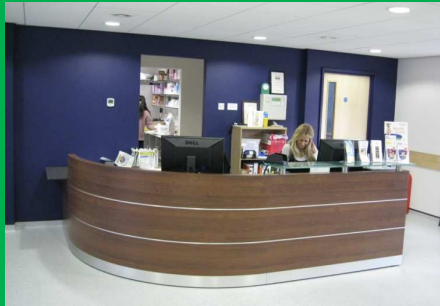
Front

Back



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Reception
X-ray



Prep
Theatre (x 3)



The Past & Future



Who ate all the pies?