

Equine Liaison Report for virtual AGM 2021

Due to the ongoing global pandemic, the legislation progress has understandably stalled to a large degree. The RCVS have continued to consider the option of legislation for allied professional groups including Equine Dental Technicians, and they have concluded the previous framework of an Exemption Order is no longer a suitable or realistic model to pursue. A consultation on an allied professional model, has been started and now extended, twice. This would need reform of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 to create the legal underpinning for allied professionals work. All stakeholder groups have been asked to engage with their members for feedback during the consultation period. However, there has been almost no direct communication with the BVDA in the past year on this as far as I am aware. I am only aware of this as I sit on the BEVA dental governance committee. This situation requires careful monitoring as I if was not also on the BEVA dental governance committee, I feel that the BVDA would be somewhat out of the loop regarding this process.

The postponed 2020 BEVA/BVDA examination run successfully with a slightly altered format. This year the same format will be rolled out and the theory exam will be run, but COVID protocols need to be implemented and due to this the venue of Hartpury College may not be feasible this year.

The EVDA congress, the BAEDT AGM, and EVDF all due to be held in 2020 were postponed. With both the BAEDT AGM and EVDF due to be held virtually in this year.

The EVDC equine committee assessed the equine residents second annual reports and were all approved considering the training challenges presented by the pandemic. The EVDC entrance exams due to be held in 2020 have been postponed until this year and the date is yet to be confirmed.

Kind regards,

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