



Vet Nurse Connect Conference (VNCC) 2026

To be held at the RVC's Hawkshead Campus, Hawkshead Lane, North Mymms, Herts AL9 7TA

Programme

	Lecture topics	Hands-on practical workshops (limited spaces)
08:15 - 08:45	<i>Registration and refreshments</i>	
08:45 - 09:00	Welcome address	
09:00 - 10:00	Blood transfusions <i>No need to be so bloody dramatic: Handling transfusions with confidence - Charlotte Russo</i>	Nutritional calculations <i>Translating nutrition into nursing: Calculating patient nutritional requirements - Gina Parkes</i>
10:00 - 10:30	<i>Tea/Coffee break</i>	
10:30 - 11:30	Tubes, drains and lines <i>Access all areas - Elle Haskey</i>	Microscopy of blood cells <i>More than just a drop: The diagnostic power of the perfect blood smear - Nicola Read</i>
11:30 - 12:30	Anaesthesia complications <i>Anaesthetic complications in small animals: From red flags to recovery - Lisa Angell</i>	Interactive case-based medical nursing - Kelly Druce
12:30 - 13:15	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:15 - 14:15	Nursing patients with endocrine disease <i>From crisis to control: Understanding hyper and hypoadrenocorticism in canine patients - Kelly Druce</i>	Suturing skills <i>Stitch by stitch: Building confidence in suturing - Jessica Gilby</i>
14:15 - 15:15	Exotics nursing <i>What's in the box? - A crash course on how to triage and nurse exotics in general practice - Abigail Edis</i>	CPR <i>Crash course! Essential hands on CPR training for vet nurses - Rosie Wignall</i>
15:15 - 15:45	<i>Tea/Coffee break</i>	
15:45 - 16:45	End of life care <i>When healing isn't a cure: Embracing comfort and dignity in end of life care - Nicola Read</i>	ECGs <i>Don't skip a beat – Understanding ECGs in veterinary practice - Ana Costa</i>
16:45 - 17:00	Closing remarks and farewell	
17:00	Optional tour of the Queen Mother Hospital for Animals (QMHA)	

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