



Strategic Plan 2017-2022

RCVS Knowledge's mission is -

To advance the quality of veterinary care for the benefit of animals, the public, and society.

Over the next five years we want to

- Advance the use of evidence-based veterinary medicine in veterinary practice
- Inspire quality improvement in veterinary practice
- Build upon our heritage, and invest in our future

To meet these aims we will

- Champion the use of an evidence based approach to veterinary medicine.
- Support the development of a culture of continuous improvement.
- Build upon existing skills and knowledge
- Make available our knowledge, expertise, and assets for the benefit of the broader public.

In doing so we will

- Collaborate and partner with other groups from within and outside of the veterinary sector
- Cultivate networks to help promote understanding of issues in the veterinary profession, and what may be an effective way forward
- Develop our resources and target them for use by frontline veterinary professionals

1. Champion the use of an evidence based approach to veterinary practice.

We will do this by

- Producing relevant evidence based *Knowledge Summaries* for veterinary professionals to support effective clinical decision making.
- Driving the implementation of good practice on the ground by working in partnership with veterinary surgeons, veterinary nurses, practice teams and veterinary organisations, and developing evidence-based tools that support the delivery of high-quality veterinary care.
- Developing *inFOCUS* which provides summaries of new and changing knowledge central to everyday veterinary practice
- Providing a support service for practitioners to source and use the best available evidence



2. Support the development of a culture of continuous improvement.

We will do this by

- Increasing the quality improvement knowledge and skills of veterinary professionals through RCVS Knowledge hosted learning, tools and resources.
- Promoting engagement and uptake of quality improvement activity by supporting veterinary professionals to use their quality improvement skills locally within practice teams.
- Supporting veterinary surgeons and vet nurses to embed improvement as part of normal everyday practice.
- Developing a network and community, culture to contribute to continuous improvement
- Supporting a grants programme directed at improving safety, quality improvement and care

3. Build skills and knowledge

We will do this by

- Delivering Skills Day workshops, focusing on specific outcomes
- Producing targeted online resources, tutorials, advice, and support developing skills and knowledge.
- Holding a national conference, bringing together all members of the veterinary community
- Expanding the library membership
- Providing support to the RCVS Fellows, enabling them to contribute to improving the quality of care delivered

4. Open up our world-leading knowledge, expertise and assets for a broader public benefit

We will do this by

- Investing in our staff, and be recognised as a great place to work
- Developing the historical collection and archives
- Delivering and publicising the digitisation project so that its widely used
- Maximising commercial values and increasing the financial sustainability of RCVS Knowledge