Annex 3

Questions

(1) Do you work in a BSAVA inspected practice or a Veterinary Hospital?

(2) Should the BSAVA/BVHA/RCVS practice standards schemes be amalgamated into a single voluntary RCVS practice standards scheme?

(3) Should there be modules for a practice to indicate either increased services available from the practice or increased facilities at the practice, but not to the extent of Veterinary Hospital status?

(4) Should an amalgamated RCVS practice standards scheme include a referral practice module?

(5) Should Veterinary Hospital status remain the highest practice standards award?

(6) Should Veterinary Hospitals be able to out-source 24 hour emergency cover (excluding in-patients)?

(7) Should the suitability of a practice to employ newly qualified graduates, or those seeking to retrain or return to practise, be assessed within an amalgamated RCVS practice standards scheme?

(8) Should practice standards for VN training be assessed within an amalgamated RCVS practice standards scheme?

(9) Should RCVS seek to include external inspections, such as the medicines inspections, within an amalgamated practice standards scheme?

(10) Should an RCVS practice standards scheme have an inspection fee or an annual fee?

(11) If you own a practice, what annual fee would you be prepared to pay for RCVS practice registration, £100, £150 or £200?

(12) Would you welcome advice visits and telephone assistance on practice standards? Would you pay for these?

(13) Should RCVS inspectors be practising veterinary surgeons (part-time) or veterinary surgeons employed by RCVS (full-time)?

(14) Should clinical audit be included within core practice standards? If not, where would you envisage this appearing?

(15) Ultimately, should RCVS seek mandatory inspections of veterinary practices under a new Veterinary Surgeons Act?

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