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Association of Charity Vets

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A large number of vets and veterinary nurses work for animal welfare charities in the UK providing subsidised or free veterinary care to owners unable to afford private veterinary fees or providing care to unowned animals in animal shelters. An even larger number of vets and veterinary nurses working in private practice also provide services to these charities on an occasional basis. Indeed 94 per cent of veterinary practices responding to a 2008 CP survey, indicated they were involved in some form of animal rescue charity work. In addition there is an increasing academic interest in the rather unique challenges faced by those working in the sector and academics, often working with practitioners, are trying to increase the evidence base to improve the care that is provided to animals in these circumstances. A number of charities, including Cats Protection, has funded academic positions at veterinary schools and several also work independently with academics on animal welfare projects.

As a result, over the past two years, a consensus has been building among a number of vets working in the major animal welfare charities and in some universities that it would be desirable to form an Association of Charity Vets. An inaugural meeting held at the University of Nottingham in February 2012 attended by around 150 vets and nurses.

Further expressions of interest are called for. If you work in this area and you are interested in participated in this exciting venture, please follow the link - www.bsavaportal.com/taocv