

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2024!

With huge thanks to our esteemed judging panel and founding partner Pioneer Veterinary Products, we are proud to announce London Vet Show's 30 Under Thirty Class of 2024!

Launched in 2022 in partnership with the London Vet Show and Pioneer Veterinary Products, this initiative seeks to develop and empower the veterinary leaders of tomorrow. It provides networking opportunities and promotes discussions and collaborations within the industry.

The Class of 2024 is a remarkable cohort of veterinary professionals from all sectors of the industry. We eagerly anticipate presenting these emerging leaders at our Induction Ceremony at 5 PM on Thursday 14 November, 2024, in the Business Theatre.

THE JUDGING PANEL...



JILL MADDISON



CLIVE GROOMBRIDGE



PETER WRIGHT



RORY COWLAM



LOUISE NORTHWAY

CLASS OF 2024

MILLIE BARRETT

Veterinary Care Assistant



Millie is a dedicated and passionate VCA who has transitioned from wildlife conservation to a busy referral practice. Her unmatched commitment to patient welfare and deep compassion for animals have earned her the title of "an absolute powerhouse of knowledge" from veterinary specialists. In just more than a year, she has been instrumental in establishing a VCA mentor role and has taken the lead on significant projects.

GEORGINA BARRY

Veterinary surgeon & PhD student in companion animal epidemiology



Georgina is a vet and companion animal epidemiology PhD student dedicated to advancing animal welfare. Her background in first opinion practice highlighted the welfare challenges pets face, leading her to transition into veterinary academia in 2023 while continuing to work as a locum. She found her passion in epidemiology and enjoys sharing her research with colleagues and clients. Currently, Georgina is finalising her MRes at the RVC, researching the epidemiology of canine haemangiosarcoma.

ANNA BARTECZKO

Veterinary Engineer & CEO



Anna Barteczko is an exceptional engineer, chief executive and co-owner of CABOMEDE, whose groundbreaking work in orthopaedic implants and custom solutions for feline patients has already made a significant impact on veterinary medicine. Specialising in advanced 3D printing technologies and precise computer numerical control (CNC) machining, she has pioneered development of unique 3D printed solutions specifically for the complex anatomy of European domestic cats.

SOPHIE BENZIE

Student Veterinary Nurse



Sophie is a dedicated SVN known for her selflessness and kindness. She excels in her interactions with clients and animals alike, demonstrating deep respect for all creatures, from crows to horses. Despite facing significant personal challenges this year, Sophie has maintained outstanding academic performance, consistently receiving top marks. Her resilience is truly inspiring, and she is the cornerstone of her nursing team.

GINA BRYSON

RVC Postgraduate Researcher and Teacher



Gina is a passionate researcher dedicated to improving dog welfare. Since joining her team's research group in October 2022 for her Masters in Research, which she completed with Distinction, she has focused on the health, behaviour, and husbandry of designer cross-breeds compared to their purebred parent breeds. With nine years in veterinary roles, Gina has valuable insights into the human-animal bond and has presented at major conferences.

JACK CONWAY

Veterinary Surgeon & Senior Vice President of Association of Veterinary Students



Jack Conway is an outstanding candidate for 30 Under Thirty, having spent seven years at vet school while passionately representing his fellow students at the Association of Veterinary Students (AVS). During his time at AVS, Jack made a huge difference in improving student life – especially during his term as president. He tackled important issues within the veterinary field, including mental health, and took the lead on a major review into harassment on EMS placements.

PENNY CROCKER

Veterinary Surgeon



Penny started work with her team as a new graduate vet and has become one of its top surgeons and most conscientious vets. She has a thirst for knowledge and constantly strives to improve her skills, not just in her area of interest (surgery), but across all of her work. Penny is close to completing her surgical certificate and will become the youngest certificate holder in her practice; in the mean time, she has introduced new surgeries and procedures to the practice.

ALEX CROW

Chief Veterinary Officer for The Net Vet



Alex has been instrumental in changing the way pet owners access veterinary care as a key leader at The Net Vet, a telehealth provider offering pet owners instant access to veterinary surgeons through its app. Alex has shown a deep interest in the future of veterinary care, with a focus on emerging technologies that can enhance pet well-being. He is a forward-thinking professional who is constantly exploring innovative solutions to improve pet care, including future AI-driven diagnostics.

CATHAL DALY

European Export Manager



Cathal is a dedicated professional in the veterinary and animal health sector, driven by a passion for improving animal health and well-being globally. His collaborations with leading experts and large international clients have significantly enhanced his expertise and dedication to the industry. Recently promoted to European export manager at Bilemed Animal Health, Cathal has played a crucial role in driving international growth and market expansion.

JEMIMA DE COURCY-IRELAND

Veterinary Surgeon



Jemima came to her practice initially as a vet student, when both parties fell for each other. From the first few days, Jemima has proved to be a great fit for the open, high standards, collaborative and positive culture at Neighbourhood. She has developed into an exceptionally capable vet and supportive colleague to team members, young and old. She leads and supports the junior vets instinctively, helping them through challenges with a skill beyond her junior years.



The 30 Under Thirty initiative has become a cornerstone of the event, and as we continue this important partnership, we are excited to once again highlight the achievements of young professionals who are shaping the future of veterinary care. This year's 30 Under Thirty class will not only shine a spotlight on tomorrow's veterinary leaders, but also reinforce the mutual commitment between Pioneer and the London Vet Show to foster growth, innovation, and excellence in the industry.

Harry Norman, Event Director of the London Vet Show



The 30 Under Thirty initiative is close to our hearts. We are thrilled to continue supporting this programme and look forward to working with this year's cohort to make a lasting impact on the veterinary profession.

Clive Groombridge, Managing Director of Pioneer Veterinary Products



GABRIELLA DIPOL

Veterinary Surgeon



Moving away from your friends and family to start a new life can be tough, but Gabby has fully embraced the Devon lifestyle and has thrown herself into being the best vet possible. Being a mixed vet is not always possible, but Gabby has blown her team away with how quickly she's got to grips with it, exceeding all clinical expectations while building great relationships with clients and bringing endless positive energy to the practice, even managing a positivity board in the practices.

CINDY LU

Senior Nurse



Cindy is a highly skilled senior veterinary nurse renowned for her deep knowledge, unwavering professionalism and innovative approach. After refining her expertise in a specialty referral hospital, she moved to the UK, where she has significantly impacted the field. Cindy has assisted two practices with their RCVS Practice Standards Scheme assessments, helped establish new practices, and mentored SVN's at RVC Beaumont Hospital, all while bringing enthusiasm and a vibrant spirit.

LAURYN READ

Registered Veterinary Nurse



Since entering the veterinary profession, Lauren has been passionately dedicated to raising awareness about mental health, using her own struggles as a driving force to help others. Lauren has been a qualified veterinary nurse for two years. In this short time, she has made significant contributions, including collaborating with the Veterinary Nursing Journal on an article and volunteering as an area representative for Vetlife. She is an empathetic, caring and driven individual.

OLIVIA STOFBERG

RVN / book author



Olivia is a dynamic and multifaceted RVN and book author, graduating from the RVC in July 2023 with an FdSc in Veterinary Nursing. With a passion for animal care and a commitment to elevating the veterinary profession, Olivia is currently producing a TV show that aims to showcase the talents and contributions of RVNs across the UK. Her unique blend of skills, from veterinary nursing to storytelling and music, positions her as an inspiring figure in both the veterinary and creative fields.

IZZY HOCKING

Vet and Global Animal Health Advisor



Izzy is a dedicated veterinarian committed to helping animals and their owners in need, both locally and globally. She began her career at Blue America. Izzy's efforts in Ethiopia have also led to the publication of the country's first essential veterinary medicines list.

APRIL MURPHY

Registered Veterinary Nurse



April is an inspiring RVN with nearly four years of experience in the field. Her journey from an under-confident VCA to a confident RVN and clinical coach showcases her resilience, and commitment to personal growth. Passionate about education and sharing knowledge, April has written 13 articles for esteemed publications including VN Times, and her first case study on rabbit hindlimb amputation earned her a special mention at the BVNA Congress.

CAITLIN RECK

RVN / Area Practice Manager



Caitlin is a dedicated veterinary nurse with six years of experience, passionately advocating for the vital role of RVNs in the veterinary profession. As a committed team player, she continues to strive for improvement, both in her own professional development and in educating others about the importance of nursing roles. After graduating in Ireland, Caitlin has an article and volunteering as an area representative for Vetlife. She is a practice area manager, overseeing two clinics.

JESLE VARU

Lecturer / L2 Deputy Academic Cohort Lead / RVN



Jesle is an exceptional veterinary professional and educator, whose journey began with his graduation from the RVC in 2017. At Winsted Veterinary Hospital, Jesle quickly advanced to senior RVN and senior ward nurse, demonstrating remarkable leadership and clinical skills. In his new role at the Goddard Veterinary Nursing College, Jesle quickly rose to deputy lead for the veterinary nursing assistant course, showcasing his ability to excel in educational settings.

ALICE HODGSON

Veterinary Surgeon



Alice is an exceptional young veterinary surgeon dedicated to equine welfare and charity work, establishing herself as a leader in the field. At The Donkey Sanctuary, her commitment to improving the lives of working equines shines through her various roles. Her journey began at Penbode Equine Vets, followed by impactful experiences at Bransby Horses. Her dedication extends globally, as seen in her volunteer work with the Gambia Horse and Donkey Trust and Animal Care Egypt.

EMMANUEL OLOYEDE

Veterinary Surgeon



Emmanuel is a dynamic and inspiring figure in the veterinary community, recognised for his natural speaking ability and commitment to diversity. As the founder and president of Animal Aspirations, established in 2019 with the support of the RVC, he has dedicated himself to encouraging young students to pursue careers in animal-related fields. Recently qualified as a vet, Emmanuel was honoured as Student Ambassador of the Year at the Almhigher Practitioner Awards in 2020.

CORAL ROWLAND

Head Veterinary Nurse



Coral is a standout candidate for the Vet Show 30 Under Thirty, recognised for her remarkable achievements and leadership across two independent clinics: Poplar Hets and Wood Wharf Vets. At a young age, Coral has already made a significant impact in the veterinary field, demonstrating exceptional expertise and commitment that truly set her apart. As the head veterinary nurse, Coral oversees the nursing teams at both clinics, ensuring the highest standards of care for all patients.

NATALIE WEST

ECVN Neurology Clinician



An accomplished researcher, Natalie has authored three papers published in multiple journals. Her work has not only been presented at conferences such as the European College of Veterinary Neurology congress and BSAVA, but has also been used in neurology residency exams. Additionally, she has co-authored two further papers, reflecting her dedication to advancing veterinary science by identifying gaps in research, and her dedication serves as an inspiring example to others.

RYAN KAVANAGH

Head of Nursing Services



Ryan is a dedicated RVN with nearly 10 years of experience, having qualified in Ireland in 2015. His diverse career spans roles in Dubai, UAE, and the past four years in London, showcasing a consistent passion for animal care across various settings. Recently, Ryan's focus has expanded to the well-being and development of his colleagues, and while as head of nursing services at London Vet Specialists, he has built a team of more than 30 RVNs and PCAs.

CHLOE POWELL

Registered Veterinary Nurse



Chloe is an inspirational RVN who has transformed from a shy work experience student into a confident and capable professional. Recently, she obtained her certificate in anaesthesia, and she remains calm and competent during the most challenging anaesthetic procedures. In addition to her clinical skills, Chloe is a passionate mentor, guiding SVN's, and she fosters a supportive environment by celebrating her colleagues' achievements on a dedicated whiteboard.

EDIE SHIELDS

Veterinary Nurse



Edie is an exceptional candidate who exemplifies the vital role that nurses – particularly newer and student nurses – play in veterinary medicine. Her commitment to going above and beyond for every patient is evident in her work at a mixed practice, where her passion and compassion shine through. Currently pursuing her veterinary nursing degree, Edie has developed into a highly competent young nurse, all while actively educating those around her.

LUCY WILDBLOOD

Veterinary Surgeon and BVA Representative for Scotland & HVS



Lucy's journey in veterinary medicine began at the RVC, where she consistently supported her peers and went above and beyond during studies. Now, as a vet and also Scotland's BVA Young Vet Network, she exemplifies exceptional dedication and professionalism. Despite facing the challenges of a demanding on-call role, Lucy has excelled. Her commitment to palliative care is particularly noteworthy; she has handled emotionally challenging cases with remarkable compassion.

ROBYN LOWE

RVN/Director



RVN and director Robyn's undivided devotion throughout her entire 20s has focused on the macro and micro lenses of the sector's problems within mental health and clinical standards, striving to be an upstanding role model of integrity. Robyn has volunteered for Canine Arthritis Management to write owner literature, is director of Veterinary Voices UK, runs the Veterinary Voices public page, and also sits on the board of trustees of Vetlife – the first RVN to do so in the charity's history.

LAUREN PRISK

Veterinary Surgeon



Lauren is a remarkable new graduate veterinarian who is already making a significant impact in the profession just 12 months after her graduation. Known for her kindness and compassion, Lauren balances her role as a mixed animal vet with her ongoing research in antimicrobial resistance and her volunteer work with the Cornwall Veterinary Association. Her accomplishments include presenting her first-year research at the BSAVA Congress in 2023.

JACOB SHUTT

Digital Marketing Co-Ordinator



Jacob is a remarkable candidate for recognition, having transformed from an apprentice at NVS in 2017 to the company's digital marketing lead. His passion for digital marketing is evident in every project he undertakes, inspiring those around him and elevating his profile within the organisation. Jacob's recent oversight of the successful launch of two websites showcases his meticulous attention to detail and skill, and he is always willing to lend a helping hand.

CHANTELLE WOODWARD-ILES

Veterinary Surgeon



Chantelle's path began with the widening participation programme at the RVC, reflecting her resilience and dedication to the profession despite facing numerous challenges. After eight years of determination, she graduated and has since made remarkable contributions to both her independent clinic in Hertfordshire and her voluntary role at a wildlife hospital from its inception. Chantelle's journey is a testament to her perseverance and passion for making a difference.

Congratulations and thank you to the Class of 2023

Your achievements and journeys over the past year since your ceremony have been truly remarkable, and we know this is just the beginning. We're excited to see how you will continue to shape the future of the veterinary profession!

