

## STATEMENT FROM BVZS RE COVID-19

Dear BVZS members

Over the last week, BVZS Officers and Council have been communication with organisations such as BVA, Defra, BIAZA, to try and coordinate a COVID-19 response.

Information and situation is ever changing, especially across the broad range of species and workplaces BVZS members deal with. There is also already a lot of information out there, leading to a risk of both misinformation and out of date information. Therefore, rather than try and produce some BVZS specific advice, we have decided instead to share links to relevant COVID-19 information on other organisational websites, as listed below. We would also encourage members to share relevant up to date information via the BVZS Yahoo Group (email: [bvzs-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:bvzs-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)) and members Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2215282532079735/>).

We appreciate that this is a worrying and difficult time for everyone, including BVZS members. We hope that our little community will be able to offer help and support to each other through the coming weeks and months.

Best wishes and stay safe

Peter, Fieke and Liz

Government

Scientific advisory group for emergencies (SAGE): Coronavirus (COVID-19) response:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/scientific-advisory-group-for-emergencies-sage-coronavirus-covid-19-response>

Government response:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Stay at home advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Social distancing:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people>

Guidance for businesses:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19>

Scottish government: <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Welsh government: <https://gov.wales/topic/980/latest>

Northern Irish government:

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus>

NHS

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Covid 19 scientific updates:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/research/coronavirus/>

Veterinary and related organisations

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS):

<https://www.rcvs.org.uk/setting-standards/advice-and-guidance/coronavirus-covid-19/>

British Veterinary Association (BVA):

<https://www.bva.co.uk/news-and-blog/news-article/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-updates-for-the-veterinary-profession/>

World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA):

<https://wsava.org/news/committees/covid-19-and-pets-what-you-and-your-clients-need-to-know/>

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE):

<https://www.oie.int/scientific-expertise/specific-information-and-recommendations/questions-and-answers-on-2019-novel-coronavirus/>

Zoo and wildlife organisations

British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquaria (BIAZA):

<https://biaza.org.uk/news/detail/biaza-update-covid-19>

European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA):

<https://www.eaza.net/assets/Uploads/Mailing-uploads/2020/2020-03-Corona-Virus-statement.pdf>

European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians (EAZV) Science -based facts & knowledge about wild animals, zoos and SARS-COV-2 virus available at:

[https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.aazv.org/resource/resmgr/protocols/covid19\\_faq\\_17march\\_2020.eaz.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.aazv.org/resource/resmgr/protocols/covid19_faq_17march_2020.eaz.pdf)

Medicines

National Office of Animal Health (NOAH):

<https://www.noah.co.uk/focus-areas/covid-19-information-for-the-animal-health-sector/>

General support

BVA legal helpline:

<https://www.bva.co.uk/resources-support/support-for-our-members/>

Vetlife: <https://www.vetlife.org.uk>