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North of Ireland Veterinary Association

incorporating



Shades of Violence:

Does the vet have a role in tackling abuse
in animals and humans?

Thursday 30th March

Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick

The concept of 'One Welfare' recognises the interconnections between animal welfare, human wellbeing and the environment. The Links Group promotes this aspiration, firmly believing that vets and the wider veterinary team have a role to play in helping to prevent animal abuse, domestic abuse, and child cruelty. The presentation will give a wide-ranging viewpoint on the theme of animal and human abuse. To put the topic in context, Freda will give a brief history of the Links Group and the various 'shades of violence' in households where humans and animals are at risk, introducing the concept that in a violent household:

"When animals are abused, people are at risk; when people are abused, animals are at risk."

Speaker:

Dr Freda Scott-Park

BVM&S, PhD, Hon.DVM&S, MRCVS

See overleaf for Freda's biography



Programme for the evening

7.15pm	Tea/Coffee served
7.20pm	NIVA EGM Members only See overleaf for details, followed by
7.30pm	NIVA Business meeting Members only
7.50pm	Main presentation Open to all

**Making the Links - Making a Difference;
Breaking the Link - Breaking the Cycle of Violence**

Registration:

NIVA members: Free Non-members: £30

To register, call VetNI on 028 25898543 or e-mail info@vetni.co.uk

NOTE FOR NIVA MEMBERS re. Future NIVA Correspondence

In line with the approach being taken by RCVS and others, the Association will, in future, use e-mail for all correspondence with the exception of your annual subscription letter. Some of you have already replied to this request (thank you!) but if you haven't already done so, in order to ensure you receive all future NIVA communications please:

1. e-mail info@vetni.co.uk with subject line "NIVA member e-mail contact address" and the message 'I, [your name] agree to receive NIVA communications to this e-mail address'; and
2. add info@vetni.co.uk to your e-mail contacts as a 'safe' sender if you have not done so already; and
3. remember to check your e-mail regularly!

NOTE: Even if you already receive e-mails from VetNI as part of our general mailings to vets, we need you to return this information to build our **NIVA specific distribution list**.

If you do not have access to e-mail please return the slip overleaf to the VetNI office where staff will maintain a short mailing list to be used for key NIVA communications.





About the Links Group

The Links Group in the UK offers practical help and advice to vets and health professionals, as well as helping to make people understand why hurting humans and animals is unacceptable.

Please visit the website for further information:

<http://www.thelinksgroup.org.uk/>

About our Speaker

Freda Scott-Park is a veterinary surgeon living and working in Scotland. She has been associated with the Links Group (a committed multi-agency interest group that promotes the welfare and safety of vulnerable children, animals and adults so that they are free from violence and abuse) since the first Links conference in November 2001. At this conference, the veterinary profession were introduced to the concept of the "battered pet" and further research and clinical evidence was presented, which suggested that there are sometimes inter-relationships commonly referred to as 'links', between the abuse of children, vulnerable adults and animals. During her time as President of the BSAVA and following that, as President of the BVA, she sought to ensure that veterinary surgeons were made aware of their role in recognising animal abuse, and beyond that, the possibility of associated violence to humans in a violent home. Freda is currently Chairman of the Links Group (UK), which aims to help all members – humans and animals – of families affected by domestic abuse.



Information for NIVA members regarding the Extraordinary General Meeting

As agreed at the NIVA AGM on 25th January, the Officers of the Association call an EGM to present a final draft of the revised NIVA rules for approval by the membership.

Members attending the meeting can see the revised draft rules and the original rules on the NIVA page of the VetNI website (www.vetni.co.uk/niva). Alternatively, for a hard copy, contact the VetNI office on 028 25898543 or by e-mail to info@vetni.co.uk by 22nd March.

The EGM, which is to discuss the single issue of NIVA Rules, will be followed by a brief general Business Meeting to include an update on other NIVA news and issues including:

Peer Support

Incentive scheme for removal of BVD animals



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Name of NIVA member

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