



## BCVA Board Nomination

### 1.1 Contact Information

Name	Vicki Shepherd
Practice/Company	FertiliVet

### 1.2 Proposed by:

Proposer	Seconder
Name Hannah Batty	Name Rosie Armstrong
Practice/Company LLM	Practice/Company Advanced Nutrition

### 1.3 Please give a brief manifesto (no more than 200 words) to include your reason(s) for standing for election and the skills and experience you could bring to the Board of BCVA

As an RCVS Advanced Practitioner in Cattle Health and Production and DBR, I bring over a decade of clinical experience grounded in evidence-based cattle medicine and progressive, practical consultancy. My core interests lie in fertility, transition management, and data-led decision making — all delivered through a collaborative, communicative, and client-centred approach.

A passionate educator and mentor, I've taught undergraduate lectures at the University of Surrey, developed practitioner CPD, and supported early-career vets through structured mentorship. I'm committed to making complex topics engaging and accessible to all, and to inspiring the next generation of cattle vets by modelling clinical excellence, integrity, and sustainable working practices.

Last year I led a multi-farm trial on ovarian cyst treatment, presented at BCVA Congress, and also oversaw applications which saw clients secure over £32,000 in resilience funding, for proactive veterinary intervention. But beyond clinical work, I'm deeply invested in supporting mental wellbeing in practice. I believe sustainable success comes from empowered teams, open communication, and a culture that prioritises both high standards and human connection. It is a career of kindness and respecting people, as much as cattle.

I see the BCVA as a platform to lead our profession forward. If elected, I'd bring energy, empathy, and experience — working to promote excellence, nurture future leaders, and support vets to thrive in a changing world.

### 1.4 Please include a photo

