

CENTRE FOR EVIDENCE-BASED VETERINARY MEDICINE
Putting research into practice

Practice-based research: what do vets want?

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Background

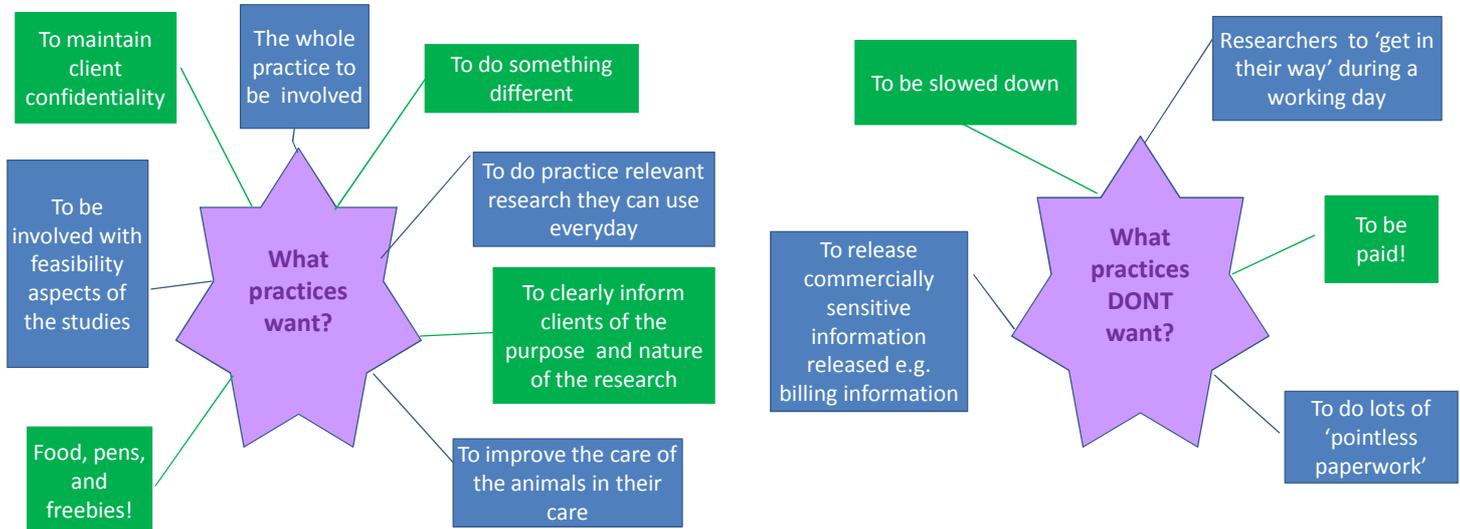
- Every day veterinary surgeons in first opinion small animal practice are presented with many animals that have naturally occurring disease
- Data is routinely collected, processed and archived by practices about their patients.
- This source of data is large and limitless, yet its value is only just starting to be realised. To date only small amounts of these data have been accessed for the purposes of veterinary research.
- A successful working relationship with first opinion veterinary practices is the key to:
 1. Undertaking research that is relevant to clinical practice
 2. Effectively accessing practice data
 3. Performing large scale observational studies and clinical trials
 4. Developing methods for delivering results of the research back to the consulting room
 5. 'Putting research into practice'

Sentinel practices

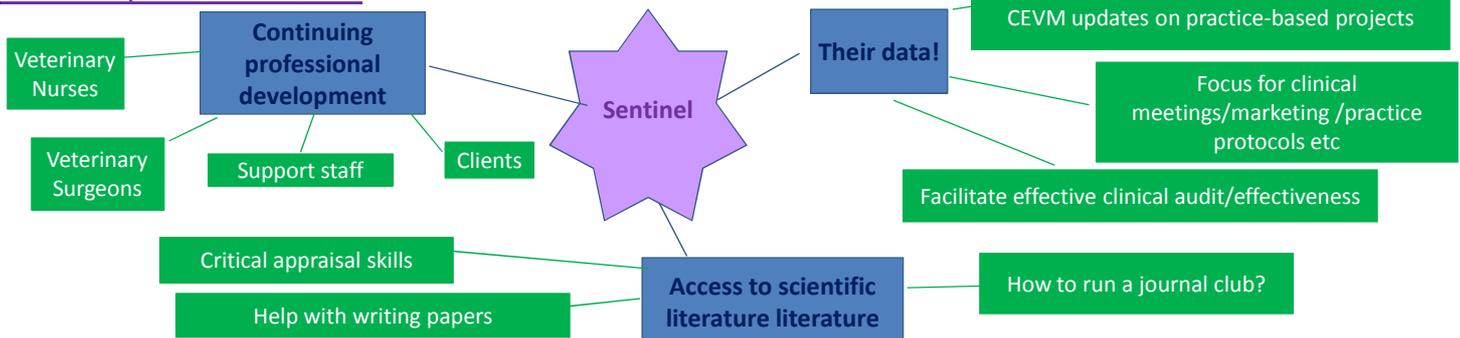
- A network of eight first opinion small animal practices has been established by the Centre for Evidence-based Veterinary Medicine (CEVM).
- These practices will be used to gather data for the first studies undertaken by the CEVM.
- During the development of the CEVM, these practices have been consulted regularly about various aspects of the research.
- Important factors that may help or hinder the research have been discussed, as well as what added benefits the practices could gain from being one of our sentinels.

What do vets want?
How can you 'put research into practice' in a practical, feasible fashion?

What practices have told us.....



What would practices like in return?



Conclusion

Continued effective communication between sentinel practices and researchers within the CEVM is the key to the success of this working partnership.

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