IN BRIEF

PDSA pet wellbeing survey launched

THE 2018 PDSA Animal Wellbeing (PAW) report has been launched.

The PAW report, now in its eighth year, is an annual, nationwide survey, which captures the views of pet owners, vets and children on their thoughts of the pressing range of issues facing UK pets.

The charity is encouraging UK vets, vet nurses and students to have their say on the state of the nation’s pets. The survey closes on 2 February.

The 15-minute survey is available at: yougov.com/PDSA. More information and recent reports can be found at pdsa.org.uk/pawreport.

Nominations for welfare awards

CEVA is reminding vets that it is not too late to nominate individuals or teams for the Ceva Animal Welfare Awards 2018, which are to be held on 4 April in Birmingham.

There are six awards for 2018. These are: The Chris Laurence Vet of the Year Award; Vet Nurse of the Year; Charity Team of the Year; Charitable Contribution of the Year; Farm Animal Welfare Award; and International Cat Care Welfare Award.

Entries must be made by 26 January. For more details on the awards and to nominate, visit: www.cevawelfareawards.com.

Dairy sheep and goat conference 2018

THE third annual dairy sheep and goat conference will take place in Bristol on the 19-20 February 2018.

The theme of this year’s conference is youngster and replacement rearing. Organised by Friars Moor Livestock Health and The Dairy Sheep and Goat Consultancy, the conference aims to inform and lead the development of small ruminant dairying in the UK, and is aimed at farmers, producers, vets and industry suppliers.

More information can be found at: www.dairysheepandgoatconference.co.uk.

Communicating health plans effectively

ONSWITCH has launched a practical one-day CPD workshop covering everything vets need to know to make their health plans successful.

The day will cover why pet health plans are good for pets and their owners, what pet owners want from vets to help them take care of their pets, when to talk about health plans, and what to say about them.

The delegate day rate is £330 +VAT and includes refreshments, lunch, workbook and CPD certificate.

For more information, visit www.onswitch.co.uk.

RUGBY REF TO GIVE BSAVA KEYNOTE SPEECH

INTERNATIONAL rugby referee Nigel Owens MBE has been announced as the keynote speaker at this year’s British Small Animal Veterinary Association (BSAVA) congress.

Owens, who wanted to be a vet at school, is regarded as one of the world’s best officials in rugby. He has amassed vast experience of dealing with difficult decisions, emotional players, audiences of millions and international travel, and yet remains resolutely passionate about his profession.

BSAVA president John Chitty said: ‘I am delighted to welcome Nigel Owens to share the highs and lows of his career in rugby refereeing at congress, and to share his experiences of split-second decision-making in high-pressure situations.’

“These are similar to the decisions that vets and nurses need to make during their working days, especially in emergency situations.”

The BSAVA congress runs from the 5-8 April in Birmingham. More information at: www.bsavacongress.com.