

Roger Ewbank qualified as a Veterinary Surgeon in 1957. After three years in veterinary practice he was appointed as Lecturer (later Senior Lecturer) in Animal Husbandry in the Veterinary Faculty of the University of Liverpool. His first published paper, 'The Behaviour of Cattle in Crushes,' appeared in the Veterinary Record in 1961, and received a William Hunting Award from the British Veterinary Association. He went on to publish research on topics including nursing and suckling behaviour in sheep, social behaviour of pigs in relation to tail biting, dog-sitting in cattle and sheep, lying behaviour in cattle and its relation to mastitis distribution in the udder, and the formal teaching of ethology in the veterinary undergraduate course. Ewbank was the Founder Vice-President of the SVE in 1966 (Andrew Fraser was Founder President), becoming SVE President in 1967 and again in 1981, and was made an Honorary Fellow of the ISAE in 1999. He was appointed as Director of the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) in 1979, and in 1992 established UFAW's journal 'Animal Welfare' as Founder/Editor. He also served as a member of the UK Government's Farm Animal Welfare Council from 1970 to 1987, and on the Animal Procedures Committee from 1987 to 1995. Ewbank was named an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1990. He retired in 1996, and over the years has produced some 150 publications, of which about 40 are original scientific papers in refereed journals.