

HISTORY OF SPAIN'S SMALL ANIMAL CLINICS

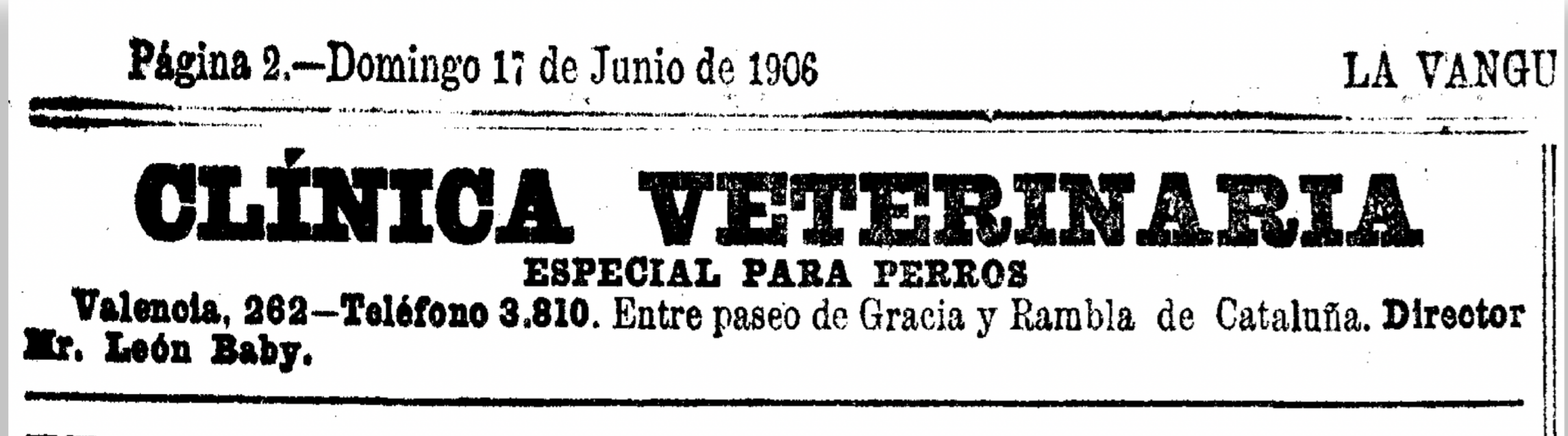
OBJECTIVE:

The challenge of this memory is to prove the importance getting to know and preserve the history of veterinary medicine and the birth of the first small animal clinics. That is to say, the main objective of this memory resides in the identification of the first or first veterinary clinics in the Spanish state.

Starting point for the cultivation of different scientific disciplines in contemporary Spain.

Opening of the first Veterinary School in our country.

1st Reference to a canine veterinary clinic:



Anuncio publicitario. *La Vanguardia*, Junio de 1906

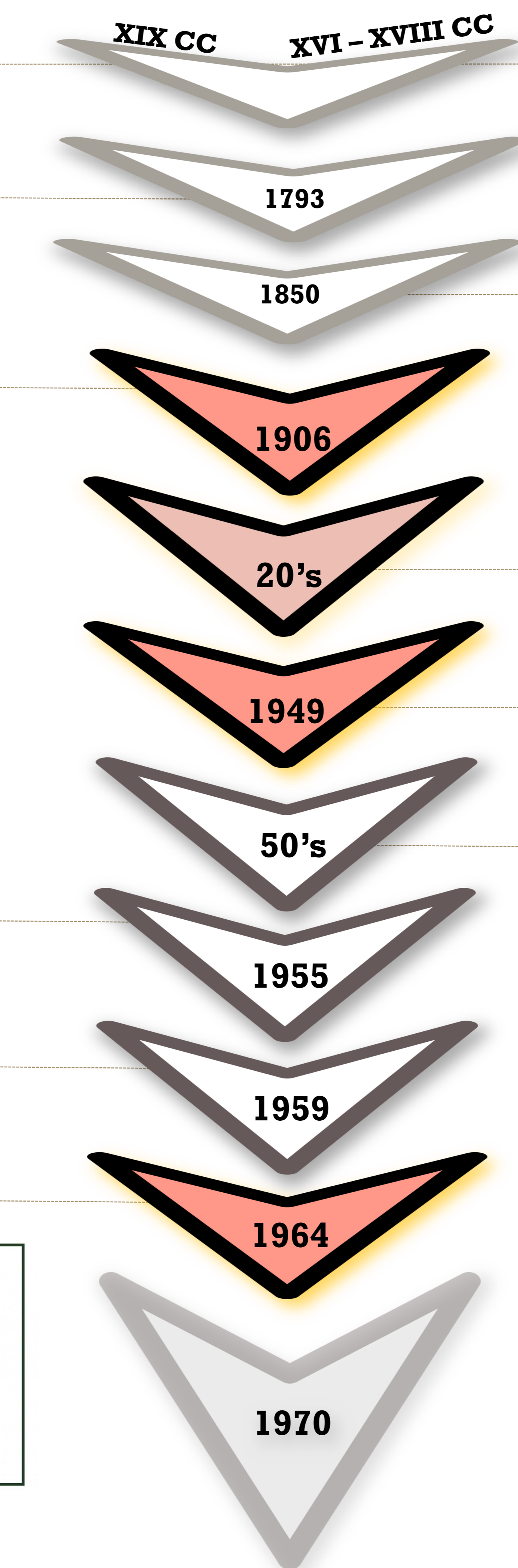
XV World Congress of the World Veterinary Association.

XVI World Congress of the WVA (Madrid):
Creation of the **World Small Animal Veterinary Association** with the **"Journal of Small Animal Practice"**.

Founding of AVEPA



Miguel Luera Carbó treating to Copio de Nieve at Barcelona's Zoo.



Opening of the first Veterinary School

"ALBÉITAR"

Etymologically means **"horse doctor"** and was used in Spain **until 1850**. They belonged to the same guild as the blacksmiths and silversmiths and also was a farrier, as well as an animal doctor.

Foundation of the Veterinary Association of Barcelona

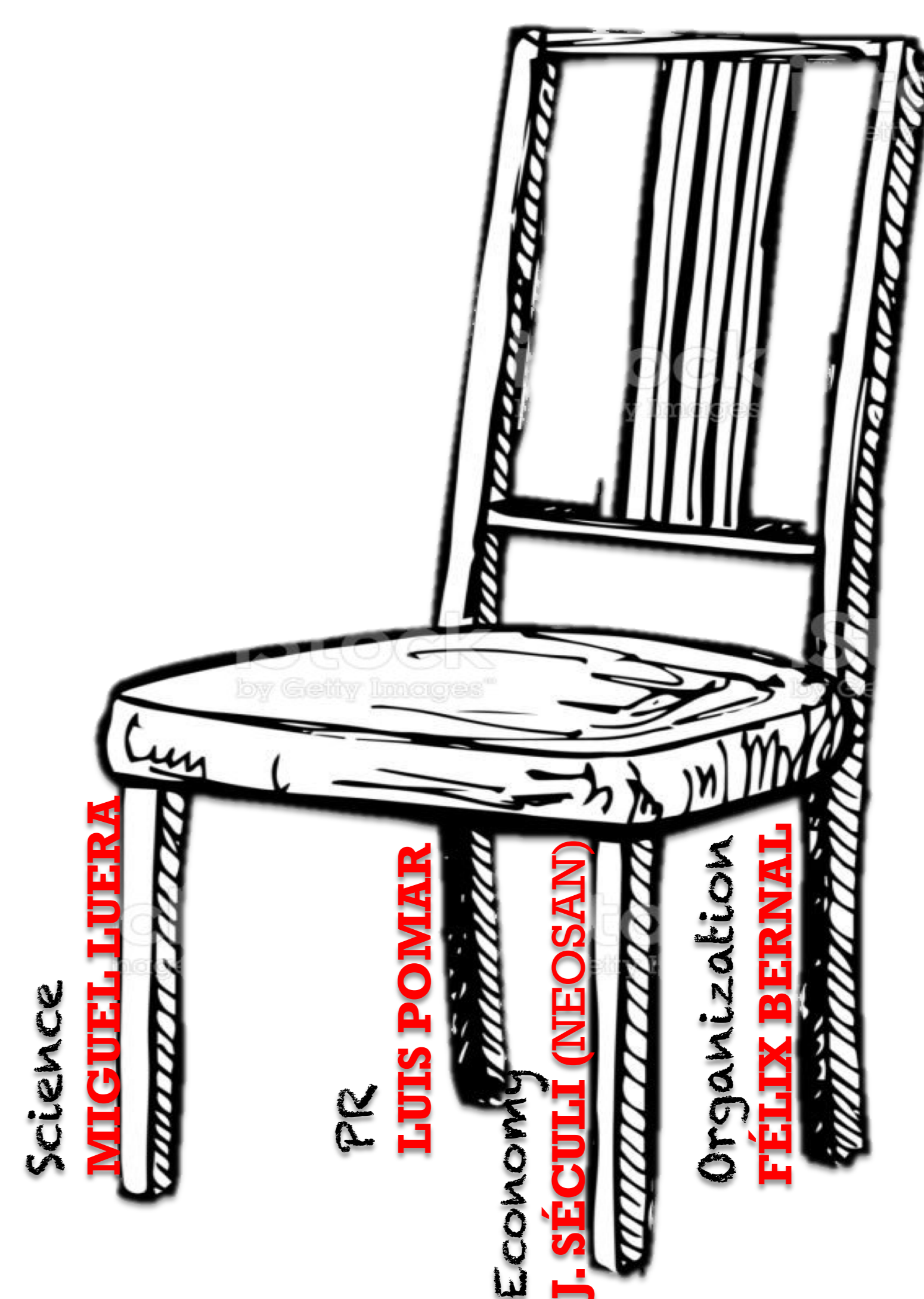
Raspeig Veterinary Polyclinic Center.
Founded by **Manuel Isidro Rodríguez García**.

PLETHORA OF PROFESSIONALS & RECENT GRADUATES

Spanish Association becomes part of the World Cup.

Some of the first clinics in Spain:

- Clínica Rocaberti
- Ars Veterinaria
- Clínica Sagrada Familia
- Clínica Veterinària St. Jordi (Girona)
- Hospital Veterinario Mediterráneo



- Although there are indications of previous professional activity, the foundation of the first small animal clinic in Spain takes place, in the 1950's of the 20th century.
- Barcelona and Catalonia will be the initiators of the small animal clinic.
- The associations of specialist veterinarians, AVEPA and AMVAC, will be the professional and scientific drivers of this specialty.
- The specialist veterinary woman was incorporated later, in the 1970s, into the veterinary teams.