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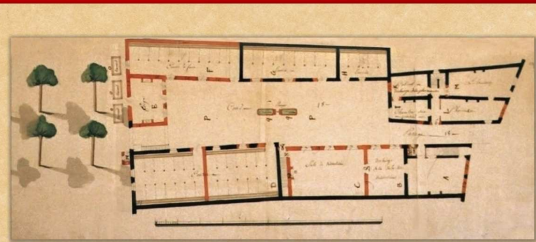
## *Historical Commemorative Postcards*

In Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the  
First Veterinary School at Lyon, France  
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The year, 2011, marks the world's 250th Anniversary of the founding of the first veterinary school at Lyon, France, which formally initiated the beginning of the veterinary medical profession. In 1761, the school was founded by the French veterinarian Claude Bourgelat (1721-1779) who had been appointed its 'Director and Inspector General' by King Louis XV's Royal Council of State. The primary purpose was "to open a school in which the principles and methods whereby livestock diseases may be cured will be taught in public."



The First Veterinary School in (La Guillotière) Lyon, France, c. 1761

The premises was comprised of two buildings which overlooked a large courtyard. The south side of the courtyard was closed by a porch which gave onto the street. The north side opened onto a large meadow. The dissecting room and a large stable for 28 horses bounded the courtyard to the west. Two small stables to the east made possible the isolation of sick horses.

