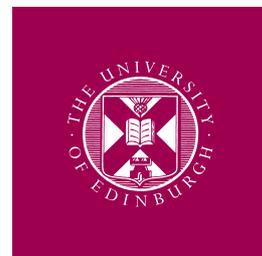


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ANIMAL WELFARE NEWS

DOGS TRUST, JMICAWE AND SARAJEVO VETERINARY FACULTY RE-UNITE FOR FINAL WORKSHOP OF 2013



Early December 2013 saw welfare veterinary nurse Hayley Walters' final secondment of the year to Dogs Trust and the week long neutering workshops at Sarajevo Veterinary Faculty in Bosnia.

This involved up-skilling local veterinary nurses in animal welfare requirements such as good hospitalisation, anaesthesia, surgical patient prep, instrument care, pain recognition and positive handling.

Dogs Trust has been running these neutering workshops throughout 2013 in order to help reduce the numbers of stray dogs living on the streets (11 – 13,000 at the last count). Primarily it was aimed at up- skilling local vets in anaesthesia, analgesia and surgical skills with regards to neutering but part way through the course it became apparent that a workshop specifically aimed at veterinary nurses (or veterinary technicians) was needed.



Having a well-trained, knowledgeable and competent veterinary nurse involved at every step of the way for each dog that is being neutered, not only makes life much easier for the vet but also improves the dog's standard of welfare dramatically.

Hayley Walters, RVN

DOGS TRUST CANINE WELFARE RESEARCH GRANT AWARDED

The JMICAWE team are pleased that their application for a Dogs Trust Canine Welfare Research Grant has been successful.

The research proposal entitled 'Developing and validating a robust canine welfare audit system for use in Trap Neuter Return (TNR) programmes,' aims to develop an effective framework to evaluate the welfare of individual dogs experiencing TNR programmes.

PRESTIGIOUS ANIMAL WELFARE AWARD GOES TO UK VETERINARY ORGANISATION

We are thrilled that the recipient of the prestigious "Jeanne Marchig Animal Welfare Award 2013" was Luke Gamble MRCVS, the Founder and CEO of the Worldwide Veterinary Service (WVS), based in the UK. The R(D)SVS enjoys a close relationship with the WVS and both organisations recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding.



WVS has become one of the most effective international animal welfare and protection organisations. It is making a huge difference in the fight to help, protect and alleviate the suffering of animals.

Les Ward, Chairman of the Marchig Trustees

Luke Gamble established the WVS in 2003 to alleviate animal suffering and improve the moral perception of animals worldwide.



It is a huge honour to receive this award and I would like to thank the Trustees very much. The pledge is to now direct this fantastic award towards making a difference where it counts – on the front line of animal welfare, championing the united ideals of both WVS and The Marchig Trust.

Luke Gamble, WVS



In January this year, Luke visited the JMICAWE at the Dick Vet School to deliver a presentation to students entitled "The role of the WVS in improving animal welfare" as part of the International Animal Welfare Seminar Series.

VETERINARY EDUCATION MEETING IN THAILAND

Staff at the JMICAWE recently had an extremely successful period of work at the Kasetsart University in Thailand, where they delivered a workshop on integrating animal welfare and problem-based learning into the veterinary curriculum. Delegates from the Philippines, Singapore and Indonesia as well as from Veterinary schools across Thailand, and also the WSPA, attended the workshop.



We are delighted with the success of the workshop and the strong focus on utilising alternatives to animals for teaching aspects of the curriculum. Through our joint activities, Professor Apinam, the Dean of the Kasetsart vet school has already sent some of his models to colleagues in China, and we at the JMICAWE hope to continue to support these collaborations across Asia.

Heather Bacon, JMICAWE

SEAL CULLING DEBATE PROVIDES SUCCESSFUL STUDENT COLLABORATION WITH IFAW

Students from the Animal Ethics, Policy and Law course (part of the online MSc in International Animal Welfare Ethics and Law) have been working together with our collaborators in IFAW on a project about the welfare of seals and seal culling/hunting. This is a very hot topic at the moment as there is a legal challenge to the EU ban on seal products going through the World Trade Organisation's appeal process. Students had to work in groups to complete a report and presentation on a variety of questions, presenting their answers by using the most up to date scientific evidence, economic analyses and in depth ethical arguments.



I was very impressed by the standards of the students' presentations. The material presented about the seal hunt was well researched and arguments backed with scientific evidence. I am sure the knowledge gained, and skills acquired, on this course will serve the students well in their future jobs.

Cindy Milburn, Director of Animal Welfare Outreach and Education, IFAW



The students have used these projects to gain a greater understanding of how an evidence based approach can be used by different stakeholders to form effective arguments and influence debate.

ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE EXPERTS ATTEND SUCCESSFUL 5 DAY CONFERENCE IN INDIA



Animal health and welfare experts from JMICAWE and the Royal (Dick) Veterinary School took part in an international conference in Bangalore in February this year.

"Advances in Veterinary Research: Impact and Opportunities" opened on 19 February and was a collaborative 5 day event organised jointly by the JMICAWE's Prof Nat Waran and Dr Abdul Rahman of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association. The main theme was examine ways to improve the quality of life for both livestock and pets, as well as India's wildlife. Topics for discussion included new techniques to address infectious diseases in herd animals; finding effective and humane ways to tackle India's growing problem of rabid dogs; animal welfare education and the importance of using a One Health - One Welfare approach for understanding and tackling issues impacting on the lives of both humans and animals.

Held at the National Institute of Animal Nutrition and Physiology, the event was preceded by a very well received and attended public lecture delivered by Prof. Whitelaw from the Roslin Institute on the challenging subject of genetically-engineered livestock.



The improvement of animal health and, by association, human health in India is a pressing concern, especially with the numbers of domestic and livestock animals set to rise significantly in the coming years. My colleagues and I learned from India's experience and are keen to use our expertise to help tackle a diverse range of animal diseases and welfare issues.

Prof Natalie Waran, R(D)SVS

ANIMAL WELFARE WORKSHOP IN HANOI, VIETNAM

In February the JMICAWE team consisting of Professor Nat Waran, veterinary surgeon Heather Bacon and welfare veterinary nurse Hayley Walters were delighted to collaborate with Animals Asia and the Hanoi University of Agriculture to deliver a 3 day workshop on 'Strengthening the Global Veterinary profession through integrating Animal Welfare Education'. Attendance was excellent with 44 participants from seven Vietnamese Universities, in addition to five Animals Asia Staff.



... AND VISITING RESCUE BEARS

After landing in Hanoi for the Vietnam workshop, the team were able to visit an impressive sanctuary for Moon and Sun bears that had been rescued from the bile farm industry by Animals Asia. For Heather and Hayley who previously worked with Animals Asia, this was an occasion to revisit their old bear friends. For Nat, this was a first time and never to be forgotten experience. 'I was overwhelmed by their ability to play and appear to be happy despite the awful things they had previously experienced'.



NEWS IN BRIEF ...

- The ISAE Regional Meeting was held in the new teaching building at the R(D)SVS, Easter Bush Campus on the 21-22 Jan 2014. The theme of the meeting was Animal Health and Welfare, and 120 people attended.
- Animal Welfare has been given a regional focus in Singapore. In January, Heather Bacon of the JMICAWE travelled to Singapore to attend the Asia for Animals Conference. Asia for Animals is a regional coalition of NGOs working on diverse animal welfare issues across the region www.asiaforanimals.com
- In February, Prof Nat Waran, spent a few days in the company of The Brooke India team and Brooke UK Head of Research, Dr Karen Reed, on a recent trip to India. The Brooke is an international animal welfare charity with a focus on improving the lives of working horses, donkeys and mules in some of the world's poorest communities.



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