



Animal Welfare News

JMICAWE visits Japanese vet schools

Last September, JMICAWE's Director, Professor Nat Waran, gave an invited Plenary at ISAE 2015 in Hokkaido on the Companion Animal Conundrum. Nat and her colleague Dr Fritha Langford were also invited to lecture on animal welfare to veterinary students and staff at Tokyo and Teikyo Universities. Nat is pictured here with Associate Professor Yoshie Yakuma of Teikyo University of Science, a former University of Edinburgh animal welfare student.



Vet Nurses to India Project

Last November, Hayley Walters and Heather Bacon took 8 student veterinary nurses from Edinburgh Napier University to 2 vet schools in Kerala to promote the value and importance of veterinary nursing. Over the course of 2 weeks the SVN's helped to demonstrate how good nursing improves patient care which in turn increases recovery times due to the provision of a comfortable environment, good nutrition and appropriate pain relief. We hope to run a similar programme later in 2016. See Hayley appearing live on STV via this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nw4tMQ3F-Vs>

JMICAWE Vet short-listed for two Awards

JMICAWE's vet Heather Bacon was short-listed for both the PetPlan Vet of the Year and the CEVA Animal Welfare Vet of the Year. At the award ceremony in Birmingham heather was very pleased to be awarded the CEVA Vet of the Year award!



Future Collaboration with the Veterinary Profession in India

Professor Waran met with the Government of India's Director General of ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) to discuss future workshops on animal health and welfare in research and education. In addition, following her meeting with the President of the Vet Council of India, JMICAWE was asked to collaborate on the integration of animal welfare into the Indian veterinary curriculum. Representatives from VCI will visit Edinburgh this spring to take this forward.

Future Co-operation between Hong Kong Government and University of Edinburgh

A two-day workshop organised by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies entitled "Applied Veterinary Research: Advancing Human & Animal Health and Welfare" concluded successfully in Hong Kong with the signing of a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) relating to veterinary education and research co-operation between the Hong Kong Government and the University of Edinburgh.



Chinese Deans' Visit to Edinburgh

JMICAWE hosted a working visit by the Deans and representatives from several Chinese veterinary schools to learn about international welfare standards, innovation in veterinary teaching, integration of animal welfare and best practice animal care. Professor Waran made a follow-up visit to China Agricultural University in Beijing in January.



“Dogs & Society” – Collaboration in Chile

JMICAWE partnered with Universidad Andres Bello in Santiago, Chile to deliver a workshop on ‘Dogs & Society’, highlighting issues relating to the welfare management of dog populations in Chile.

First Graduates for MSc International Animal Welfare, Ethics & Law

Congratulations to our first online Masters students who graduated in the Autumn. More than 150 students each year are involved in our Masters community, each making a real difference to animal welfare.



Trap-Neuter-Return Programmes



Heather Bacon recently led a Dog's Trust funded research initiative to develop a protocol to audit the welfare of street dogs in TNR (trap-neuter-return) programmes, enabling projects to monitor their own welfare standards, and to apply practical solutions to welfare problems that are detected.

More info at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVwB3mAOOQg>

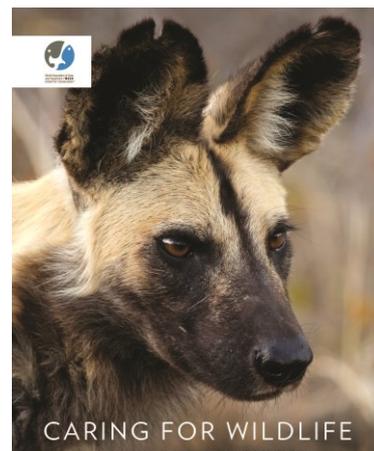
Inner Mongolia

Professor Cathy Dwyer, team leader in Animal Behaviour and Welfare at SRUC and Gemma Pearson, clinical behaviour resident at the Equine Practice, R(D)SVS spent two weeks in Hohhot as guests of the Inner Mongolian Agricultural University to give lectures on sheep and horse behaviour and welfare to students and industry. The trip provided a fascinating insight into the very modern (large scale industrialised dairy and sheep units managing thousands of animals) and the ancient (Buddhist temples and nomadic herdsman taking their animals out to graze on the Steppes) co-existing in China today.



Improving Captive Wildlife Welfare

Heather Bacon has collaborated with international zoo organisations and the EU to produce two in-depth resources to improve animal welfare in zoos. Heather delivered a keynote address at the World Association for Zoos & Aquaria's annual conference, and her PhD research seeks to investigate current understanding of zoo animal welfare issues.



Building on these initiatives, Nat recently signed a MOU with Daniel Turner of NGO Born Free Foundation to develop an independent educational resource for tour operators and government inspectors to improve their understanding of the needs of wild animals used in tourism.

News in Brief ...

- ❖ Professor Nat Waran presented on Positive Emotions in Horses; ISES Conference 2015 Canada
- ❖ March saw the JMICAWE team run the Animal Behaviour & Welfare Elective for final year Vet Students, at the R(D)SVS. The three week course included both classroom and practical study of animals used in various situations, including research animal welfare, welfare on the farm, and shelter dog & cat welfare
- ❖ Our popular MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) is now available on demand, attracting over 30,000 people from 167 countries. Visit coursera.org/course/animal to register.

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