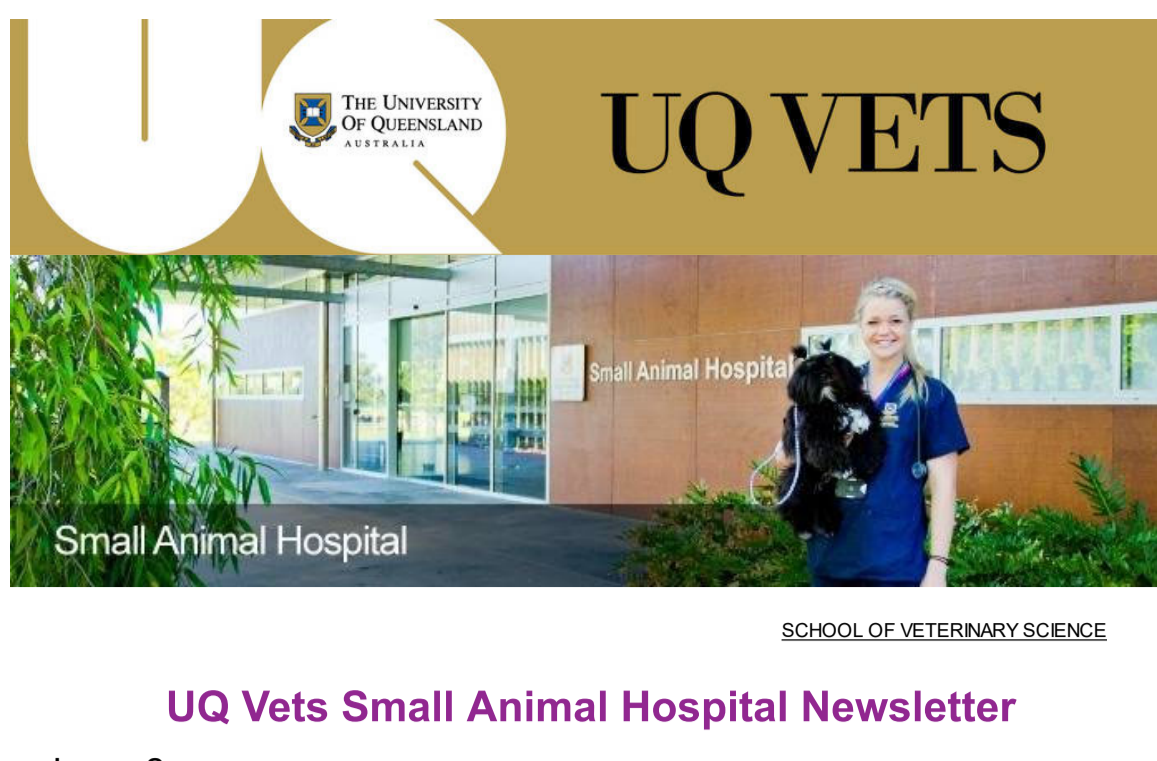


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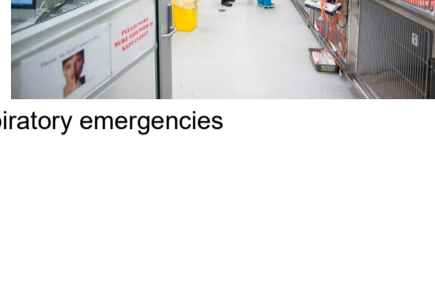
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Upcoming Events

- 11th July 2015**
[Horseman's Forum](#) - UQ Gatton
A full day of educational sessions for horse owners and equine industry professionals.
- 17th - 18th July 2015**
[1965 Vet Alumni Reunion](#)
- 9 - 13th August 2015**
[ASAVA Conference](#)
- 16th August 2015**
[UQ Gatton Open Day](#)
- 11 - 13th September 2015**
[1985 Vet Alumni Reunion](#)

Emergency and Critical Care

The emergency and critical care (ECC) team provide 24 hour a day, 7 days a week care through evaluation, medical care and surgical treatment for severely injured or ill animals. The dedicated team is led by a Board certified emergency and critical care specialist, with access to the latest advancements in diagnostics and treatments for companion animal emergency and critical care. Animals are monitored around the clock to ensure they receive the very best intensive care for conditions such as trauma, poisoning, envenomations, or cardiorespiratory emergencies

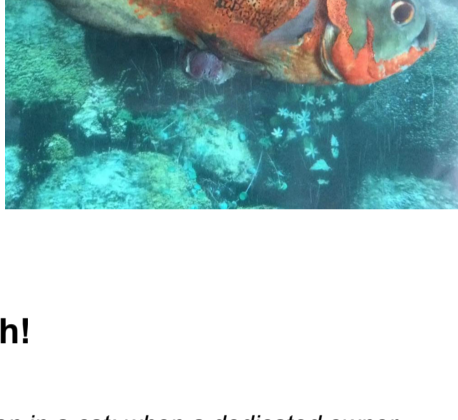


Interesting case - Fish out of water!

An interesting case seen by the Avian and Exotic Pet service at UQ Vets was Oscar the eight year old fish who presented with a prolapsed rectum. Dr Margie McEwan, Specialist Anaesthetist, and Gary Fitzgerald, Small Animal Hospital Lead Nurse, successfully anaesthetised Oscar by placing an anaesthetic agent, Alfaxalone in his water. Once he was anaesthetised, our exotics vet, Dr Bob Doneley, was able to return the prolapse into its normal position and place a suture across the cloaca. Oscar recovered well and went home 4 hours after his anaesthetic and surgery.



Our Avian and Exotic Pet Service is a unique service, offering a diverse range of veterinary care to owners and carers of birds, reptiles, mammals, amphibians, fish and wildlife. With one of only two bird specialists in Queensland leading the team, our comprehensive services include annual health checks, general consultations, disease testing, endoscopy and surgery in all non-domestic species. Utilising the UQ Vets Small Animal Hospital facilities and collaborating with other Specialists, Dr Bob Doneley and his staff offer the very highest standard of care available in Queensland.



Clinical Case - Don't hold your breath!

Overview: Respiratory arrest due to snake envenomation in a cat: when a dedicated owner meets a dedicated team of ICU Vets.

Ashley is a 2 year old female neutered domestic short hair cat presented to the UQ-VETS ECC service on VEXING Day 2014. The owner had called earlier after witnessing Ashley collapse. The UQ-VETS ECC service routinely triage patients immediately on presentation and it was during this process that one of our experienced nurses instantly realised that Ashley had stopped breathing. Ashley was then rushed directly to the treatment area where the vets found that she was apnoeic, had cyanotic mucous membranes, weak pulses and was non-responsive.

[Read more](#)

Meet Dr Ann Thompson

Ann graduated from UQ in 1997 and then worked in general practice in Melbourne and the United Kingdom before returning to the University of Queensland Veterinary Teaching Hospital. She obtained her membership in small animal internal medicine and briefly worked at Veterinary Specialist Services in 2003 before going to the United States to pursue a residency in small animal internal medicine at Purdue University Veterinary Teaching Hospital.



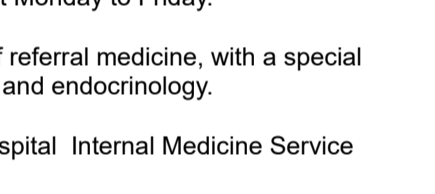
Ann completed her Masters in veterinary medicine and at the end of her training program, was awarded her Diplomate in Small Animal Internal Medicine by the American College of Veterinary Medicine.

During her Residency, Ann was awarded the Katie McAllister Compassion Award for compassionate care of her patients. Ann returned to Australia and worked at Veterinary Specialist Services until 2012. She then started the internal medicine referral service at UQ Gatton in 2013.

Ann's current areas of interest are urinary, endocrinology and non-invasive diagnostics. Ann is excited to be leading the [Small Animal Medicine Referral Service](#) at UQ Vets Small Animal Hospital and to be involved in clinical research, teaching and caring for her small animal patients.

Referral Medicine Service

The Internal Medicine team includes our Specialists: Dr. Ann Thompson and Dr Erika Meler, our resident Dr Emily Cook, interns, and our Internal Medicine nurses Melissa Lindert and Jayne Murphy.



For Veterinarians: Referrals to the UQ Vets Internal Medicine Service can be made by phoning 07 54 601 788, [email](#) or via the [website](#). If you have any questions regarding a referral please feel free to [contact us](#).

Our Internal Medicine Service sees cases by appointment Monday to Friday.

The Internal Medicine team has experience in all areas of referral medicine, with a special interest in urinary tract disease, all aspects of endocrinology.

Procedures available from the UQ Vets Small Animal Hospital Internal Medicine Service include:

- Endoscopy
 - Gastroduodenoscopy
 - Colonoscopy
 - Rhinoscopy
 - Tracheoscopy / Bronchoscopy
 - Cystoscopy
 - Endoscopic assisted foreign body retrieval (GI, nasal, pulmonary)
- Bone Marrow aspirate and biopsy.
- Placement of feeding tubes and nutritional management
- Administration of chemotherapy for oncology patients
- Cerebrospinal Fluid Collection
- Ultrasound Guided Organ Fine Needle Aspiration / Biopsy
- Coordination and interpretation of specialised diagnostic imaging studies including Ultrasound, CT and Fluoroscopy.

Meet Dr Tania Banks

Tania graduated from UQ in 1997, and spent 18 months in a small animal practice in Brisbane. She then undertook an internship in small animal medicine at UQ, followed by a residency in small animal surgery at UQ and Veterinary Specialist Services (VSS) Underwood.



Tania travelled overseas where she spent three years in England at Veterinary Referrals in Cancer and Critical Care (VRCC) and has recently co-authored a textbook with the director of VRCC (Susan North) titled "Small Animal Oncology: An Introduction". Tania was awarded a Fellowship in small animal surgery (by examination) in 2005 and from 2006-2009 practised as a specialist surgeon at Brisbane Veterinary Specialist Centre (BVSC) Albany Creek. Tania happily returns to UQ as a PhD candidate and lecturer, and will continue to perform all aspects of small animal surgery with a particular emphasis on soft tissue and oncology surgery.

Clinical interests: All aspects of small animal surgery with a particular interest in soft tissue surgery and oncology surgery
Research Interests: Clinical indications for stem cell therapies with particular attention to adult adipose-derived stem cells and their indications for the management of osteoarthritis.
Teaching Interests: Undergraduate Small Animal Surgery

UQ Vets Small Animal Hospital working to ensure Eva soars again

A wedge-tailed eagle rescued from a roadside is thought to have survived an attempt to domesticate her by removing her talons and a toe.



University of Queensland specialist avian veterinarian [Associate Professor Bob Doneley](#) has been caring for the juvenile bird at UQ's [Gatton Campus](#). She has now been transferred to the Australian Wildlife Hospital where she can be housed in an outdoor aviary, getting more exercise and with less human interaction.

The Australian Wildlife Hospital is confident that, when her rehabilitation is complete, she will be able to be placed in a zoo and be used as an educational tool to teach people why wildlife can't be kept as pets. She will hopefully be able to live out her days in a large, free-flight aviary in a zoo somewhere in Australia.

Dr Doneley said Eva was rescued by a farmer and the [Granite Belt Wildlife Carers](#) group and initially was treated at Stanthorpe Veterinary Care Services.

"It appears someone may have tried to domesticate Eva by cutting her talons to keep her from scratching or injuring when handled by humans," Dr Doneley said.

Photo: Jamie Hanson, The Courier-Mail

[Read more](#)

ASAVA Conference 9 - 13 August 2015 - Gold Coast

This year's ASAVA conference will bring together experts in the fields of emergency medicine, surgery, endocrinology, imaging, neurology, oncology and cardiology with over 80 exhibitors showcasing the latest products and services.



Download the Program [here](#)

For more details visit the ASAVA [Conference website](#)

Pan Pacific Veterinary Conference and UQ Alumni Reception

The School of Veterinary Science would like to extend their thanks to all colleagues who visited our booth at the recent Pan Pacific Veterinary Conference.



It was a great opportunity to catch up with graduates and colleagues from both industry and government. The feedback will assist in our future planning and help the school to successfully meet industry and student expectations, and to provide ongoing leadership in veterinary education and research.

We also hosted our UQ Alumni Cocktail Reception at Customs house which was attended by almost 100 guests. A great evening was had by all and you can view some photos from the event [here](#).

UC Davis Students enjoy Australian Native Wildlife

Third year Veterinary Science students from [UC Davis](#) Rachel Baden and Cheryl Yashar are here completing placement with Dr Bob Doneley at the [UQ Vets Small Animal Hospital](#) working with avian and exotic animals.



They both have an avid interest in Avian and Exotics and have enjoyed their time here which included looking after Eva the wedge-tailed eagle in the above story.

Here they are pictured with an injured wallaby that was brought into the UQ Vets Small Animal Hospital.

Clinical Extra Mural Studies

Partner with us in the training of future veterinarians and technicians.

The School of Veterinary Science Clinical Extra Mural Studies (EMS) program places final year students in veterinary practices, research institutes, government departments, zoos or other forms of practice for the purpose of clinical skills development



Why Partner with us?

EMS providers play an important role in the practical and professional development of veterinarians and technicians. This is an opportunity to engage with future practitioners and potential employees, provide feedback to the school regarding the Veterinary and Veterinary Technology programs as well as accessing Continuing Education opportunities and a wealth of electronic library resources.

If you would like to find out more, please contact our EMS Academic Coordinator at 07 54601 834 or vetprac@uq.edu.au to discuss how partnering with the School can benefit your organisation.

Update your details and keep in touch!

As an alumnus of The University of Queensland you can enjoy the benefits of being part of the UQ community long after you graduate. Find out more here [Update your details](#)

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