



Veterinary Science Newsletter

News and events



Fifth year students show appreciation to admin team

The SVS admin team were touched that amidst all the chaos of COVID-19 the fifth year 2020 students generously brought in flowers and chocolates to show their support and understanding.



Success at Volunteer Desexing Clinic in Papua New Guinea

In late February ICU veterinary technician Kiara Yip travelled to Papua New Guinea to volunteer in the RSPCA PNG Operation Wanted de-sexing campaign. The program aims to educate local village communities about basic domestic animal husbandry, responsible pet ownership, the importance of de-sexing animals and population control to reduce spread of disease, and wildlife preservation. Data regarding general health, external parasites, and the presence of canine transmissible venereal tumour is collected during each patient physical exam to analyse and compare against data sets from other villages. The clinic went for five days at the

coastal village of Hanuabada where a total of 130 dogs and cats were de-sexed between two vets and four nurses!



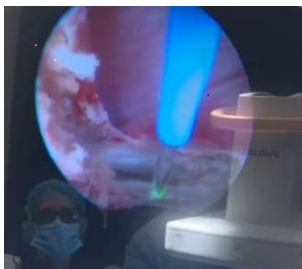
How are the BVSc students coping with online learning?

Feedback from the first, second and fourth year BVSc year representatives provides some insight into how the cohorts are coping with the sudden move to online learning.

The fourth year cohort is starting to adapt to the online learning style. They are very grateful for the hard work being put in by their lecturers and look forward to getting to know people's pets more in their weekly zoom meetings.

Moving to online study was a big change for many of the second year students. Although they have been separated they have still been able to ask questions of each other through Facebook. They have also been able to seek help from lecturers through Zoom tutorials, email, or Facebook groups.

The first year students have all coped with the sudden transition quite well. They have a general group chat on Facebook for news and updates, and another group chat named 'study group', where anyone is welcome to pose questions at any time. The cohort have been very supportive of each other. They share resources all the time and check in on each other daily, which fosters a sense of community even though many of them are far away, even in different time zones.



Small Animal Internal Medicine uses newly acquired laser technology

Temba the dog was presented to the UQVETS Small Animal Internal Medicine Department for further evaluation of suspected ectopic ureters. Ectopic ureter is a congenital condition which diverts the flow of urine from the kidney to the urethra shortcutting the bladder, leading to pronounced urinary incontinence especially when bilateral. Temba had indeed been incontinent her whole life. The CT with contrast done at UQVETS showed evidence of bilateral intramural ectopic ureters. The decision was made to use a minimally-invasive technique using a laser to address the issue. Temba underwent her procedure in early March lead by Dr Erika Meler and assisted by SAIM resident Dr Caitlin Mack. When contacted this week, the owner reported great success from the procedure and is really satisfied with how Temba is doing.

This is the first case that has been performed at UQ using the laser, and it has taken several years of preparation to make this technology available to our beloved patients. UQ is to our knowledge one of the only two practices in Australia to own laser equipment for use in small animals. The Small Animal Internal Medicine Department, working in conjunction with the Imaging Department and the Anaesthesia Department, is proud of this achievement which places our Veterinary Teaching Hospital and School at the forefront of the modern practice of veterinary medicine.

Upcoming research grant deadlines

- Linkage projects assessment round 1, 22 April
- LIEF (Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities), 29 April
- NHMRC (Ideas Grant) UQ R&I internal close 13 May; External close 10 June
- Morris Animal Foundation (horse, including wild horse and llama/alpaca): Wednesday 28 July by 4:59 pm EST

- Morris Animal Foundation – proposals for the Australian Wildlife Fund:
Wednesday 6 May by 4:59 pm EST



UQ Marketplace

The UQ Marketplace is an initiative developed to assist in matching staff with available capacity to areas in demand during the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff can register their available time and transferable skills so they can be matched to roles and work in other parts of the University.

[Visit UQ Marketplace](#)

Staffing News

Welcomes

Sarah Rodwell, Production Animal Clinician

Resignations/Departures

Md Asrafuzzaman Riyadh, Scientific Officer - Histology

Catriona Croton, Research Officer - Statistician

Ashleigh Bell, Anaesthesia Technician

Andrew Rogers, Barn Assistant

Job Opportunity - Trainee Animal Technician

UQBR is seeking someone who can step in quickly and help provide care and husbandry to a range of animals, including rodent and aquatic species, ensuring their welfare needs are met at all times. This is a proactive measure that UQBR are taking as COVID-19 events unfold should there be a need for animal facility support.

[More information](#)

Teacher showcase



Trish Farry – Lecturer and Clinical Instructor

What does Trish teach?

Trish is best known for her role as lecturer and clinical instructor in anaesthesia and BVetTech mentor. Trish is a registered veterinary nurse with specialist qualifications in emergency/critical care and anaesthesia/analgesia. She co-coordinates final year and postgraduate subjects in the

Bachelor of Veterinary Technology programme and also teaches extensively into the clinical years of the Bachelor of Veterinary Science programme. Her areas of teaching include emergency medicine, anaesthesia, analgesia and clinical practices for undergraduate veterinary and veterinary technology students. In 2018 she was honoured to receive the VNCA Veterinary Nurse of the Year and the AVECCT Speciality Technician of the Year awards.

What makes Trish a great teacher?

Trish's teaching philosophy is strongly supported by her clinical experience and her

continued involvement with the veterinary industry outside her University commitments. By this involvement she is able to maintain clinical currency and able to ensure that the objectives and assessment in her courses are not only be suitable for the student, but also relevant for the profession.

Teaching committee/s participation/leadership:

- UQ School of Veterinary Science Students and Admissions Committee
- Bachelor of Veterinary Technology Student Mentor
- Board of Directors – Veterinary Nurses Council of Australia (VNCA)
- Board of Directors – Academy of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Technicians and Nurses (AVECCTN)
- Program Committee (MDR) – International Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Symposium (IVECCS)

Vital statistics:

Qualifications: RVN AVN VTS (ECC) (Anaesthesia/Analgesia) GCHEd

Years of teaching: Many

Discipline areas: Anaesthesia and Emergency, Critical Care

Teaching Programmes: Bachelor of Veterinary Technology, Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Course Coordination: VETS3017, VETS6621, VETS6622

Teaching courses: VETS1005, VETS2001, VETS3017, VETS3009, VETS3043, VETS5028, VETS4010

Residential Schools: VETS1005, VETS2001

Clinical contribution: Small animal anaesthesia UQVETS

Student quote: *“Absolute champion! Trish really cares about our learning and tries so hard to help us throughout this course and others. I have endless appreciation for Trish!” (2019)*

Student testimonials (from 2019 SeCATS):

“Trish gets the students involved with her lectures and encourages us to think about what is being presented by asking the students questions in an approachable manner.”

“Trish is a very engaging and interactive lecturer. She is always willing to explain concepts further both in lectures and practical”

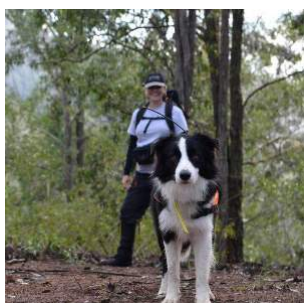
“Being friendly and approachable. It was excellent having Trish relate to us as human beings and clinical examples”

“Great lecturer, gets students involved in the content making the content sink in a little faster”

“I love the sassy relationship of you and several other lecturers. It was entertaining to watch you good-naturedly bicker. It broke up the monotony of learning and kept students on their toes and paying attention.”

Brought to you by Dan Schull, on behalf of the SVS Vet Ed Network

Upcoming events and opportunities



Inaugural Conservation Dog Conference, held in Canberra 20-21 August

Do you love dogs and wildlife? Learn how dogs are helping us monitor and conserve threatened species at the inaugural Conservation Dog Conference, held in Canberra 20-21 August.

[Read more](#)

In case of an emergency

In case of confirmed emergencies such as gas explosions, life threats, confirmed fire, please contact **000** - remember to call out of UQ first by dialling another 0 first, i.e. **0-000**.

For medical emergencies, UQ still mandates UQ Security be contacted first, all hours, on ext **53333** or **3365 3333**.

In both cases, remember to let them know you are calling from UQ GATTON campus and in the latter case, your building number.

8114 (Veterinary Science Building)

8106 (Veterinary Teaching Building including Anatomy, Post-mortem, MPL and Histo labs)

8156 (Veterinary Medical Centre)

8179 (Clinical Studies Centre)

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