



# Veterinary Science Newsletter

## News and events



### UQ VETS Small Animal Hospital COVID 19 Concierges

Since COVID first changed our landscape in March, the Small Animal Hospital introduced a concierge-like role in the hospital, to help the flow of clients and patients through the Clinic.

The role of the concierge has been to meet the clients in the car park, answer questions, check their health status, escort them and/or their pets into the appropriately clean consult room and then clean the room after their consult.

This 10-hour daily shift proved often difficult to fill but apart from gems like our own Chris Cowell and Deb Laws, we have been fortunate enough to have a couple of volunteers, one in particular, second year Vet Student Alvin Chong.

Alvin has been a godsend to the busy reception team, even working some 10 hour shifts when activities out the back of the hospital meant the concierge role needed to be reallocated to animal needs.

When the Client Liaison team of Deb, Trish, Bridgette and Julie were asked what they thought of Alvin the words flowed quickly and huge smiles appeared 'Enthusiastic, bubbly, cheerful and eager to please'.

So a huge **THANK YOU** to Alvin and all the concierges from the entire UQ VETS team



## SVS-led Chinese Webinar Sessions on Farm Animal Welfare

Following the objective to support the capacity building of local animal welfare science academics in China, the UQ Centre for Animal Welfare and Ethics is coordinating a series of webinars in Mandarin where world leaders in the field cover topics of key interest. Earlier this year Prof. Don Broom, Emeritus Professor at the University of Cambridge, led the session titled "Scientific Concepts of Welfare and how we treat other animals". Next month Prof. Zulkifli Idrus, Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the Department of Animal Science in Universiti Putra Malaysia will be providing an "Overview of broiler poultry welfare".

The main audience of these sessions is students from the numerous Chinese universities collaborating on the Animal Welfare Standards Project. If you are interested in attending the upcoming webinar scheduled for 27 August, send an email to the Animal Welfare Project Administrator [Xochitl Samayoa](#), for her to send you the zoom details. The recorded sessions in English and Mandarin will be available in the [Animal Welfare Standards Project webpage](#).

Visit the [project web page](#) to find more about the Animal Welfare Standards Project, including material about animal welfare translated to multiple languages.

## Allison Stewart wins award in "COVID Educational Creations Contest"

Congratulations to Allison Stewart who was recently announced as a winner in the "COVID Educational Creations Contest" awards sponsored by VetMedAcademy and Merck Veterinary Manual for the submission "International Equine Clinical Case Repository" with a prize of \$200.

Due to COVID-19 loss of face to face hospital training, Allison organised a team of 73 specialists from 12 different countries to submit powerpoint presentations of day-1 level real life clinical cases including photos, radiographs, ultrasounds, bloodwork, etc followed by relevant questions and answers to stimulate student interaction and clinical decision making. 112 large animal teaching cases are now available to incorporate into online teaching for use around the globe. Some cases have even been translated into German, French and Spanish.

*"Wonderful and forward-thinking initiative. In the shadow of COVID-19, this is another unforeseen way for our specialists across the globe to come together for a phenomenal teaching experience that will benefit and engage our future generations."*  
Wendy Vaala, Merck Animal Health

## Well done Kiara

Congratulations to Kiara Yip who has been published in the Australian Veterinary Nurse Journal (AVNJ). She wrote a complex six page case report on submersion injury.

## UQ VETS - Discounted Pet Profiles

As part of teaching, for a limited time we are offering a discounted comprehensive blood profile and urine test for dogs, cats and rodents. During the appointment, your pet will be looked after by a team of final year vet students and a supervising vet with access to cutting edge equipment.

Offer Overview:

- Procedure: Comprehensive blood profile and urine test
- Eligible species: Dog, Cat and Rodent
- Blood appointments: Monday only
- Results consultations: Wednesday to Friday (telemedicine consults available)
- Cost: \$130 \*\*Additional consult fee applies
- Offer period: 20 July - 4 September



Early detection is key to treating all health conditions before they become worse. Appointments are limited. To find out more or to secure the offer please contact reception on (07) 5460 1788 or [uqvets.sa@uq.edu.au](mailto:uqvets.sa@uq.edu.au)

## Staffing News

### **Welcomes:**

Caitlin Wood Postdoctoral Research Fellow

### **Resignations/Departures:**

Mariki Visser UQ VETS General Manager - leaving Dec 2020

### **Expected Staff Arrival:**

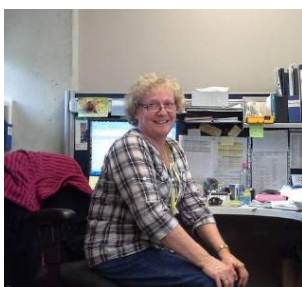
Phoebe Gill ECC Clinician



## Announcing Alexander Ghali

Congratulations to Werdi whose baby Alexander Ghali was born 25 June, weighing 2.5kg. Photo: Werdi and Moez with baby Alexander.

## Teacher showcase



### **Lynn Knott, Ms** **B App Sci (MedTech)**

Lyn has made unique and outstanding contributions to the School for many years. Lyn has provided managerial and technical leadership of the School's Veterinary Laboratory Services, while also performing diagnostic activities in parasitology. Lyn has assisted many staff as the head parasitology technician. Lyn has especially excelled in her teaching innovations in veterinary parasitology.

Through her own drive and initiative, Lyn has collected and curated the most extensive, freely available, and informative online image database of parasites in Australia. This database has been used by SVS staff and veterinarians internationally in publications and for teaching in veterinary parasitology. Lyn has also developed extensive online teaching resources that are used widely in parasitology teaching in the School and beyond. These innovative tools (for example, <https://shire.science.uq.edu.au/parasites>)

incorporate interactive dichotomous keys for parasite identification, her image bank and many other features.

### **Vital statistics:**

Years of teaching: Lots and lots!

Discipline areas: Parasitology

Teaching courses: VETS2006, VETS3010, VETS2032, VETS1060, VETS3018

External teaching: Created free online image database of Australian parasites

Quote from teaching colleague:

*"Her 'behind-the-scenes' efforts are unmatched. Her knowledge in her field is outstanding and perhaps sometimes not visible to many. She always strives to improve the learning experience for students by continuously developing her resources. She has been the driving force behind many T&L projects that have all improved learning resources for the students. She is a humble and kind colleague and an SVS asset that would be difficult, if not impossible to replace!"*

In her own words, Lyn strives to present the practical material in an interesting and engaging way to students and create teaching aids to simplify content and assist with learning. She firmly believes that 'practicals' should be 'practical'! Lyn has an open down-to-earth nature that is immediately welcoming and supportive. Lyn is popular among students and staff and does much to brighten the teaching and learning experience for all in the School.

## **Upcoming events and opportunities**

### **ARC Grant Incubator Scheme**

The Faculty is proposing to run a series of workshops, beginning in August 2020, to help academics writing ARC grants to prepare their best application possible. The workshops will focus on all the major assessment criteria for both the ARC Discovery and Linkage portfolio of grants.

Anyone is welcome to attend, and full grant-writing teams are especially encouraged. We are hoping to run the workshops face-to-face, the table below shows the dates of and topics of each workshop. Room details will be sent once registration is confirmed.

Please register using the following link - [BIIRST Workshops Registration](#)



### **Morris Animal Foundation grant opportunities**

Apply now for grants from the [Morris Animal Foundation](#). See the table below for information on the grants that are currently accepting applications. And don't forget to check the [SVS Research Calendar](#) on SharePoint for more upcoming grant opportunities.

Link	Deadline	Outcome	Description
<a href="#">Apply Now</a>	5 August 2020, 4.59pm	October 2020	This call is for proposals aimed to address environmental, social and emotional risk factors for health and welfare in cats.
<a href="#">Apply Now</a>	8 July 2020, 4.59pm	November 2020	Large Animal (Equine and Llama/Alpaca Proposals)

## 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)**

[School of Veterinary Science](#), The University of Queensland, Phone: (07) 5460 1834

You received this email because The University of Queensland records you as current SVS staff.

To unsubscribe from Faculty of Science emails, please use the link below. Please note that if you have signed up to receive emails from other areas across the University, you will need to unsubscribe from these newsletters separately. [Read our Privacy Policy](#)

