



# Veterinary Science Newsletter

## News and events

### Vice Chancellor visit to Gatton Campus

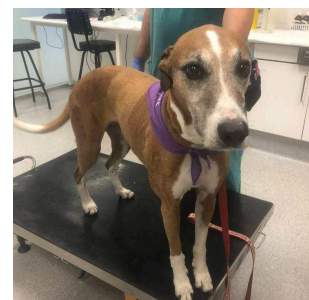
On Friday 25 September the School was pleased to welcome the new Vice Chancellor, Professor Deborah Terry, to the Gatton Campus. The visit included tours of the Small Animal and Equine Hospital and the Clinical Skills Hub, and lunch with the School leadership team. In the afternoon Senator Gerard Rennick, Senator for Queensland, and Mr Jim McDonald MP, Member for Lockyer, joined the Vice Chancellor for a tour of the Gatton Campus. During her visit the Vice Chancellor was able to observe teaching methods using the animal models in the Veterinary Science Building foyer (pictured).



### Lumps and bumps can be more than just skin deep

Beatrice (Bebe), a 12-year-old Greyhound X, recently had surgery to remove five lumps.

When finding a lump or bump on our pets it's easy for our minds to get carried away and think the worst. In Bebe's case her 'pawrents' acted fast allowing our team to diagnose and treat successfully.



Don't ignore lumps that you find on your pet. They don't go away by themselves, and whilst common, they are not normal. Noticing changes in your pet's health, including the appearance of lumps and bumps on their coat, can lead to early diagnosis and

successful treatment like in Bebe.

Our Small Animal Hospital has the only GP service in South East Queensland operating out of a specialist hospital. To make an appointment for your fur-member call (07) 5460 1788 or email [uqvets.sa@uq.edu.au](mailto:uqvets.sa@uq.edu.au).

[Read Bebe's full story](#)

## New specialised technique for cervical spinal fracture surgery

Seven-year-old thoroughbred Audi is a retired racehorse now companion who sustained a cervical spinal fracture after a fall in the paddock. The fracture resulted in instability of the spinal column and compression of the cord. Audi underwent surgery for fusion of the affected cervical vertebrae. The surgery involved using custom made implants and instruments from 3D Medical in France.



The technique was developed by Fabrice Rossignol and Martin Genton from Clinique Vétérinaire de Grosbois in France. Only a handful of these procedures have been performed so far and this is the first time this technique was used in Australia.

Following surgery, Audi is now recovering well. His gait is improved and he is much more comfortable.

[Read Audi's full story](#)

## Volunteers needed for PhD student research project

We would like to invite you to participate in a research project that focuses on the connection between animals and people. In Australia, 62% of households have a pet living with them. Maybe you have a pet living in your home now, or maybe you had a pet living with you when you were a child.



This research project aims to explore how past traumatic experiences may have been helped by the presence of a pet.

The pet does not necessarily have to have lived with you. This research focusses on the attachment you felt to a pet when you were a child and how you feel toward a pet as an adult.

[Find out more or take part](#)

## Staffing News

### Resignations/Departures

Clive Phillips - Director, Centre for Animal Welfare and Ethics  
Tina Maguire - Scientific Officer

### Appointments

Indya Fraser - Small Animal Attendant Internship

## Teacher showcase

## Natalie Fraser – Clinical Academic in Theriogenology

DVM, MS, Diplomate American College of Theriogenologists



### **What does Natalie teach?**

Natalie is best known for her role as a clinical academic in theriogenology. She teaches theriogenology in both SVS and SAFS, and has worked hard to bridge the resources for both these programmes to maximise learning outcomes for both BVSc students as well as SAFS students. Natalie can be found floating between the small animal and equine hospitals reviewing clinical cases with students, interns, and residents. She is also a certified Fear Free™ Practitioner, and enjoys teaching students about using clinical behaviour in veterinary practice. Natalie will be writing her membership exams in Veterinary Behaviour in 2021.

### **What makes Natalie a great teacher?**

Natalie's teaching uses a holistic approach to incorporate emotional intelligence and soft skills along with the practice of veterinary medicine, which is integral to success after graduation.

In the classroom, Natalie redesigned the delivery of ANIM2039 to blended learning with recorded lecture modules paired with practical sessions multiple times per week and a module based tutorial to revise lecture content with students.

### **Vital statistics:**

**Years of teaching:** 4

**Discipline areas:** Theriogenology, Behaviour

**Course coordination:** VETS1005, VETS3070, VETS3041

**Teaching courses:** VETS4034, ANIM2039, VETS3070, VETS1025, VETS3018, VETS3041, VETS5016

**Residential school:** ANIM2039

### **Current RHD students:**

Elsie Malt- Honours

Ka Yeung Yuen- PhD

**Clinical contribution:** Companion Animal and Equine Theriogenology

### **Teaching committee/s participation/leadership:**

- UQ SVS Teaching & Learning Assessment Subcommittee
- ACT Andrology Task Force
- Executive Board, Australian Reproduction Veterinarians
- Queensland Fire and Emergency Service Disaster Assistance Response Team Volunteer

### **Student testimonials**

*"Very engaging and interesting to listen to, and has so much knowledge to share!"*

*"Dr. Fraser was the best lecturer I had all year. Kept me thoroughly engaged and explained things really well."*

*"I had an awesome time completing this course this semester. The practicals are super hands on, getting heaps of firsthand experience with different medications and treatments for horses. Getting to identify objects on ultrasounds, give injections and monitor mares in foal has been awesome. I love how willing Natalie is to explain any questions, as well as help those really wanting to get the most out of the course"*

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## Upcoming events and opportunities

### UQ Library workshops October 2020

Library staff offer in research skills, software, publishing, and research management. Sessions are added often, so check the [Library Training website](#) regularly.

Word: Styles and Structure - [Tue 13 Oct 2020, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM](#)

EndNote: getting started - [Wed 14 Oct 2020, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM](#)

EndNote for thesis and publications writing - [Thu 15 Oct 2020, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM](#)

Using Nvivo in systematic review and reviews - [Tue 20 Oct 2020, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM](#)

Excel: Charting - [Wed 21 Oct 2020, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM](#)

Advanced searching in health for your literature or systematic review - [Wed 21 Oct 2020, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM](#)

PubMed for literature searching - [Thu 22 Oct 2020, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM](#)

Strategic Scholarly Publishing: Principles - [Tue 27 Oct 2020, 1:00 PM – 2:20 PM](#)

Covidence: Getting Started - [Wed 28 Oct 2020, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM](#)

EndNote: getting started - [Thu 29 Oct 2020, 9:30 AM – 11:00AM](#)

## 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)

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

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