



Veterinary Science Newsletter

News and events



2022 Vet Ball and student selected teaching awards

This year's Vet Ball was held at Cloudland in Fortitude Valley. Around 260 staff, students and guests attended. Dr Claire Madden from Sea World was the guest speaker and gave a really engaging speech that everyone enjoyed. A big thank you to the principal sponsor Pets in Peace and our other sponsors Royal Canin, Hills and Pet Angel.

The student-selected teaching awards, the much coveted 'Golden Speculum and Golden Dissection Kit' for each BVSc year group, were presented at the Vet Ball. Some of the usual suspects are on the lists of winners and nominees but it is great to see some new staff and fresh faces in the awardees and nominations. Congratulations to all the winners and nominees!

Golden Speculums:

- First year lecturer: **Mike Noad**
 - Nominees: Fran Shapter and Dee Whitworth
- Second year lecturer: **Taylor Pini**
 - Nominees: Mike Noad and Dee Whitworth
- Third year lecturer: **Chiara Palmieri**
 - Nominees: Steven Kopp and Swaid Abdullah
- Fourth year lecturer: **Shahab Ranjbar**
 - Nominees: Rowland Cobbold and Allison Stewart
- Fifth year lecturer: **John Mallyon**
- Fifth year clinician: **Ryan Leong**

Golden Dissection Kits:

- First year tutor: **Werdi Pratiwi**
 - Nominees: Aaron Huang (2nd year) and Ambre Latrasse (4th year)
- Second year tutor: **Werdi Pratiwi**
 - Nominees: Ben Wood and Carolyn Cluderay
- Third year tutor: **Nick Yuen**
 - Nominees: Sara Horsman and Rochelle Price
- Fourth year tutor: **Courtney Stewart**
 - Nominees: Rod Verrall and Iffy Glendinning
- Fifth year tutor: **Courtney Stewart**



Brittney Bignell first VTS (DI) in the Southern Hemisphere

Congratulations to Brittney Bignell who has been designated a Veterinary Technician Specialist in Diagnostic Imaging by the Academy of Veterinary Technicians in Diagnostic Imaging. Candidates must have a minimum of five years postgraduate experience to be recognised as a VTS-DI, and complete a rigorous application process demonstrating superior knowledge in scientifically and humanely based techniques of diagnostic imaging for all

veterinary patients. Currently, there are fewer than 20 technicians designated VTS-DI worldwide. This is a huge achievement and demonstration of commitment!!



Gatton Talent Festival a great success

After two very successful cultural diversity and talent festivals in 2018 and 2019, we could not run the event in the following two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year we celebrated the talent festival for the first time as a Gatton-wide event that was open to all international and domestic SVS and SAFS students and UQ staff.

The event was organised by Associate Professor, [Joerg Henning](#), the international student mentor and Director of

Students and Admissions at the SVS, the SVS international student representatives in collaboration with the Gatton International Student Association (GISA) and the UQ Veterinary Student Association (UQVSA). The talent festival was held on the 6th October 2022 in the Hamon Centre at UQ Gatton.

Around 85 students attended and ten amazing performers showed their talents ranging from a broad range of musical and comedy performances to poetry slam. This was followed by delicious international foods. The event was financially supported by the Heads of School of SVS and SAFS. The Gatton Chaplaincy provided the audio equipment.

The festival was a great success and is an example of how a holistic campus experience can be achieved that enhances the living and study conditions for students. After the COVID-19 years with very few events, it is great that students can now physically engage again in this type of event.

[Read more](#)



Cleide and Emily attend combined congress at the Melbourne Zoo

Both Cleide Sprohnlé-Barrera and Emily Jones attended the Australian Society of Veterinary Pathology/International Society for Animal Clinical Pathology combined congress at the Melbourne Zoo in mid-October. Emily gave a member presentation about her work on lung pathology in cats and dogs with tick paralysis, while Cleide gave a student presentation on her DVClinSci project on canine splenic neoplasms and their characterisation. Cleide won the J Jerry Kaneko Prize for best Oral Presentation by a Young Investigator! Despite the chilly weather they had a great time networking and learned a lot.



UQ Awards for Teaching Excellence 2022 celebration at Customs House

On Halloween Dr Frances Shapter, Prof Paul Mills and Prof Rachel Allavena attended the UQ Awards for Teaching Excellence 2022 at Customs House. Fran received the UQ Award for Teaching Excellence in 2020, Paul received the UQ Award for Teaching Excellence in 2007, and Rachel received a Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning in 2021. The showcase is a lovely evening celebrating the award winners and was made all the more fun by the spooky Halloween décor and costumes at Customs House.

SVS has a very strong track record in teaching achievement and innovation. Anyone interested in applying for teaching awards for Faculty or UQ level in the future are encouraged to speak to Fran, Paul or Rachel who are happy to assist with applications and mentoring. The best thing about winning an award is you get invited back to the Customs House celebrations!



Launch of new online course on Animal Welfare in China

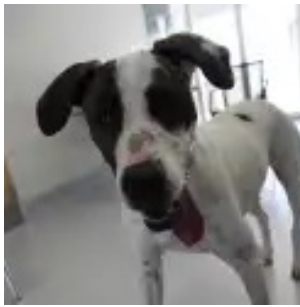
The Animal Welfare Standards Project team, working out of the School of Veterinary Science under the direction of Professor Alan Tilbrook, has launched a brand-new online course for Chinese students.

The Animal Welfare In China course, hosted on the Edx Edge platform, will offer users the opportunity to access free learning materials providing animal welfare knowledge relevant to China. Made up of videos, podcasts, lectures and reading materials all in Mandarin, the course features seven modules, including companion animal welfare and laboratory animal welfare.

With introductions to each module presented by filmmaker and founder of the Good Food Fund, Jian Yi and presentations and content from academic and industry experts around the world, the course will outline what animal welfare is and why it is important and relevant within society and the agricultural industry.

Participants will also learn how to measure welfare and develop an understanding of scientific evidence and processes for determining animal welfare.

Mandarin speakers interested in the course can sign up now.



Give a pet a home in time for the holiday season

Sarina, a friendly, clever and energetic large dog, has been looking for a permanent home for over 2 years – could you be her new family?

If you have been thinking about adopting a new pet, help Sarina or one of the other 6 dogs and cats at UQ VETS find a loving home in time for the holidays.

Submit an application to adopt Sarina or another pet via PetRescue.

[Enquire about adopting Sarina the dog ›](#)

[See all pets up for adoption through UQ VETS ›](#)

Staff achievements

- Congratulations to Albert Sole-Guitart who was nominated to be the Education Chair for EVA (Equine Veterinarians Australia) association at the 2022 Bain Fallon Conference in Melbourne. The duration of the term is at least 2-3 years.
- Congratulations to Joerg Henning and Ricardo Soares Magalhaes who were promoted to Professor.

Recent publications and media coverage

- Sharon Carroll, Ben Sykes and Paul Mills published an article [Moving toward Fear-Free Husbandry and Veterinary Care for Horses](#).

Carroll, S.L.; Sykes, B.W.; Mills, P.C.C. Moving toward Fear-Free Husbandry and Veterinary Care for Horses. *Animals* 2022, 12, 2907. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ani12212907>

- An article by Erica Meler, [Cystoscopic-guided scissor transection of intramural ectopic ureters as a novel alternate minimally invasive treatment option to laser ablation in female dogs: 8 cases \(2011-2020\)](#) made it onto the front cover of JAVMA:

Else Jacobson, Erika N. Meler, Peter J. Delisser, and Ann L. Thompson
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2460/javma.21.03.0153> Page(s): S12–S20

- Swaid Abdullah was featured on ABC radio discussing the lack of tick antiserum.

<https://www.abc.net.au/brisbane/listenback>
<https://www.abc.net.au/brisbane/programs/breakfast/ticks-and-animals/101610514>

Upcoming events and opportunities



Celebrating SVS Staff@Christmas

Staff awards presentations and Christmas buffet lunch

Date: Friday 9 December, 12:30pm

Location: Gatton Campus Dining Hall

RSVP: Please [email Kathy](#) by 5pm Monday 5 December.



2023 Equine Practitioners Conference

Tuesday 31 January and Wednesday 1 February 2023

The conference will include twelve 30-minute lectures on current topics in equine practice and four 90-minute hands-on practical sessions, for a total of 18 CPD points.

Conference Topics

- Investigating the neurological horse
- Beginner's guide to ultrasound of the stifle
- Applying a cast
- Diagnosis of cervical spine fractures and stenosis
- Surgical repair of cervical spine fractures and stenosis
- Testicles and ovaries, when and how to remove them
- What's new with Queensland Itch? (Insect Bite Hypersensitivity, IBH)
- You have a cast on your patient, what next?
- Care and management of the down horse
- The Hendra exclusion is negative! Other causes of meningoencephalitis

[More information](#)

In case of an emergency

In case of confirmed emergencies such as gas explosions, life threats, or 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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