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About us

The University of Queensland's Equine Specialist Hospital at the Gatton Campus is a state-of-the-art Specialist Hospital, staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our experienced team of Veterinarians includes registered Equine Veterinary Specialists, providing care for a range of performance and companion horses. The hospital is equipped to handle any emergency situation including colic, lacerations, fractures, dystocia, critically ill foals and neurologic cases requiring sling support.



The hospital offers a full range of services for both high performance horses and loved companions including equine Surgery, Medicine, Reproduction, Advanced Diagnostic Imaging, Ophthalmology, Dentistry and Anaesthesia with a commitment to quality, both in the care of you horse and in our relationship with clients. Our specialist equipment includes CT imaging, nuclear scintigraphy, high speed treadmill, multiple operating theatres, and an intensive care unit for both adults and neonatal foals.

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Meet our Team of Clinicians

Internal Medicine

Andrew VanEps BVSc PhD MANZCVS DACVIM

Joan Norton VMD DACVIM

Surgery

Steven Zedler VMD DACVS

Barny Fraser BVSc MSc CertES(Orth) DipIECVS

Lisa Kidd BVSc DipVetClinStds CertEO MANZCVS PhD

Reproduction

Wynne Collins MVB PhD DACT

Aaron Hodder BVSc DACT

Anaesthesia

Margie McEwan BVSc DACVAA MANZCVS

Wendy Goodwin BVSc MANZCVS PhD

Joanne Rainger BVSc BSc PhD FANZCVS

Diagnostic Imaging

Claire Underwood MA VetMB PhD



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How to refer cases:

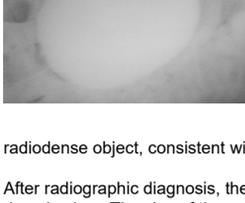


The UQ Vets Equine Specialist Hospital aims to provide veterinarians and their patients with the highest possible standards of veterinary care. We have state of the art facilities, and specialists who are internationally recognised in their fields as well as a team of nursing staff, dedicated to the care and wellbeing of our patients.

If you would like to refer a case to us please complete the Referral Form which can be found at the link below.

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Equine Case Study



Imaging Enteroliths

A 3 year old Standardbred gelding presented with an acute episode of mild to moderate colic. The horse had suffered several episodes of mild to moderate colic in the past that had been responsive to flunixin meglumine and enteral fluids. Along with abdominal ultrasound and abdominocentesis, abdominal radiographs are obtained as part of the diagnostic process for all horses presented to the hospital for chronic intermittent colic. Radiographs of the abdomen in this case revealed a 30 cm diameter ovoid radiodense object, consistent with an enterolith in the cranial abdomen.

After radiographic diagnosis, the enterolith in this case was removed surgically from the right dorsal colon. The size of the enterolith was surprising for a horse of this age, however we have identified enteroliths in horses as young as 2 years old and this should always be considered a differential diagnosis for chronic intermittent colic in this region.

Abdominal radiographs require a powerful, ceiling mounted machine and a vertical bucky with grid. Up to 5 views are required to image the abdomen. Dense objects such as enteroliths, some faecoliths, sand and gravel can be identified on abdominal radiographs (and not generally with ultrasound) and an accurate diagnosis can guide the need for surgical intervention. Enteroliths that are identified radiographically can be removed electively if the patient is stable, allowing ideal preparation for surgery and avoiding progression to complete obstruction which is sometimes associated with devitalisation of bowel at the site where the enterolith is lodged (and more risk of complication).

Meet Dr Joan Norton

Internal Medicine

VMD DACVIM

Dr. Norton attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine and graduated with a VMD (2006) with an equine major. After an internship at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington KY, she returned to UPenn for a three year residency in large animal internal medicine. Joan is a board certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (2010). After spending two years in private practice, Joan founded Norton Veterinary Consulting and Education Resources, a firm that offers a multitude of educational opportunities for horse owners, vet techs and veterinarians. Joan's clinical interests include all aspects of equine internal medicine especially emergency and critical care and neonatal intensive care. Her research interests include clinical equine internal medicine, critical care as well as early goal directed therapy in the treatment of sepsis.



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Meet Dr Margie McEwan



Anaesthesia

BVSc DACVAA MANZCVSc

After graduating from the University of Sydney, Margie worked in general practice for 8 years; 4 years of which were as an associate at Scone Veterinary Hospital (NSW). While working at Scone and performing equine and small anaesthesia on a routine basis Margie became passionate about veterinary anaesthesia. In 1997 she was awarded membership of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists, and then completed an anaesthesia residency at Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine, Ithaca, New York.

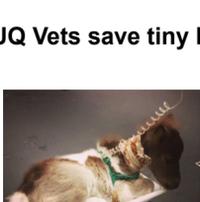
New York. Margie is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia in 2002.

Margie worked at Washington State University (WSU) College of Veterinary Medicine and Tufts University, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, where her passion for teaching and learning, and her interest in communication developed. Margie has also worked for the University of Adelaide as a Senior Lecturer in Veterinary Anaesthesia where she expanded her knowledge and experience in teaching and learning.

Margie's areas of interest include pain management, equine anaesthesia, teaching and learning, and communication.

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UQ Vets save tiny Philomena



Veterinarians at the UQ Vets Equine Specialist Hospital have saved the life of a tiny pony that weighed in at a mere 10 kilograms. Miniature horse Philomena arrived at the hospital when she was only four days old, with sepsis and acute renal failure.

Equine Internal Medicine Specialist Dr Joan Norton said Philomena had made a full recovery, thanks to early recognition of the problem and round-the-clock treatment in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

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Pan Pacific Veterinary Conference, 24-29 May

Once every five years the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) and the New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) join together for the [Pan Pacific Veterinary Conference](#). This year, over 750 Australian and 200 New Zealand veterinary professionals will be the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre in May.

The School particularly wants to make contact with any of its Alumni who are attending the conference. So, in addition to calling in to chat at our booth, all Alumni are invited to attend **The University of Queensland's Veterinary Alumni Cocktail Reception** being held on **Monday 25 May 2015 from 7.15pm – 9.15pm** at Customs House Brisbane.

Pop it in your diary now and also send us an RSVP email. RSVP via the conference organisers or contact us directly via email t.hudspith@uq.edu.au. Buses are available and will depart the conference venue for the event prior to start time. More details on the social program are in the conference booklet.

The School of Veterinary Science stand in the exhibition hall is promoting the many services available to the profession through the clinic collective, "UQ VETS". Take the opportunity to contact or meet with one of our staff via our booth, the central meeting point for engagement. We look forward to catching up with you during the conference, at the School's booth in the Exhibition Hall and/or at the social events.

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UQ Equine research funding grant secured

Congratulations to Dr. Andrew Van Eps for receiving a prestigious Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation Grant to perform research on Supporting Limb Laminitis. The Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation board of directors has approved a budget of \$1,100,500 to fund equine research in 2015.

The budget will fund 10 new projects, seven second-year projects, and two Career Development Awards to encourage young scientists. [Read more here](#)

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