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## UQ VETS Equine Specialist Hospital Newsletter

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### Upcoming events

#### 19 January

[Equine CE Seminar](#) - Interesting dynamic airway obstructions, an overview of the where we are at with regards to diagnosis and treatment

#### 22 - 27 March

AVA Annual Conference Adelaide

## Important changes to Emergency Admission Policies

### Referral Policies for UQ VETS Equine Specialist Hospital

In an effort to improve our clinical services, biosecurity and build stronger ties with our referring veterinarians we are adopting new referral policies.

Effective December 1, 2015

#### All emergency admissions must be referred by a veterinarian who has evaluated the horse for its current condition.

We will work with existing clients over the following months to ensure they have proper veterinary support on the farm. While this policy does not specifically address Hendra vaccination status, vaccination history (or exclusion test results) will continue to play a very important role in the triage and acceptance of any case, emergent or elective.

We fully support the local practitioners' efforts to strengthen their biosecurity protocols and we are currently preparing our own vaccine-based admissions policy, as well as a more extensive referral policy, that will be announced in the New Year.

Please [contact](#) us if you have any questions.

### Opening hours over Christmas

The team at UQ VETS Equine Specialist Hospital wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Please see [attached dates](#) for our opening hours.



### Case study

#### Right Mandibular Fracture in an Adult Horse

This is an example of a recent case where prompt identification and referral of a horse with a complex mandibular fracture, combined with the use of state of the art diagnostics and skilled surgical technique, lead to successful return to normal function.

A 9-year-old thoroughbred gelding was referred to Dr Steven Zedler at the UQ VETS Equine Specialist Hospital. The horse presented to the hospital with a large open wound over a displaced, comminuted fracture of the right angle of the mandible and an oblique non displaced fracture associated with the right interdental space. This horse had sustained this injury during a paddock accident which had occurred within the previous 12-24 hours.

[Read the full case study](#)

## Meet Dr Claire Underwood

### MA VetMB

Dr Claire Underwood graduated from the Cambridge University Veterinary School then completed an internship in equine surgery at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Centre.

Claire was a research fellow in the Comparative Orthopaedic Research Laboratory for one year, and then went on to complete a 2 year fellowship program in large animal ultrasound and cardiology at the University of Pennsylvania under the supervision of Professor Virginia Reef, the world's foremost expert in equine ultrasound and cardiology.

Claire's expertise in equine ultrasound and cardiology is utilised in the diagnosis of internal medicine, lameness, loss of performance and cardiac cases, as well as foetal viability checks as part of the high risk mare program.



## Meet Dr Ben Ahern

Dr Ben Ahern graduated from the School of Veterinary Science at UQ and then travelled abroad for his surgical training to the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Centre.

While there he completed a fellowship in comparative orthopaedic research in addition to an internship and residency in equine surgery. On returning to Australia, Ben was a surgeon at Randwick Equine Centre in Sydney for four years. After a short period in Adelaide, Ben grabbed the opportunity to come home to UQ and South East Queensland.

Ben is a specialist in equine surgery and is board certified by the American College of Equine Surgeons and the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. He is one of only a handful of veterinarians in Australia with these dual qualifications.

He has authored multiple book chapters and has published on a wide range of topics ranging from orthopaedics and lameness, to novel tie-back procedures and stem cell therapies. Ben is excited to begin working with the referring veterinary community to offer assistance in providing the best possible care and options available to horse owners.



## Upcoming CE Seminar 19 Jan



### Interesting dynamic airway obstructions - an overview of the where we are at with regards to diagnosis and treatment.

Join us for this opportunity to meet our new Equine Surgery Specialist, [Dr Ben Ahern](#). Ben will be discussing interesting dynamic airway obstructions, giving an overview of where we are at with regards to diagnosis and treatment.

A variety of cases will be presented and interactively discussed.

This is a FREE information session and will be held at the UQ Gatton Campus. This seminar is worth 1.5 CE points

**Date:** Tuesday 19 January 2016

**Time:** 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start

**Location:** Hamon Centre, The University of Queensland Gatton

[Register now](#)

## Join us in celebrating 80 Years in 2016

Join alumni, friends and stakeholders of the School of Veterinary Science at the University of Queensland in marking the School's 80th Anniversary during an extensive year-long celebration in 2016.

Established in 1936 as the Faculty of Veterinary Science within UQ, the first intake of veterinary students began the proud tradition which continues today through our current graduates.

During 2016 we will commemorate the many milestones, achievements and significant events of the last 80 years.

[Register](#) your interest now to receive invitations to the upcoming events and celebrations.

## Clinical Extra Mural Studies

### Partner with us in the training of future veterinarians and technicians

The School of Veterinary Science Clinical Extra Mural Studies (EMS) program places final year students in practical, research institutes, government departments, zoos or other forms of practice for the purpose of clinical skills development

#### Why Partner with us?

EMS providers play an important role in the practical and professional development of veterinarians and technicians. This is an opportunity to engage with future practitioners and potential employees, provide feedback to the school regarding the Veterinary and Veterinary Technology programs as well as accessing Continuing Education opportunities and a wealth of electronic library resources.

If you would like to find out more, please contact our EMS Academic Coordinator at 07 54601 834 or [vetprac@uq.edu.au](mailto:vetprac@uq.edu.au) to discuss how partnering with the school can benefit your organisation.



Update your details and keep in touch!

As an alumnus of The University of Queensland you can enjoy the benefits of being part of the UQ community long after you graduate. Find out more here [Update your details](#).

### Would you like to support UQ Veterinary Science and help make a difference today?

Your support can help prepare practice ready graduates, undertake more innovative research and provide the best possible care for the health and wellbeing of animals and wildlife. [Donate here](#).

If you wish to discuss other opportunities to support UQ's Veterinary School through philanthropic scholarships, prizes or program needs please contact Julia Keith on [J.keith2@uq.edu.au](mailto:J.keith2@uq.edu.au) or 336 53357

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