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UQ Vets Small Animal Hospital Newsletter

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CE Seminars

1 July 2015

[Internal Medicine Seminar \(details to come\)](#)

Small Animal Hospital

The Small Animal Hospital at UQ's Gatton campus offers specialist (referral) and general services with a team of local and internationally trained Veterinary Specialists who take referrals from all over Queensland. Our areas of specialisation include:

- Surgery
- Internal Medicine
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Anaesthesia and Post Operative care
- Avian and Exotic Pet medicine
- Dentistry
- Emergency and Critical care



Did you know... We offer a 24 hour emergency service? By calling 54 601 788 at any time of day or night you will always be able to receive Veterinary advice and care from one of the Veterinarians you know and trust.

[Find out more >>](#)

Meet the Team!

Medicine and Surgery Referral Services

Dr Bruce Smith, Dr Ann Thompson, Dr Erika Meler, Dr Jayne McGhie, Dr Tania Banks, Dr Fiona Campbell

Emergency and Critical Care Service

Dr Mark Haworth, Dr Jonathon Cochrane, Dr Anna Quinn, Dr Sureiyan Hardjo, Dr Zoë Jacobs-Fohrman

Anaesthesia Service

Dr Margie McEwen, Dr Joanne Rainger, Dr Wendy Goodwin, Dr Brenda Dixon, Dr Nicholas Cowling, Trish Farry, Dr Helen Keates

Avian and Exotic Pet Service

Dr Bob Doneley

Diagnostic Imaging Service

Dr Katrina Garrett, Meg Day, Kathryn Whiteman

General Practice Service

Dr Donna Spowart

Clinical Educators

Dr John Mallyon, Dr Caroline O'Leary, Dr Tonya Stokes,

Residents

Dr Emily Cook, Dr Lance Wilson

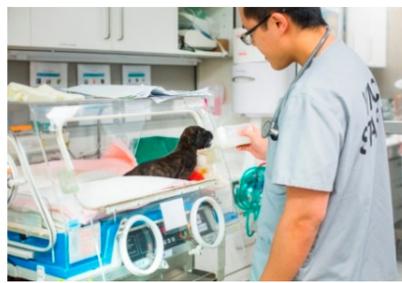
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How to refer cases:

The UQ Vets Small Animal Hospital has a large team of Veterinary Specialists covering a range of medical and surgical disciplines, all under one roof.

The SAH accepts referrals and second opinion cases in the following areas:
Small Animal Surgery, Small Animal Medicine, Avian and Exotic Pet medicine, Anaesthesia, Emergency and Critical Care and Cardiology.



[Find out more >>](#)

Small Animal Hospital Case Study

Bronchial foreign body

When wise advanced medical diagnostics plus skilled surgical treatment equals a happy dog!

"Girl", a 7-year-old female Great Dane was recently referred to Dr Erika Meler at the UQ Vets Small Animal Hospital Internal Medicine Referral Service for a one month history of mild cough, lethargy and decreased appetite.

Prior to referral, Girl was examined by her regular veterinarian who also performed bloodwork and thoracic radiographs. Initial biochemistry and haematology results revealed that Girl had hyperproteinemia due to hyperglobulinemia and eosinophilia which can be seen in infectious, parasitic or allergic diseases or neoplastic disorders. Radiographs revealed a poorly defined soft-tissue opacity in her left caudodorsal lung field. Girl was subsequently referred to the UQ Vets Internal Medicine Service for further evaluation.

[Read the full article here](#)



Meet Dr Erika Meler

DVM, IPSAV, CEAV, MSc, MVSc, Dipl ACVIM (SAIM), Dipl ECVIM-CA
Senior Lecturer in Small Animal Internal Medicine

Erika graduated from the National Veterinary School of Lyon (France) in 2003. Erika is specialized veterinarian with a passion to improve pet and owner quality of life through outstanding, advanced medical care. She enjoys being on clinics, practicing state-of-the-art medicine in a team-oriented approach. Throughout her career, she has trained many students and nurses and mentored younger colleagues, interns and residents through complex internal medicine cases.

Erika enjoys the multi-disciplinary and collegial interactions involved in her every day work. Erika has also an interest in teaching methods and has given continuing education conferences and written various articles summaries for general practitioners. Having worked in both private and university environments, she understands well the everyday challenges of both types of practices and makes a point to prepare her students for both careers. Erika is also very interested in clinical research and is currently working on several projects developing her own research focus.

Erika's area of specialisation include minimally-invasive techniques such as endoscopy and stenting, infectious diseases such as Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus* infections, Hemodialysis and renal medicine and liver diseases in dogs and cats.



Meet Dr Mark Haworth

Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care

Mark graduated with first class honours in 2004 from the University of Queensland. He went on to complete a rotating internship at Queensland Veterinary Specialists in 2005. Having a passion for emergency and critical care, he undertook a position at Murdoch University in Perth. He was awarded membership in this field in 2008 with the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists and commenced a residency in emergency and critical care in 2009 also at Murdoch University. He became board certified with the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care in 2012. He obtained a Masters in Veterinary Medical Science in 2014. Mark has now undertaken a position with UQ to continue his passion for high quality emergency and critical care and teaching. He is excited to be directly contributing to the development of this service at UQ Vets. His interests include cardiopulmonary resuscitation, toxicology, fluid therapy, and electrolyte derangements.



UQ fits "birdie braces" to macaw

It is not just humans who can do with the help of braces when growing up. Our Avian and Exotic's specialist, Dr Bob Doneley has been fitting macaws with so-called birdie braces to help treat scissor beak.



Scissor beak, or wry beak as it is also known, is a condition where one side of the beak grows faster than the other. It is most common in juvenile macaws and its cause is unknown. If left untreated, the upper and lower breaks will overgrow and no longer meet each other.

[Find out more >>](#)

Good News Story - Miraculous recovery for Rosewood pup Major

When a car going 95kmh hit puppy Major, his owners thought they had lost him.

The five-month-old kelpie pup was taken to the Rosewood Vet where he was given pain injections and treatment to stop internal bleeding.

He was given just 5% chance of survival.

But Major made it through the night and was taken to the Small Animal Hospital at the UQ Gatton Campus so that his injuries could be operated on.



[Find out more >>](#)

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.

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](#)

Donations and Bequests

Why not choose how your contribution can make a difference within the School of Veterinary Science. How to give - [UQ Giving](#)

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