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SMALL ANIMAL HOSPITAL

## UQ VETS Small Animal 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

### Christmas opening hours

The UQ VETS Small Animal Hospital will be staffed 24/7 for emergency and critical care referrals and will accept:

- Surgical referrals as normal 29th - 31st December
- Internal Medicine referrals for emergency and rechecks only between 29th - 31st December
- Avian and Exotic referrals on 30th December



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the team at UQ VETS!

### UQ VETS Pet Emergency Team provide 24 hour care

Recently, the UQ VETS Pet Emergency team had the pleasure of discharging Hamish after 11 days of hospitalisation, including 7 days of mechanical ventilation.

Hamish was referred to UQ VETS after he was diagnosed with tick paralysis and was having trouble breathing, necessitating 24-hour care. The emergency department soon identified the severity of Hamish's ventilation status and commenced artificial ventilation.

24-hour individualised care and specialised equipment is required to support these patients, as seen in the photo below.

After 7 days, Hamish was finally able to breathe on his own without ventilatory support. He still had residual paralysis of his throat muscles so the Surgical Department placed a temporary tracheostomy tube to maintain a clear airway.



### Dr Sureiyan Hardjo

#### BSc, BVMS

Dr Sureiyan Hardjo grew up in Melbourne before moving to Perth to study Veterinary Science. After graduating, he moved to Queensland, jumping at the opportunity to take part in a small animal rotating internship at the University of Queensland Vets Small Animal Hospital.

There was a significant emergency and critical care component to the internship which sparked his interest in the area. Following this, Sureiyan began working full time at UQ VETS Pet Emergency Centre where he enjoys the excitement of seeing a varied caseload and providing high level veterinary care to critical patients.

Although he enjoys practicing all areas of Veterinary medicine, his particular interests within ECC are shock, trauma and ventilation. He also loves the challenge of training final year vet students during their clinical rotations and encouraging them to think on their feet in the stressful and hectic emergency environment.



### Dr Alana Rosenblatt

#### BVSc (Hons), MANZCVS, DACVR

Dr Alana Rosenblatt graduated from the University of Queensland in 2005. After graduation, she worked at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at St. Lucia for several years in various roles, including emergency veterinarian, rotating small animal intern, and radiology intern.

In 2009 she was awarded Membership of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (Radiology). Alana moved to South Australia in 2010 to take up a position as Lecturer in Diagnostic Imaging at the University of Adelaide, during which time she expanded her teaching and research experience.

In 2012, Alana began a 3-year residency program in Diagnostic Imaging at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, New York, and passed her certifying board examinations to become a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Radiology in 2015. Alana is excited to be back in Australia, joining the team at UQ VETS. Alana enjoys all aspects of diagnostic imaging in all species, but has particular interests in diagnostic ultrasonography and computed tomography (CT).



### Case Study

UQ VETS Small Animal Internal Medicine team had a 1 year old desexed male Mastiff cross referred after seven days of progressively worsening respiratory signs. These signs included tachypnoea, coughing retching and exercise intolerance.

He was initially treated with antibiotics but his symptoms appeared to be worsening. His vet performed thoracic radiographs and blood work. His biochemistry was normal but the CBC revealed a mild leucocytosis with a mild eosinophilia. More antibiotics and bronchodilators were added to his treatment regimen with no clinical improvement and at this point, he was referred to UQVETS.



[Read Case Study](#)

## 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.

## Pet Behavioural Study - Have your say!

**The School of Veterinary Science is undertaking a study on predation behaviours of pet cats and dogs, and factors which affect predation by pets.**



The information gathered will assist in the development of evidence-based and humane strategies for management of cats and dogs to benefit wildlife and communities.

You can help by putting a link to the URL in your newsletter or webpage, or putting it on your Facebook page. All responses collected are anonymous.

Link: [https://au1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_6IBLXsQ8oN1EjGJ](https://au1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6IBLXsQ8oN1EjGJ)

*"While some pet cats and dogs like to hunt, the effect that this has on wildlife is still a source of great debate. Research at the University of Queensland is helping us to better understand this situation, so if you own a pet cat or dog, then please complete this survey to tell what your pet gets up to (even if it doesn't hunt!) and to give your thoughts on the issue of pets hunting."*

For further information, please contact Michael Franklin, ([michael@lilydalevetcentre.com.au](mailto:michael@lilydalevetcentre.com.au)) or phone (0439 992 663) or Professor Jacquie Rand, University of Queensland ([j.rand@uq.edu.au](mailto:j.rand@uq.edu.au)).

## 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 veterinary practices, 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 - [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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