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CE Workshops

- [15th May](#) - UQ Gatton - Vet Nurses and Technicians Workshop



- [17th May](#) - UQ Gatton - Intoxications in Small Animals - A general approach.

- 7th June - UQ Gatton How to Implement an Equine Preventative Care Package in Your Practice

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Endocrinology Services - NEW at UQ VETS

UQ VETS is excited to announce our newest referral service, the **Animal Endocrinology Clinic (AEC)**, which is a joint venture between our Equine Specialty service and our Small Animal Medicine service. The internal medicine specialists at UQ VETS have a special interest in all endocrine diseases of dogs, cats, and horses and welcome the opportunity to help diagnose and manage both simple and complicated endocrine cases. Of particular interest to the UQVETS AEC internal medicine specialists are laminitis and obesity/equine metabolic syndrome in horses and diabetes mellitus and adrenal disease in dogs and cats.



UQVETS AEC can provide advanced diagnostics and treatments for complicated endocrine cases in addition to providing long-term support to the referring veterinarian to help manage chronic or complex patients. Our Small Animal group is currently recruiting feline diabetics in remission for clinical trials using a new class of drugs for the treatment of diabetes and extension of diabetic remission time. We welcome referrals through either our equine or small animal medicine services during all of our traditional clinic hours.

For more information, contact Dr. Aaron Herndon, Small Animal Medicine service at a.herndon@uq.edu.au, or Dr. Joan Norton, Equine Medicine service at j.norton@uq.edu.au

Distinguished academic leads the Vet School's Clinical facilities

A multi-award winning teacher, researcher and scientist has joined UQ's School of Veterinary Science to lead the clinical facilities in the role of Academic Superintendent for UQ VETS Teaching Hospital.



Professor Perkins completed his veterinary science degree at UQ in 1984, earning first class honours and a University Medal.

After some years in mixed practice in Victoria, he completed his residency and Master of Science in animal reproduction at The Ohio State University and became a Diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists in 1990. Theriogenology is the branch of veterinary medicine concerned with reproduction.

Professor Perkins was awarded his Fellowship of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in Equine Reproduction in 1998.

Whilst teaching and practising theriogenology at Massey University, New Zealand, Professor Perkins developed expertise in epidemiology, the study of the patterns, causes and effects of health and diseases. He undertook doctoral studies on the epidemiology of health and performance in New Zealand racehorses, with his PhD being awarded in 2005 at Massey University.

Doneley Flight Haven



This newly constructed haven was built thanks to a generous donation from Hilary Huey, a long-time supporter of the Vet school. Named the Doneley Flight Haven in recognition of the work done by Bob and his team in treating and rehabilitating many birds and reptiles, the enclosure itself, extending out from the reptile ward, has since housed a Channel-Billed Cuckoo, two turtles and a Green Tree python.



"This structure has two main benefits, one to house the injured creatures and two, their carers will be able to study their treatment for longer" Hilary said.

The clinic sees about 1000 wildlife cases a year, with a couple arriving each day. "It was wonderful to receive this support from Hilary which has allowed us to help more injured wildlife and teach the students about disease, medicine, surgery and general care of birds, reptiles, and wildlife cases" Bob said.

1976517.jpg Standing laryngoplasty case study

[Read](#) about the the **Standing Laryngoplasty** (Tie-back) procedure recently performed at the UQ VETS Equine Specialist Hospital when a 3 year old Standardbred trotter was presented to Dr Ben Ahern at UQ VETS due to poor performance.



The technique for a standing laryngoplasty has been developed in Europe in recent years but this is, as far as we are aware, a first in Australia and opens the door to standing laryngoplasty procedures being performed on a routine basis at UQ VETS Equine Specialist Hospital.

The importance of computed tomography and rhinoscopy



An interesting case recently presented to Dr Zoe Jacobs-Fohrman, Emergency Veterinarian at UQ VETS Small Animal Hospital. Locky was a 2-year-old male Staffordshire Terrier who had a three week history of bilateral mucopurulent nasal discharge, which was now starting to become haemorrhagic.



[Find out](#) what they discovered from the CT scans and Rhinoscopy!

Invitation to UQ Alumni Cocktail Reception

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The University of Queensland's School of Veterinary Science will be hosting a **Veterinary Alumni Cocktail Reception** on Monday 23 May 2016. Details: 7.00pm-8.30pm, Stamford Plaza, 150 North Terrace Adelaide. Download the [conference registration brochure](#).

Please join the Dean, Professor Glen Coleman, and colleagues as we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of UQ Veterinary Science.

We hope to see you there!

Celebrating 80 Years of Veterinary Science at UQ

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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 notification of upcoming events and celebrations.

Learn more about UQ VETS

Three-legged Ziggy back on his paws

The future seems bright for Ziggy the three-legged wonder dog, after specialist surgery at The University of Queensland's [Veterinary Medical Centre](#) at Gatton.



Thanks to the care and dedication of his owners, UQ veterinary staff and students, Ziggy is a poster dog for success in the face of adversity.

Now a two-year-old border collie with a very sweet disposition, Ziggy was found abandoned in 2014 while still a small puppy. His front right leg was broken and healing incorrectly, requiring amputation.

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Even snakes get spinal aches

Even animals that spend all day on their front can have back problems, as the [University of Queensland Small Animal Hospital](#) avian and exotics team knows all too well.



The team, part of the [School of Veterinary Science](#), treated an eight-foot-long Proserpine Carpet Python for spinal pain earlier this month. Associate Professor Dr Bob Doneley said the snake was longer than the X-ray table, and required special treatment for assessment.

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Bob the koala on the mend after being dropped mid-flight by wedge-tailed eagle

A baby koala scooped up in the talons of a wedge-tailed eagle and dropped up to 10 metres to the ground is still recovering more than two months after his ordeal.



The koala, now named Bob, was rescued by two early-morning walkers in late November at Laidley in the Lockyer Valley, who then sought help from the University of Queensland's (UQ) Small Animal Hospital at Gatton.

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Dr Aaron Herndon - Internal Medicine



Aaron graduated from Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1988. After graduation, he served three years in the United States Army Veterinary Corps as a veterinarian stationed in Connecticut.



Aaron has always wanted to teach and conduct clinical research and so in 2010 he began a five-year long combined residency in Internal Medicine and PhD program at Oklahoma State University.

Aaron relocated to Australia and joined the UQ VETS team in September, 2015.

Dr Brenda Dixon - Anaesthesia and Critical Care



Dr Dixon is a senior member of the anaesthesia team, having over twenty years experience in the field of anaesthesia and critical care. She became a member of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in the chapter of Anaesthesia and Critical Care in 1992. Her clinical duties include providing anaesthesia and critical care support to the hospital, as well as having an active role in the clinical teaching of fourth and fifth year veterinary students. Dr Dixon's special interests include critical care anaesthesia and support, and all aspects of analgesia.



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