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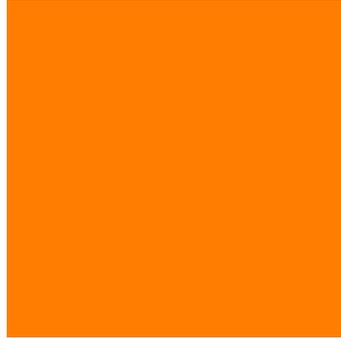
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Photo: Martin Coutts, 3rd Year Vet



AVS Interviews

Meet your Faculty: Dr. Camille Vaillant

After your vote last spring, Dan and I sat down to interview your choice: Dr. Camille Vaillant who graciously consented to answer our (admittedly) somewhat ridiculous questions.

1. When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

My first ambition was to be a nun. I attended a convent school where the nun wore the old style habit (black layers down to the ground). My ambition had nothing to do with religion, but I wanted to find out how they move around so smoothly without legs. Well, I was four years old.

2. If you could have a super power what would you like to have?

Ability to save the world? Forget it! Ability to vapourise (with no come back) mindless people with power, from governments to parking wardens. I could solve the global population problem in twenty four hours. Bit of a surprise to me that inside Auntie C there lurked a homicidal maniac, but I promise that I would use the power wisely and with restraint (possibly).

3. If you won the lottery, what would you want to do first?

Very selfish, but the first move would be travel. Not to the magic places I visited on the 'hippy trail' in the late 60's which have now turned into megatourist nightmares (e.g Taj Mahal, Blue Mosque), but the rest of the world.

4. What would be your karaoke song of choice?

'It's raining men, Hallelujah'. Poor sods still have a hard time coming to terms with militant (but justified) feminism, but they are nice to have around.

5. If you could be any animal, which animal would you choose and why?

Our dog! She has the ability to wrap people around her little claw and is indulged something rotten.

6. What do you enjoy most about teaching at Liverpool?

I promise that this is true - you lot! Sparky, challenging, self-motivated, good fun.

I think I speak for us all when we say, Dr. Vaillant, we'll miss you!



Bits and Bytes: News from AVS.....

Vets and Farming on BBC Radio 4

Recent Vet grad Jennifer Hall recorded a programme with BBC Radio 4 discussing the relationship between vets and farmers and the future of the vet and preventative medicine in the farming industry. You can access a recording of the programme here. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01h75y4>

BVA Congress at Liverpool Sept 28th-29th

Just to let Liverpool vets know, BVA is holding it's congress in Liverpool this year at the Maritime Museum.

The schedule and application form is available on their website but topics include "keep on running, horses for sport" and "good companions/bad companions, is man's best friend a disposable commodity", as well as clinical talks. Even including some talks by our own faculty. Congress runs from September 28th to the 29th and don't forget that there is a special student tariff of £36 for one day (Friday or Saturday) or £70 for two days (Friday and Saturday)

Just go to:

http://www.bva.co.uk/events/BVA_Congress.aspx

BVA and AVS hope to see you there.

Interested in Working Abroad after Grad?

Requirements for working abroad after graduation have been updated, clarified and made much easier to understand by BVA's Zoe Belshaw For students who are interested in working abroad (for instance in Canada, USA, New Zealand, Australia amongst other countries), we recommend you taking a look at the new guidelines posted on the AVS website at:

http://www.avs-uk.org.uk/working-abroad/info_10.html

Bristol Regains Full Accreditation

After the intervention by both the BVA and AVS and a few years hard work, Bristol is proud to announce that it has regained its fully accredited status. Congrats Bristol.

AVS on Facebook

For those who don't know we're there. AVS is on Facebook. It's a great place to know what AVS is up to, by the minute as well as keep on top of dates for important AVS events. Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/AVS.UK.Ireland>

LUVS and AVS on Twitter

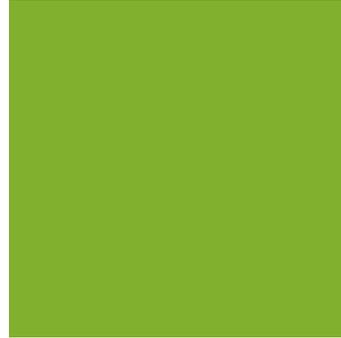
Just a note for all those techies out there, both AVS and now LUVS are on Twitter. Give us a follow!

For AVS look up: @AVS_UK_Ireland

For LUVs look up: @LivUniVets

New Luvs Website

We suggest you head over to <http://www.luvs.org.uk> to take a look at LUVS brand spanking new website. There you can find out all about your LUVS committee, what is happening for students as well as get a hold of LUVS gear and even some textbooks!



What avs Liverpool is doing: Current bits and blurbs....

Welfare

BVA is looking at holding some talks centered around animal welfare at the University of Liverpool in order to engage with students over this important role of the veterinarian. Currently they are working in conjunction with Emily Ozols, organizer for the Clinical Lecture series this year at Leahurst on producing a talk likely in mid October. Topics could include “Keep on Running: Horses for Sport” and aspects of the ethics of emergency care provision for animals. Announcements of talk dates should follow shortly

Education

Talks for Students: AVS has provided Liverpool with funding to hold an AVS associated event. Currently AVS is looking at providing some accessory talks in topics that are of interest to veterinary students but may not be covered in the regular curriculum. Your AVS reps are currently looking for opinions and suggestions as to what our students would like to see covered.



AVS Meeting Minutes

Here is a short recap of our last meeting's minutes. The minutes are available in full on the AVS board in the Vet Fac common room. Or you can request a copy via email from your AVS reps.

- BVA marketing to assist with Frehsers packs this year.
- EMS database: entering Beta testing soon (hopefully) however set up costs and maintenance continues to be a barrier.
- Aiming at increasing sponsorship of AVS through JAVS to increase student incentives. Editors would like feedback from vet schools to know what to publish
- Please make use of the BVA community forum to let BVA know student opinion at large.
- AVS is looking into creating a financial planning programme at all vet schools similar to the planning game/Dragon's Den run at Nottingham as part of their curriculum in order to provide training in managing veterinary practice finances.



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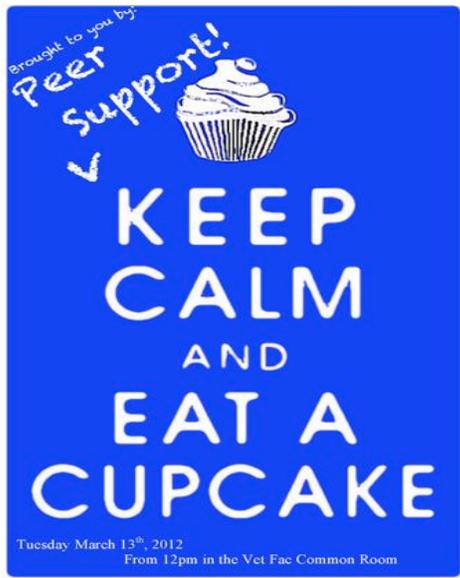
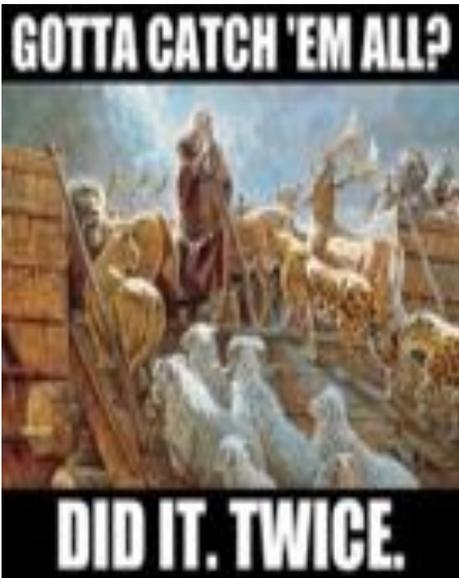
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BVAO British Veterinary Association of Overseas



Coming Soon:

Important Information, Dates and Upcoming Events



AVS Sports Glasgow: Noah's Ark

So the theme for next years AVS Sports' weekend is: Noah's Ark (think Noah, cardboard arks and pairs of animals)

We are looking for T-shirt ideas (get a discount on your ticket!!) and to help you organize for this Ark we have opened a Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/383276341742252/>

Friday night will be at the Glasgow University Union, Saturday Sports at King George V Playing Fields. The pub crawl will be held around Glasgow city centre ending in The Arches. Students will be staying at Anniesland or the West End by Byers Road. Busses to and from both areas will be available during the weekend.

AVS Congress 2013

For Congress this upcoming year Edinburgh is planning on having a farm animal stream run by the Edinburgh FAVS as well as a small animal and equine stream. The date has been set for January 25th to 27th 2013. Please watch this space for further information regarding Congress 2013

JAVS

Keep your eyes open for the special fresher's edition of JAVS

If you're interested in writing an article or submitting something (vetty or not!) to JAVS please email Max Foreman at javseditor@hotmail.com

Next JAVS deadline is early October

AVS Liverpool:

What we are currently working on:

- Teaching Methods concerns: there have been concerns brought forward from post graduates about teaching methods at Liverpool not being considered as professional as other professional courses (ie: PBL and group work). Discussions are under way.
- Student Welfare: Your support has not only assured the continuance of Peer Support for Liverpool but Nottingham will shortly be launching their own Peer Support program
- Fitness to practice: AVS will be putting forward an advice sheet on FTP for students as a direct result of the concerns brought up at Liverpool



What we need from you

We can only represent your opinions if you share them with us. Let us know what you like, what you love and what you hate about your vet degree. We may not always be able to do something about it but we will try to help and at the very least listen!



Career Fair at London Vet Show

There will be a career fair held for vet students at this year's London Vet Show. This event is held November 15th and 16th 2012 at the Olympia Grand Hall in London. Over 70 hours of clinical content and more than 300 cutting edge displays giving you seminars, workshops, career advice and more. For more information and to register go to: <http://www.londonvetshow.co.uk/>



Meet Your AVS Committee

If you ever wanted to know who was running this show, visit the profiles for committee members now available at <http://www.avs-uk.org.uk>

It is a good opportunity to learn a little more about the students representing your opinions to the BVA and Parliament amongst others. Contact information is also provided if you have any concerns or information you would like to share with any specific division of the committee beyond that of your Liverpool reps.



Welfare Event

AVS is offering funding for students to hold a welfare event at Liverpool. The event can focus on either animal or student welfare and can run the gamut from lectures and classes, hands-on activities or even Yoga. If any student would like to suggest activities and help to organize such an event at Liverpool please contact Emily or Dan.



Any other suggestions?

Anything else you'd like to hear from us, or have us add to the newsletter, give us a shout!



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