



VETERINARY ETHICS AND WELFARE CONFERENCE 2019

28th and 29th September



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH
The Royal (Dick) School
of Veterinary Studies

**The Jeanne Marchig
International Centre for
Animal Welfare Education**

RCVS Veterinary Oath

“ I promise above all that I will pursue the work of my profession with uprightness of conduct and that my constant endeavour will be to ensure the welfare of the animals committed to my care. ”



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INTRODUCTION



Dear Delegate,

Welcome to the Veterinary Ethics and Welfare Conference 2019 at Easter Bush, Edinburgh. Myself and the Conference Committee hope that you will have a weekend filled with insight and inspiration, epiphanies and eureka's and ample time to contemplate and consider the ethics of our profession.

This conference started two years ago as Dr Morgan Brown's student research project. She wanted to see how knowledgeable and confident veterinary students were when dealing with ethical dilemmas and animal welfare issues. Her studies showed that there were large gaps to fill and that the conference was a great intervention to improve student competency in these everyday skills.

When Morgan asked me to continue organising the conference, I couldn't wait to say yes. Ethics and animal welfare are close to my heart, as I assume is the case for all of you. After all, we as veterinarians and veterinary students have sworn that "above all, my constant endeavour will be to ensure the health and welfare of animals committed to my care" - and how will we be able to do that if we don't have the tools or knowledge?

This weekend will be packed with experiences and I hope it will inspire you for the rest of the year to view the things you learn and the patients you meet from the animals' perspective and put their welfare and your ethics first. If not you, then who? If not now, when?

Looking forward to meeting you!

Ida Kornevi, Conference Organiser, with Conference Committee

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Saturday 28th September

9:00-9:30	Bus from Summerhall		
9:30-10:30	Breakfast and Welcome Mingle		The View
10:30-12:30	Talks	The Ethics and Welfare of Treating British Wildlife Casualties Laying Hen Welfare; 40 years of research in 40 minutes Eating animals: Insights from Psychology	LT1
12:30- 13:15	Lunch		
13:15- 14:30	Workshops	Group 1- Pet Obesity in First Opinion Practice Group 2- Unnecessary Suffering: a Vet's Perspective Group 3- Ethical Dilemmas in Farm Animal Production Group 4- Communicating With Clients About Chronic Pain- Challenges and Solutions	G.01 Lab 2 G.02 G.03
14:30-14:45	Coffee and Tea Break		
14:45-16:00	Workshops	Group 1- Communicating With Clients About Chronic Pain- Challenges and Solutions Group 2- Pet Obesity in First Opinion Practice Group 3- Unnecessary Suffering: a Vet's Perspective Group 4- Ethical Dilemmas in Farm Animal Production	G.03 G.01 Lab 2 G.02
16:00-17:30	Panel Discussion	Surgical Interventions in Companion Animals	LT 1
17:30-18:00	Bus to the Principal		
18:00- 19:00 19:00-late	Wine Reception & Dinner		Principal, George St

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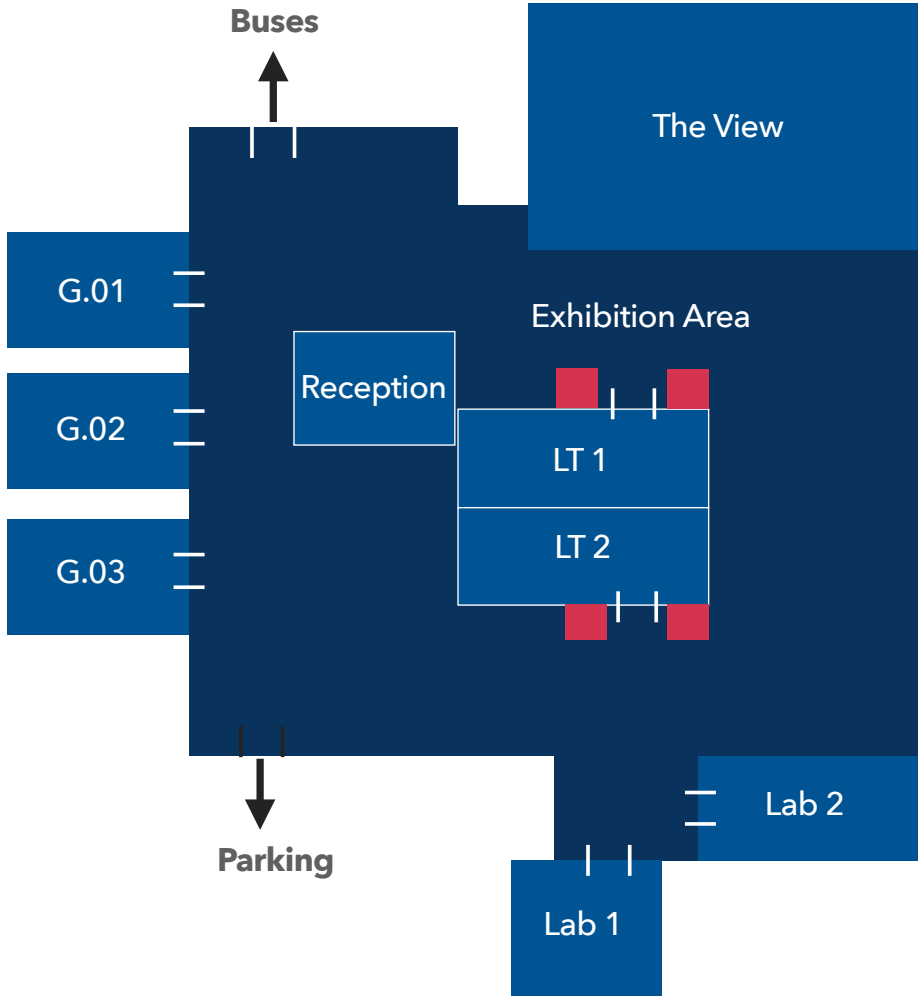
Sunday 29th September

9:30-10:00	Bus from Summerhall		
10:00-10:30	Breakfast		The View
10:30- 11:45	Workshops	Group 1- Ethical Dilemmas in Farm Animal Production Group 2- Communicating With Clients About Chronic Pain- Challenges and Solutions Group 3- Pet Obesity in First Opinion Practice Group 4- Unnecessary Suffering: a Vet's Perspective	G.02 G.03 G.01 Lab 2
11:45-12:00	Coffee and Tea Break		
12:00-13:15	Workshops	Group 1- Unnecessary Suffering: a Vet's Perspective Group 2- Ethical Dilemmas in Farm Animal Production Group 3- Communicating With Clients About Chronic Pain- Challenges and Solutions Group 4- Pet Obesity in First Opinion Practice	Lab 2 G.02 G.03 G.01
13:15-14:00	Lunch		The View
14:00-16:00	Talks	Ethics and Welfare of Sports Horses Life in a Corporate Practice: Are Ethics and Welfare Important? Fostering Compassion	LT1
16:00- 16:30	Closing Remarks		LT1
16:30-17:00	Bus to Summerhall		

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CAMPUS MAP



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THE COMMITTEE



Ida Kornevi

Conference Organiser

Hello, my name is Ida and I have the pleasure of being Conference Organiser for this year's conference! I have a lifelong passion and love for animals that all started at the riding school back home in Sweden. Before enrolling at the Dick Vet in 2016, I took a few free-standing university courses in Animal Behaviour and Ethology, which sparked my interest for animal welfare and ethics. This interest has grown exponentially during my veterinary studies, prompting me to become engaged with various student societies such as the Animal Welfare and Ethics Society (AWES) and Dick Vet Animal Behaviour Society (DVABS). I get a warm, fuzzy feeling experiencing the golden triad that animal behaviour, welfare and ethics form, how intertwined these subjects and areas of research are, and how important they are for each individual and patient that walks, crawls or flies into a veterinary practice each day. When I'm not organising conferences, I like to be outdoors, either traveling by foot or on two wheels, or you'll find me clicker training a pony, dog, pigeon or other animal that has crossed my path.

Charlotte Miller

Assistance Conference Organiser

I'm the Assistant Organizer for this year's conference and a (soon to be) 3rd year student. After attending the first conference in my 1st year I was very keen to become involved in such an impactful event for veterinary students and professionals. I am incredibly proud of the conference that started off as an SRC project but has now grown to include the annual conference and a student society. I hope that it will continue to deliver vitally important training for vet students. I am particularly interested in farm animal welfare and the ethics surrounding their use as production animals. I also have a passion for marine mammals and their conservation.





Rowena Limbrick

Sponsorship

Hi! My name is Rowena Limbrick and I'm a 4th year here at the R(D)SVS. This year I've been on the sponsorship team helping to organise the Ethics and Welfare Conference 2019. I am interested in the human animal bond and animal welfare, especially how as vets we can work to safeguard and improve welfare in practice.

Beatrice Peev

Sponsorship

Hi, I'm Beatrice and I'm in fourth year. This year I am part of the sponsorship team for the Ethics and Welfare Conference. After I graduate, I would like to go into small animal practice and maybe specialise in surgery or internal medicine. One of my interests is the varying standards of animal welfare in different countries and how this can be tackled.



Hannah-Olivia Foster

Sponsorship

I was interested in animal welfare before coming to university, obviously, but being here has really allowed me to get involved and become more educated in general. I really enjoyed the 2018 conference, as well as the talks given throughout the year. Outside of the animal welfare committee I am currently also on the committee for the Exmoor pony trekking society, as Herd Improvement where I have backed a pony alongside also enhancing the ridden abilities of new ponies and modifying the behaviour of other ponies within the herd. I also enjoy playing sports, such as hockey and rugby, having been on the Dick vet ladies rugby team.



Gertie O'Rourke

Catering

Hi! I'm Gertie, I'm in third year and helped organise food & drinks! I like to dream about a world where all animals are treated like they're the only cow/cat/chicken in the world - and I think the Ethics & Welfare Conference makes this dream a teeny bit more possible! I'm so happy to be involved. Wildlife medicine is my big passion, along with a splattering of farm.

Ida Marwedel

Promotion

I am Ida and I am on the promotional team for this year's conference. I am going in to third year having just done an intercalated degree in veterinary conservation, which is my big passion. I am particularly interested in the links between in-situ and ex-situ conservation, and how they can work together for the same goal. In my free time I love being outdoors, bouldering or windsurfing.



Yuko Okumura

Extras

I joined the conference committee in my first year, after attending the 2018 conference. My role in the committee has been quite flexible; helping out with anything that needs to be done. Apart from welfare and ethics, I'm interested in shelter medicine and conservation medicine, but I think my interests will change throughout my degree. I'm a spontaneous person and I like swimming and running.

THE SPEAKERS

Dr Elizabeth Mullineaux

THE ETHICS AND WELFARE OF TREATING BRITISH WILDLIFE CASUALTIES



Liz worked in mixed practice, overseas and in the UK, before settling in Somerset as a director of a small animal veterinary hospital for 17 years. Having developed an interest in British wildlife, in 2011 she completed a clinical doctorate investigating the factors influencing badger rehabilitation and release.

She now works as Scientific Advisor to Secret World Wildlife Rescue (a wildlife charity specializing in badger rehabilitation), alongside small animal emergency medicine and academic part-time roles. Her main interest is the appropriate clinical care of British wildlife casualties. Liz is co-editor of the BSAVA Manual of Wildlife Casualties and author of several other publications on wildlife medicine.

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Vicky Sandilands

LAYING HEN WELFARE; 40 YEARS OF RESEARCH IN 40 MINUTES



Vicky is a behaviour and welfare scientist, specialising in poultry. Her research work focuses on the housing and management of laying hens, broilers and broiler breeders, and how their needs can be met while still being sustainable in British farming.

She is also the chair of the ethics committee for SRUC (Scotland's Rural College), which oversees the various trials we do to improve farming in all species - sheep, dairy cows, beef cattle, pigs and poultry. Vicky teaches and supervises students at BSc, MSc and doctorate level, and is the Director of the University of Edinburgh/SRUC's MSc in Applied poultry Science. She is also on the council or board of various behaviour and poultry societies and journals.

Dr Steve Loughnan

EATING ANIMALS; INSIGHTS FROM PSYCHOLOGY



Steve is a social psychologist interested in the ways people treat animals. He graduated from University of Melbourne with a PhD (Doctor of philosophy) in Social Psychology and was a research fellow in University of Kent. Specifically, he is interested in the rights and responsibilities people feel towards animals, either individually or as a society. His work has focused on the justifications and psychological mechanisms people use to enable them to feel good about eating animals.

Steve is currently a lecturer at the University of Edinburgh.

Dr Madeleine Campbell

ETHICS AND WELFARE OF SPORT HORSES



Madeleine is a RCVS and European Recognised Specialist in Equine Reproduction, and a European Diplomat in Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law.

She is Lecturer in Human:Animal Interactions and Ethics at The Royal Veterinary College, and has a particular research interest in the ethical issues surrounding the use of animals in competitive sport. Madeleine is a Past President and Chair of the Board of Management of the British Equine Veterinary Association, and a past Chair of the Ethics and Welfare Committee of the British Veterinary Association.

Madeleine was a member of Advisory Board for the Centre of Health Law Science and Policy, Birmingham University, and currently sits on the Royal Veterinary College's Clinical Research Ethical Review Board, the Zoological Society of London's Ethics Committee, and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons' Ethics Review Panel.



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Dr David Martin

LIFE IN A CORPORATE PRACTICE: ARE ETHICS AND WELFARE IMPORTANT?



Dave Martin has been in mixed clinical practice for the last 21 years. After graduating from Liverpool, he started work as an assistant at Brownlow Vet Group which is located on the Shropshire / North Wales border. He enjoyed working there so much he brought a partnership which lasted to 2017 when for one of his partners the call of the golf course became too much and the practice was sold to IVC.

Since that time Dave has become the Lead Clinical Director for Brownlow Vet Group. He can as often be found calving a cow as emptying anal glands in evening surgery with the only thing he absolutely refuses to do is orthopaedic surgery, on the grounds of animal welfare, as his skills at DIY are non-existent.

The majority of his work however, is welfare consultancy and Dave receives regular instructions from the RSPCA as well as Local Authorities, the Police, APHA, CPS and private solicitors. He has

particular interests and considerable experience in dealing with cases involving, animal hoarding, non-accidental injury, organised animal fights and the puppy trade and loves nothing more than dealing with the unusual or the unexplained.

He has lectured widely to both veterinary and non-veterinary audiences and is currently working on a series of e-learning CPD units on the veterinary role in investigating animal crime. He is a member of the IVC Welfare Advisory Group who report on welfare matters directly to the Clinical Board and has been consulted in cases as far afield as Switzerland, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand.



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Lesley Winton

FOSTERING COMPASSION & PET BEREAVEMENT



Lesley Winton initially studied Legal Studies and Legal Accounting and worked in this field for 15 years. She then left to pursue her passion for animal welfare and addressing the links between animal abuse, child abuse and domestic violence. She has 25 years' experience working in the Voluntary Sector in both a professional and volunteer capacity and has set up two charities in relation to animal welfare and child welfare. Driven by the desire to develop a unique humane education project for vulnerable children led to the creation of Fostering Compassion, bringing together abused and neglected children with rescued animals. Lesley also has a very keen interest in raising awareness of the pain of pet bereavement and the strength of the human-animal bond.

Lesley has Diplomas in Legal Studies and Legal Accounting, a Diploma in Life Coaching, and in 2014 completed an online Edinburgh University Course on the Clinical Psychology of Children and Young People. She is also a keen writer, publishing her first book in September 2013 highlighting the importance of the human-animal bond. Lesley won the Ceva Animal Welfare Award for Charity Professional of the Year in 2017.

WORKSHOPS

Nicola Ackerman

PET OBESITY IN FIRST OPINION PRACTICE



Nicola works as the Head Medical Nurse at Plymouth Veterinary Group. Nicola graduated from Hartpury College with an honours degree in Equine Science, and subsequently qualified as a veterinary nurse in 2002.

Nicola has past roles as editor of the Veterinary Nursing Journal, sat on the Veterinary Products Committee for the Veterinary Medicines Directive, and the Ethics and Welfare Group for BVA. Nicola has written for many veterinary publications and textbooks and is the editor of Aspinall's Complete Textbook of Veterinary Nursing.

Nicola has won the BVNA / Blue Cross award for animal welfare, the SQP Veterinary Nurse of the Year and the SQP Nutritional Advisor of the Year.

Nicola is part of the RCVS working party investigating post qualification routes for RVNs. Nicola is currently studying for a Master's degree in Advanced Veterinary Nursing with Glasgow University.

Dr Zoe Belshaw

COMMUNICATING WITH CLIENTS ABOUT CHRONIC PAIN- CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS



Zoe qualified from Cambridge Vet school in 2003 and has been an RCVS and European recognised specialist in small animal internal medicine since 2011. She has extensive experience working in general, referral, charity and veterinary teaching hospitals, has contributed to more than 20 peer reviewed publications and speaks regularly at national and international veterinary meetings. In 2016, she completed a PhD at the Centre for Evidence-based Veterinary Medicine (CEVM), University of Nottingham which explored how vets and owners make decisions about dogs with osteoarthritis. She currently combines clinical work at the PDSA with wide ranging consultancy work, editing the "What Is Your Client Thinking?" column in the Veterinary Record, co-supervising a PhD and Masters' students and membership of the RCVS Ethical Review Panel.

Dr Ian Futter

UNNECESSARY SUFFERING: A VET'S PERSPECTIVE



Ian qualified from the University of Glasgow Veterinary School in 1992. The first seven years of his career he spent in Mixed Practice around Glasgow treating Companion Animal and Farm species. He then took on a role at Scottish SPCA where he helped establish the Veterinary Department. He is currently Chief veterinary Officer.

Ian's primary role is running a team of shelter Vets and Nurses across three different sites in the Glasgow area. He also advises on Veterinary treatment of animals in the Society's care around Scotland and sits on the Senior Management Committee.

With particular relevance to this conference, Ian has contributed to the expert evidence of hundreds of cases over the past fifteen years presented by the Inspectorate Department of the Scottish SPCA to the Procurator Fiscal Service in Scotland. He is very familiar with the importance of good Witness Statement Report writing and the procedures involved in bringing an animals welfare case to prosecution.

Gilly Mendes Ferreira

UNNECESSARY SUFFERING: A VET'S PERSPECTIVE



After completing a BSc Honours Zoology degree at the University of Aberdeen, Gilly moved to Edinburgh to complete an MSc by Research degree focusing on captive primate welfare and behaviour at the University of Edinburgh RDSVS. Following her masters Gilly took up an education resources officer post at the Scottish SPCA and over the last 14 years has progressed to the post of head of education and policy.

Gilly's core activities within the society involves managing the 'Prevention through Education' programme which now reaches over 270,000 children annually and implementing new initiatives such as the Animal Guardians programme and the use of robotics to teach animal welfare education. She also runs collaborative research projects predominantly with the University of Edinburgh, University of Stirling and the University of Glasgow that focus on the impact of animal welfare education, the links between animal cruelty and human abuse, and also the enrichment of animals in the Scottish SPCA's care (i.e. playing music to kennelled dogs as a way of decreasing their stress levels). By being involved in animal welfare education and research and working with the Scottish SPCA's Chief Superintendent Mike Flynn, Gilly is able to assess and respond to any proposed legislative changes so that we can ensure current animal welfare legislation meets modern day issues.

Kenny Rutherford

ETHICAL DILEMMAS IN FARM ANIMAL PRODUCTION



Kenny studied Zoology before doing the MSc course in Applied Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare in Edinburgh followed by a PhD at the Roslin Institute and SRUC, completed in 2003. Since then he has worked in the Animal Behaviour and Welfare team at SRUC. During that time he worked on various animal behaviour and welfare projects, both at our own research facilities and on commercial farms throughout the UK. Kenny's two main areas of interest are early life development - specifically, the effect that maternal stress during pregnancy has on progeny behaviour and welfare - and animal pain assessment and alleviation.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Surgical Interventions in Companion Animals

Dr Jessica McCarthy



Jessica graduated from the University of Bristol in 2012. She went into first opinion small animal practice in Milton Keynes for two years before completing a rotating internship at the University of Cambridge. Jessica then went to the University of Liverpool for a short time where she was an Orthopaedic intern before moving to the University of Edinburgh to complete a residency in Small Animal Surgery. Jessica has just accepted a position as Assistant Professor in Orthopaedics at Auburn University in Alabama.

Dr Lynda Rutherford



Lynda graduated from the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh in 2005. She then worked in a busy first opinion small animal practice in Cheshire for 3 years before embarking on a rotating internship at the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), London. Lynda completed a residency in small animal surgery, also at the RVC in 2014. Lynda became a Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons and an RCVS Recognised Specialist in Small Animal Surgery in 2015. Lynda has been working as a Lecturer in small animal surgery at the RVC since her residency finished and spends most of her time seeing cases in the RVCs referral hospital. She enjoys working in a multi-disciplinary team and appreciates the challenges of trauma patients, in particular cases with wounds. Lynda and the RVC surgery team see high numbers of brachycephalic and oncological patients which pose unique ethical challenges.

Prof Cathy Dwyer



Cathy is the Director of the Jeanne Marchig International Centre for Animal Welfare Education, since 2016. The Centre provides animal welfare education for veterinarians, and other groups, in UK and overseas, particularly in Asia. Cathy combines this role with leading the Animal Behaviour and Welfare research team at Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), a post she has held since 2011. The research team is made up of about 35 scientists, research assistants and PhD students, and carries out research into the behaviour and welfare of farmed species. Cathy's research interests include maternal behaviour and offspring development, pain assessment and the welfare of animals kept extensively. She lectures on the MSc course in Applied Animal Behaviour and Welfare, and the online MSc in International Animal Welfare Ethics and Law and is currently supervising 7 PhD students.



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