



CEVM Newsletter, Issue 24 August 2019

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Coming up in this Issue...

- Up-to-date news from the team
- New publications on research in horses, cattle and veterinary practice data
- BestBETs for rabbits and poultry

News

"Key Concepts" meeting in Oxford:



Picture: The meeting

at Kellogg College for "Key Concepts for informed choices across fields"

The CEVM's deputy director Marnie Brennan was recently involved in a meeting at Kellogg College in Oxford, called "Key concepts for informed choices across fields". This was a coming together of a number of different evidence-based groups including: medicine, education, management, agriculture, veterinary, conservation, mental health, psychology and sociology, to

discuss whether there were common key messages across all disciplines that could be found and disseminated.

An article on the output from this meeting has now been published in Nature and can be read [here](#). The "Key Concepts" are presented as a set of principles for assessing the trustworthiness of claims about what works, and for making informed choices. They are organised into three groups: claims, comparisons and choices. It is hoped that these will be useful in teaching about evidence, what to trust, critical thinking and communicating research findings. It is hoped they will be used for education of all ages.

You can read more about the Key Concepts, and also find learning resources here: www.thatsaclaim.org

New column in the Veterinary Record:

The Veterinary Record are starting a new column series, making the case for a new approach to Evidence-based Veterinary Medicine (EBVM). Rachel Dean (previously Director of the CEVM) and Carl Heneghan co-authored the first column, discussing some of the obstacles to applying EBVM and the need for the veterinary profession to embrace and advance EBVM. You can read the full article [here](#). Follow this column series over the next few months as a number of authors discuss the Evidence Based Medicine (EBM) manifesto from the veterinary perspective and consider the need for an EBVM manifesto, and what that manifesto might look like.

Recent publications

Bowden A, Burford JH, Brennan ML, England GCW, Freeman SL (2019) Emergency Conditions in Horses: Opinions and Decision Making of Livery Yard Owners *Veterinary Evidence* **4**: n.

Bradford NG, Huntley SJ, Grindlay DJC, Brennan ML (2019) Is there an evidence base for veterinarians to utilise when treating commonly seen conditions in cattle? *Cattle Practice* **27**: 12-25

Jones-Diette JS, Dean RS, Cobb M, Brennan ML (2019) Validation of text-mining and content analysis techniques using data collected from veterinary practice management software systems in the UK. *Preventive Veterinary Medicine* **167**: 61-67

BestBETs for Vets

Did you know our free online database "BestBETs for Vets" covers cats, dogs, cattle, sheep, horses, poultry and rabbits? Three BETs from poultry and rabbits can be found via the links below. You can find out more, subscribe to BET updates or submit a question [here](#):

- Treatment for gastrointestinal stasis in rabbits - is metoclopramide or ranitidine better?
- Selamectin versus ivermectin for Cheyletiellosis in pet rabbits
- Is diatomaceous earth efficacious at reducing red mite (*Dermanyssus gallinae*) burden in the domestic chicken?

Further discussion about our BETs happens on our Facebook page, you are welcome to join in the discussion! Details of our Facebook account can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

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