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Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Centre for Evidence-based Veterinary Medicine (CEVM) www.nottingham.ac.uk/cevm

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Coming up in this Newsletter...

- Up-to-date news from the team
- Latest publications and BestBETs
- Spotlight on our research: quality improvement methods for the equine veterinary sector

News

CEVM at RCVS Fellowship Day



Two members of the CEVM team were invited to present their research at the recent RCVS fellowship day held on the 5th October at the Royal Institution. Louise Scanlon presented a talk entitled "Homeless people and their dogs: a study of the human-companion animal bond (H-CAB) and canine health and welfare" while Louise Corah (pictured left) presented a talk entitled "Defining the good consultation: what is it and how could we measure it?" Both talks were very well received with lots of lovely feedback. In addition, Louise

Scanlon received a prize for her talk which was a ticket to VET19 in June.

Recent CEVM presentations

London Vet Show

Zoe Belshaw gave three presentations:

- "Quality of life: Tips to improve quality of life for chronically ill pets and their owners"
- "What do owners really want? An evidence-based exploration of dog and cat preventative healthcare consultations"
- "Target grapiprant: from data to decision-making in canine OA"

Human Behaviour Change for Animals (October 2018)

Zoe ran a workshop at this conference, titled "Everything you need to know about running focus groups", which covered how to decide whether to use an interview or focus group, what to think about when setting them up, who should participate, consent, logistics and facilitation.

COMETVII

Hannah Doit presented a poster titled: "Carers and their involvement in developing a Core Outcome Set: the veterinary experience" at the COMETVII meeting in Amsterdam in November. This was the only veterinary poster at the conference, which featured preliminary results from ongoing work from Hannah's PhD.

New Publications

- Wareham KJ, Brennan M, Dean RS (2018) [Systematic review of the factors affecting cat and dog owner compliance with pharmaceutical treatment recommendations](#) *Veterinary Record* Published Online First: 19 November 2018
- Waine K, Dean RS, Hudson C, Huxley J, Brennan ML (2018) [A Cross-Sectional Study of Experiences and Attitudes towards Clinical Audit of Farm Animal Veterinary Surgeons in the United Kingdom](#) *Vet. Sci.* **5**(4), 84
- Waine K, Dean RS, Hudson C, Brennan ML (2018) [Clinical audit in farm animal veterinary practice](#) *In Practice* **40** (8)
- McDermott M (2018) [Communicating with clients about safety measures in the veterinary practice](#) *Vet Record* **183** (19)

BestBETs for Vets

Three new BETs have been added to our free online database [BestBETs for Vets](#). You can find out more, subscribe to BET updates or submit a question [here](#).

- [Efficacy of imepitoin versus phenobarbitone as first line treatment for canine idiopathic epilepsy](#)
- [Are antibiotics useful in treating acute pancreatitis in dogs?](#)

- [Does non-contact infrared thermometry offer an accurate means of measuring canine and feline body temperature?](#)

We hope you are still enjoying the BestBET blogshots. Once again, we have attached a selection to this email for you to cut out and keep and pin to the practice noticeboard! 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.

Upcoming presentations from CEVM

Zoe Belshaw will be presenting at SPVS Congress (24th-26th January 2019) on research done by the CEVM on preventative medicine consultations. You can see further information on SPVS Congress here: <https://vpma-spvs-events.co.uk/congress-2019/>

Spotlight on our research

This month, Freya Rooke talks to us about her PhD on Quality Improvement methods for equine veterinary work.



"I completed my undergraduate and MRes at the University of the West of England (Hartpury College), followed by a year-long placement at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies in Edinburgh as a Research Assistant and equine soft tissue surgical technician. I am now based at the University of Nottingham for my PhD project, "Investigating the use of Quality Improvement (QI) methods in equine veterinary medicine".

Quality is a vital aspect of any healthcare service, with good performance reflecting good-quality practice. When used correctly, QI methods can help to bridge the gap between practice and research, by providing translation from evidence-based medicine into clinical practice. Using QI encourages improved performance and can ultimately result in higher quality care for our patients.

Over the last three years, the veterinary industry, with backing from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, has taken steps to implement some aspects of QI methods into practice guidelines.

My PhD research will analyse both the current and prospective use of QI within the veterinary industry. Subsequently, I will look to introduce suitable QI methods to two busy equine veterinary practices. Analysis of the results will hopefully give a clearer picture of the benefits of using these systems, as well as identifying any barriers or problems associated with their implementation.”

And Finally...

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