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Biography:

I recently completed a Bachelors degree in Veterinary Medical Science, awarded by the University of Nottingham in 2011. I have since taken time out from the veterinary course to do a three year intercalated PhD in veterinary science. After this I will return to complete the final two years of the veterinary course in order to gain my veterinary degree.

Degree registration:

PhD, due for completion in 2014

School research theme:

Population Health and Welfare

Research topic:

'Pedigree dog welfare in the UK: a consumer driven market or something more complex?'

Summary of research:

My PhD project will use a mixed methods approach to collect data from small animal vets, pedigree dog breeders and dog owners in the United Kingdom. This research is focused around promoting canine health and aims to explore how vets, breeders and owners influence canine wellbeing. The main areas which will be explored include: vets' and pedigree dog breeders' attitudes towards pedigree dog breeding, inherited disease and current canine screening programs; drivers for dog ownership; sourcing and selection of dogs by owners and the information owners source pre and post purchase/re-homing. These data will provide greater information on vets', breeders' and owners' attitudes to various aspects of dog health and welfare and allow for the identification of areas in which all parties could cooperate more effectively to improve canine health.

Research supervisors:

Dr Rachel Dean, Dr Richard Lea, Mrs Caroline Quarmby

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Publications:

None to date