

WikiVet Newsletter

Dear first,

This is the sixth edition of the WikiVet newsletter. We're aware that a lot of our readers will be busy revising, with lots of exams looming! Hopefully you're finding WikiVet useful for your revision, let us know if we can improve anything to make your lives easier. In this edition we find out about some ways in which we're trying to make WikiVet more easily available, we meet more people who are behind WikiVet and follow some of the WikiVet team in Africa.

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Links to Learning Resources

The WikiVet team has been starting to include more and more links from content pages to resources, with the focus being in the Anatomy and Physiology section initially. At the bottom of the content page, you will see a box that groups together all the relevant learning resources for that page.

Sharing WikiVet pages is now much easier!



Login is required for You are required to login to view fur Registration is free and is available If you are unsure of the benefits of r It is now possible to email links to WikiVet pages, and when you log in, you are taken directly to that page. This was a problem previously, but our cunning technical director has found a way to make it work!

We really hope you will all find this a useful improvement and will remove a barrier in order to allow you to share this content more easily. If you have any more suggestions for technical improvements like this, why not <u>contact the WikiVet team</u>?

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WikiVet are in Africa

Nick Short, WikiVet Coordinator and Dr Raymond Macharia travelled to Kenya and Tanzania to visit the Vet school in Nairobi and attend an <u>eLearning conference</u>. While there they met with students and staff who all wanted to know about WikiVet.

Read more about their visit in the full story.

WikiVet attended the Vet2011 conference in Lyons



<u>Nick Short</u> and Dr Prisca Noble represented WikiVet at the <u>World</u> <u>Conference on Veterinary Education</u> in Lyon. This event was part of the 250th anniversary celebrations of the veterinary profession. The <u>OIE</u> were enthusiastic about the potential to help standardise year 1 competencies through the use of e-learning and the WikiVet platform.

Read more in the **<u>full story</u>**.

Who's involved in WikiVet?



Steph has just finished her finals exams and is due to graduate from Nottingham Vet School in the UK this summer. She's joined the WikiVet team to work on the **OVAL Project** over this summer. She is working on

the conversion of pages from the CABI database into WikiVet pages.

Steph Massey, Assistant on the OVAL Project

If you'd like to follow what the OVAL project is doing, you can <u>follow the</u> blog.

University of Nottingham School of Veterinary Medicine and Science



The University of Nottingham School of Veterinary Medicine and Science is the newest vet school in the UK. Nottingham have been involved in WikiVet since the beginning of the project. <u>Liz and Zoe</u> have both played important roles in the steering group.

See other WikiVet partner institutions.

Users on WikiVet

WikiVet registrations are still increasing rapidly, we now have over 10,630 registered users! A lot of these more recent registrations have been from Sydney and Melbourne Vet schools who it seems are all busy revising hard for exams.



We have more Veterinary Schools registering with us, some of which have created pages and been added to our <u>Vet Schools map</u>. In the past month pages have been created for <u>Utrecht Faculty of Veterinary Medicine</u> in The Netherlands, and <u>TiHo Hannover</u> in Germany.

If you'd like to create a page for your vet school, why not <u>contact us</u>, we can help you set it up. We'll then link your page to the map so others can see where you are. You could even be our next featured school!

How you can get involved



Pop-Quiz: What's your diagnosis?

A 23-year-old mixed breed horse is examined because of failure to shed its winter coat, chronic coughing and, more recently, partial anorexia and loss of weight. What would you do to investigate further?

This case and 22 other Equine Internal Medicine cases can be found in the <u>Manson flashcards set</u>, which have all been selected from their <u>self-assessment colour review book</u> as part of the <u>OVAL project</u>.

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The WikiVet team are always keen to hear from you, and really want to know what you think of WikiVet. With the addition of a WikiVet Twitter feed, we hope you are able to keep up to date with developments and have plenty of opportunities to get involved in discussions about WikiVet content, to find out more about how WikiVet works and to help shape the WikiVet of the future. Why not 'like' our Facebook page, register for NOVICE or follow us on Twitter!