



WikiVet Newsletter

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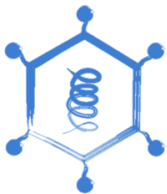
Welcome to the twelfth edition of the WikiVet newsletter

In this edition we have a look at a new emerging virus that has swept across Europe; we take a peek at some of the results from our user survey and also catch up with the OVAM team.

We're running an online social session where you can drop in and find out a few features of WikiVet and even ask questions of the team, and meet the newest member of the WikiVet team. We've also just passed the 15,000th registered user mark!

WikiVet News

[Schmallenberg Virus hits UK shores](#)



As many of our readers will be aware, a newly discovered virus has now reached the UK. [Schmallenberg Virus](#) was first identified in Schmallenberg in Germany, and is a virus of cattle and sheep that causes foetal deformations.

Knowledge of Schmallenberg Virus is still developing, and much effort is being focussed on discovering more. The benefit of a Wiki hopefully becomes clear, because as our collective knowledge of this Virus develops, so can the [page in WikiVet](#). Read below to see how you can help develop this page.

[The results are in...](#)



First of all we would like to thank all of you that filled in our survey, we are happy with the number of responses we got. We gained a good overview of what you thought about WikiVet navigation, amount and quality of content as well as some useful suggestions.

The interesting and encouraging fact was that many of your suggestions are already in the pipeline and we hope to implement them soon. Read a summary of some of the highlights on our [survey page](#), or you can join our [discussion](#) in our NOVICE group where we're going into the results in a bit more detail for those who are interested.

[OVAM project roadshow](#)

Over the last few weeks the [OVAM project team](#) have been busy visiting the UK vet schools and colleges which are [partners](#) in the project.



An important idea which was formed during the visits was the idea of having a competition for students to submit their best short PowerPoint of anatomy images, the best of which will be incorporated into the museum, so keep your eyes peeled for more information if you are interested in participating!

If you're interested in the OVAM project, why not read our [news article](#) or sign up to follow the [OVAM blog](#)?

WikiVet Events



[Online social session coming soon!](#)

WikiVet is hosting an online social session so the team can meet some of the users and the users can meet each other.

If you would like to join us then why not RSVP in our [Facebook event](#), then join us in the [NOVICE virtual classroom](#) for the actual event on **Saturday 10th March at 11am UK time** - you can add this to your calendar by clicking [here](#) and then opening the file.

Who's involved in WikiVet



Hannah Robbins: WikiVet Media assistant

Hannah has joined the WikiVet team to help us start collecting and categorizing our videos and podcasts.

She graduated from the Royal Veterinary College in 2007, and has spent some time in small animal practice. She has been working at Nottingham School of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery. You can find out more about the WikiVet team [here](#).

How you can get involved

[Calling all virologists - your profession needs you!](#)



[Schmallenberg Virus](#) is a newly discovered virus, and as such has only just had a page created in WikiVet. All registered WikiVet users are able to edit pages, so why not help us create [this page](#)?

The benefits of a wiki are that the page can be updated as we understand more about this horrible disease. Editing is easy in WikiVet - you just have to click on the 'edit' link next to the section you want to edit, type in your text and click 'save page' - our staff will be there to help you with any editing queries you may have.

Click [here](#) to get to the page in WikiVet. An example of a completed virus page is the [Bovine Herpesvirus 1](#) page.



[Pop-Quiz: What's your diagnosis?](#)

A 5-year-old DSH cat is presented which has been depressed, anorexic, and showing upper respiratory tract signs (sneezing, nasal discharge) for the last 2 days. On clinical examination, the cat is pyrexic and has several small lingual ulcers.

This case has been provided by [Manson Publishing](#) as part of the [OVAL project](#) and is taken from the Feline Medicine [questions](#).



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The WikiVet team are always keen to hear from you, and really want to know what you think of WikiVet. We want you 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 [main Facebook page](#) or [Pathology Facebook page](#), [register](#) for NOVICE or follow us on [Twitter](#)!