



WikiVet Newsletter

Dear .

This is the third edition of the WikiVet newsletter, we're really excited about what's going on with WikiVet at the moment and we hope you are too! With the addition of more collaborators, expert reviewers, new ways for our users to communicate via Facebook and NOVICE and the addition of more school pages, we feel that the content and resources we're so proud of can only get better and better!

So, what's new on WikiVet?



School pages now on WikiVet

A new addition to WikiVet is school pages. Each Vet school that is registered with WikiVet can create it's own page, which makes it easy for staff and students to find out more about who's using WikiVet. When the school page has been created and populated with information, it will be linked to the Vet Schools map and an announcement will be made on the WikiVet Facebook page! Read about how to create and populate your school page.



Have you looked at the Anatomy and Physiology section recently?

The Anatomy and Physiology section of WikiVet has proved to be the most visited section of WikiVet over all with more than 40,000 visits, we can see why!

When you enter the section, you can look initially at any body system - for example the <u>Alimentary</u> or <u>Endocrine</u> systems. The improved navigation of this section allows you to explore the structure and function of organs within this system.

Many sections have <u>flashcards</u> integrated into them - these allow you to review a topic and test your knowledge, if you don't know the answer you can link to the page where it can be found.



WikiVet has new experts reviewing content

WikiVet has recruited it's first <u>expert reviewers!</u> They are starting to review content on general pathology, clinical pathology, anatomy, farm animal medicine and animal behaviour. You can read about the reviewing process <u>here</u>.

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WikiVet wins funding for OVAL project

The Royal Veterinary College, in partnership with the University of Nottingham School of Veterinary Medicine and Science, CABI and Manson Publishing has secured over £90,000 from JISC as part of their <u>eContent-Programme</u>. The OVAL project stands for 'Opening Veterinary Access to Literature'. The project involves the repurposing of journals and text books into Open-Educational Resources that are available via WikiVet.



WikiVet visit Vet school in Uppsala, Sweden

WikiVet representatives travelled to Uppsala, Sweden on the 11th and 12th February. They presented WikiVet to staff and students, and held a workshop teaching them how to create and edit content on WikiVet.

Read more about the visit



WikiVet is on NOVICE

WikiVet now has it's own group on NOVICE, which stands for the 'Network Of Veterinary ICt in Education'. NOVICE is a network of educationalists that work within veterinary schools and collaborate with veterinarians and students. NOVICE aims to explore and extend the use of online Web 2.0 tools in veterinary education and lifelong learning. If you are interested in the educational theory that goes into WikiVet and a lot of other methods of teaching in Veterinary education, NOVICE is well worth a look - register here.

Do you know your WikiVet team?



Barbora Stanikova, Chief Editor

Barbora is a vet who graduated from the Royal Veterinary College, UK in 2009. She was one of the first members of WikiVet and is currently overseeing site development and reorganisation. Barbora has been responsible for much of the updated structuring of the site.

Barbora has worked for the <u>Electronic Media unit</u> at the Royal Veterinary College since graduation. Prior to taking on her current role, she was responsible for the inclusion of the <u>Donkey section</u> and has helped develop a fantastic equine endoscopy learning resource.

See other members of the WikiVet team

Users on WikiVet



WikiVet is constantly growing, and we are pleased to announce that we now have over **9,200** registered users worldwide.

We have more Veterinary Schools registering with us, some of which have created pages and been added to our <u>Vet Schools map</u>.

How you can get involved



Pop-quiz!

Do you know what species this lizard is? Think you know? Have a look, you may surprise yourself!

If you have any great images you'd like to include on WikiVet or in our next pop-quiz, please contact us.



Join our Facebook or NOVICE groups

The WikiVet team are always keen to hear from you, and really want to know what you think of WikiVet. These two groups give you the opportunity 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 <u>Facebook page</u>, or <u>register</u> for NOVICE!