



WikiVet Newsletter

Dear reader,

This is the tenth edition of the WikiVet newsletter. In this edition we find out what's been happening over the last few weeks, in particular the start of the OVAM project. We also catch up with one of our student ambassadors, and start to look ahead at what 2012 might hold in store for WikiVet.

We're also still looking to recruit students at vet schools around the world to help us spread the word of WikiVet, we'll also be contacting you all early in the new year in the first of our annual WikiVet surveys to find out what you think of WikiVet and how it can be improved.

The WikiVet Team would like to wish all our users around the world a Happy Christmas. We hope to bring you further exciting new developments in 2012...!"

WikiVet News

Double Act - OVAL project closure celebration and OVAM project launch



The [Opening Access to Veterinary Literature](#) (OVAL) project dissemination and the [Online Veterinary Anatomy Museum](#) (OVAM) launch event took place at the Royal Veterinary College on December 9th, 2011.

A summary of what the OVAL project achieved was presented followed by exploration of how best to collaborate to create an outstanding online veterinary museum. The link between the two projects was clear, building on the mutually beneficial collaboration of higher education and commercial publisher sectors.

The OVAM project partners were well represented and showcased their materials available for the museum. More information can be found via the [OVAM page](#), including recordings of the event via Adobe Connect. We are very excited about creating this veterinary museum!

WikiVet in India



In late November [Nick Short](#) from WikiVet visited India to make a presentation to a workshop of veterinary experts from across India as well as from international organizations in New Delhi to discuss measures to strengthen the veterinary profession in India, with a particular focus on livestock and dairy veterinary medicine.

Whilst there he visited 3 Indian vet schools and talked about WikiVet at all of them. You can read more about his visit [here](#)

Who's involved in WikiVet

Lok Raj Joshi: WikiVet Student Ambassador.



WikiVet has been recruiting [student ambassadors](#) to help raise awareness of the site. [Lok Raj Joshi](#) from Nepal was one of our first student ambassadors. He is a fourth year veterinary student who studies at the [Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science](#) (IAAS), Rampur in Chitwan. His favourite veterinary subjects are medicine, epidemiology and immunology and he also enjoys the clinical aspect of veterinary medicine and the discussion of cases with clients, clinicians and peers.

Lok registered with WikiVet in July 2010 and since then has used it regularly, often with a mobile device. He finds it a useful resource to reinforce his core knowledge from the earlier years and to help with assignments.

Since becoming a WikiVet ambassador in November 2011 Lok has been working to promote WikiVet within his school to his friends and fellow students, by talking to them and sharing links through Facebook. As well as having completed his [school page](#) he is hoping to send WikiVet flyers to other schools in Nepal so that even more students can benefit from WikiVet.

Users on WikiVet

WikiVet registrations are still increasing rapidly; we now have over 14,000 registered users.

We have recently had school pages created for:



- [Massey University Faculty of Veterinary Science](#) in New Zealand
- [University of Thessaly Faculty of Veterinary Science](#) in Greece
- [University of Sydney Faculty of Veterinary Science](#) in Australia

If you'd like to create a page for your vet school and have it featured on our [Vet Schools map](#), why not [contact us](#), we can help you set it up. We'll then link your page to the map so others can see where you are.

How you can get involved

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



This image shows a rabbit found dead one morning. There was no sign of any prior illness. What is your diagnosis?

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

First WikiVet user survey coming soon...



You will soon all be receiving links to a survey about your use of WikiVet. These links will be emailed to you, but they'll also appear in WikiVet. This is the first time we have surveyed all of our users, we hope most of you will be able to fill it out. It's going to enable us to really assess how and why you use WikiVet and help to inform our decisions over the next year.

When you enter the survey you will be required to enter your WikiVet username, only those with a valid WikiVet username will be entered into the survey results, and only one survey entry will be counted. Look out for the survey early in the new year, good luck!



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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 [Facebook page](#), [register](#) for NOVICE or follow us on [Twitter](#)!