Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Centre for Evidence-based Veterinary Medicine (CEVM) www.nottingham.ac.uk/cevm

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Coming up in this Issue...

- Up-to-date news from the team: launch of a new BSAVA Manual and an update from "Colic Awareness" Week
- A new publication
- Latest BestBETs
- Spotlight on our research: update on rabies control PhD work

News

Launch of new BSAVA Manual:

The BSAVA Manual of Canine and Feline Shelter Medicine: Principles of Health and Welfare in a Multi-animal Environment was launched at BSAVA this spring, edited by Rachel Dean, Maggie Roberts and Jenny Stavisky (pictured here, left to right: Maggie Roberts, Jenny Stavisky, Rachel Dean). You can read more information about the manual and buy a copy here. The manual covers various aspects of working in a shelter environment, including: principles of shelter medicine and population health, prevention, management and control of disease, and working with people.

New publication:

Remember Adelle Bowden, one of our past PhD students? Big congratulations as she has had the first paper to be published from her PhD accepted. The paper is entitled "Survey Of Equine Livery Yard Owners' Opinions Of Common Emergency Conditions In The Horse, And Factors Affecting Emergency Decision Making". Not only will it be published soon in Veterinary Evidence, but it will also be open access!

Colic Awareness Week:

Katie Lightfoot at the British Horse Society (BHS) had the idea to hold the first "Colic Awareness" week in April, as part of the "REACT Now to Beat Colic" campaign. During the week horse owners were provided with top tips and up to date colic statistics. The week was hailed as a success with nearly 600,000 people reached, and 500 people engaging with the discussions on social media. For more information, see: www.bhs.org.uk/colic

Recent CEVM presentations

The CEVM were well represented at BSAVA recently in the clinical research abstracts by:

- Guy Davies (picture below, left) presenting on: Retrospective analysis of Canine Bronchoalveolar Lavage submissions to referral veterinary laboratories in the UK
- Hannah Doit (picture below, right) presenting on: Core outcomes in feline chronic kidney disease: what should we be measuring?
- Louise Corah presenting on: "Trust me I'm a vet…" Vet-client trust in small animal consultations: a mixed methods approach, and Why didn't my client give the medication? A descriptive study of the communication surrounding medicine administration
- Louise Scanlon presenting on: her study on pet ownership and homelessness

BestBETs for Vets

The most recent BETs to be added to our free online database are listed below. You can find out more, subscribe to BET updates or submit a question [here](#):

- [Pimobendan in Asymptomatic Mitral Valve Disease](#)
- [Rate control of atrial fibrillation in dogs with valvular heart disease or dilated cardiomyopathy](#)
- [Effect of imepitoin versus phenobarbitone as first line treatment for canine idiopathic epilepsy](#)

Further discussion about our BETs happens on our Facebook page, you are welcome to join in the discussion! Details of our Facebook account can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

Upcoming presentations from CEVM

"Cx Congress 2019 (East Midlands Conference Centre)

Louise Corah will be presenting in the consult stream on "How to create a memorable consult". For more information, see: https://cxclub.care/cx-congress-saturday-15th-june/"

Spotlight on our research

This month, Abi Collinson updates us on her PhD investigating rabies control:

After conducting a systematic review during the first year of my PhD which investigated the role of surgical sterilisation in canine rabies control, it became apparent that there are many unanswered questions regarding the impact of canine surgical sterilisation programmes. The next stage of the project is focused on identifying and prioritising these questions. In medicine, researchers have begun working with both doctors and patients in setting research agendas, an example is James Lind Alliance (JLA) priority setting partnerships. Our study is adapting this method to create a prioritised list of research questions that will be directly applicable to the organisations who are planning and implementing dog population management programmes.

The first step was an initial scoping survey which asked people working in the field of dog population management what questions they had about the impact of their sterilisation programmes. 110 responses were received from 47 countries. The main questions asked related to impact on dog population sizes, dog longevity, dog behaviour (particularly aggressive behaviour) and changes in attitudes/human behaviour towards free-roaming dogs. Questions about logistics of programmes, such as percentage of population that should be sterilised and which dogs (e.g. females, males or both) to target were also common. The submitted questions will be combined, formed into answerable research questions and then ranked in order of importance via a second online survey. A final priority setting workshop will then be held in order to agree a shared consensus of the top 10 priorities for research.

And Finally…

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