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Biography:

I am an intercalating undergraduate student completing a Masters of Research (MRes) between 4th and 5th year of the Veterinary Medicine course. I have recently completed a Bachelor's degree in Veterinary Medical Science from the University of Nottingham in 2020 and will return to the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery course to complete my final year after I finish my Masters.

Degree Registration:

Master of Research

Research Topic:

Development of a framework for supporting veterinary professionals and animal owners to interpret and apply scientific evidence for animal health and welfare

Summary of Research:

The aim of this research is to create a bespoke intelligible framework to help vets, nurses, and animal owners to evaluate the quality of information they encounter and to give them further tools to make well informed, evidence-based decisions when it comes to the animals in their care. Our tool is a translation of Chalmers *et al's (2017),* Key Concepts for Informed Health Choices document which includes a list of important points to consider when making clinical decisions based on claims.

The project aims to facilitate knowledge exchange both between the research community and veterinary professionals but also between vets and their clients. We will run focus groups to test our tool for clarity, conciseness, and accessibility. Ultimately, we aim to disseminate a number of different versions of the tool for widespread use by veterinary professionals and animal owners.

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Publications:

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