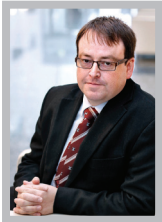


## WELCOME



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the second of our newsletters, designed to keep you up to date with what's happening here at the Dick Vet.

Interventional Radiology is a rapidly expanding area in veterinary medicine and we are pleased to introduce our Interventional Radiology Service, which brings together a

team of specialists in Internal Medicine, Surgery, and Cardiology.

They are supported by specialists in Radiology and Anaesthesia.

This service allows us to perform procedures, which are currently only carried out at a few centres through Europe and we are very proud to be able to offer them here at the Dick Vet.

We are also delighted to welcome back Yolanda Martinez Pereira to head up the clinical aspects of our Cardiopulmonary Service.

Richard Elders joins our clinical Oncology team where he will be a key contact treating referred cases. Richard will also continue his research into immunotherapeutics and other selective treatments, diagnostics and monitoring tools as we seek to develop targeted, safer and more rational treatments to improve patient quality of life and outcomes.

We are making further developments to improve the services we offer and will bring you more details on these over the coming months.

With best regards,



**Professor David Argyle**  
Head of School



We are one of the few centres in Europe to offer a full spectrum of Interventional Radiology procedures.

## INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY SERVICE

We are pleased to introduce our Interventional Radiology Service, led by specialists in Internal Medicine, Surgery and Cardiology, all with advanced training in interventional radiology and minimally invasive techniques. They are supported by specialists in Radiology

and Anaesthesia so that our team is able to provide an interdisciplinary and personalised approach to each patient.

Our significant investment in skilled staff ensures that we have the breadth and depth of expertise and experience to provide an all year round service with

24-hour care provided for each patient. Non-invasive or minimally invasive techniques may be performed for a wide variety of diseases and can complement conventional surgical approaches.

A broad range of procedures are performed, covering the urinary, cardiac, vascular, respiratory and gastrointestinal systems.

Our dedicated Interventional Radiology suite is unique in the UK and we have a wealth of experience in interventional techniques; some the first ever interventional cardiac procedures in the UK and Europe were performed at the Dick Vet.

We offer advanced imaging modalities:

- High definition endoscopy
- C-arm fluoroscopy
- Digital radiography with digital subtraction

If you have a case you would like to discuss with one of our Interventional Radiology team, please just pick up the phone and ask to speak to someone from the IR team, or contact the IR Service clinicians by e-mail at **Vet.IR.Service@ed.ac.uk**.

You can find additional information at **www.ed.ac.uk/vet/IR**.

## YOLANDA RETURNS TO CARDIO!



Yolanda completed a residency at the Dick Vet and is a European and RCVS Specialist in Veterinary Cardiology.

Yolanda Martinez Pereira has joined our Cardiopulmonary team – or perhaps we should say re-joined – as you may remember Yolanda from her time as a Resident with us. Having achieved Diplomate status with the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and acquired a huge amount of experience along the way, Yolanda returns as Lecturer in Cardiology.

Our Cardiopulmonary Service is happy to handle the full range of congenital and

acquired cardiac and pulmonary conditions in canine and feline patients.

We are also happy to treat other patients too now, as Yolanda has a particular interest in cardiac conditions affecting rabbits and exotic species.

Our team has been building a national reputation for the performance of a range of interventional procedures to clinically cure certain cardiac conditions. These procedures, which have become routine

here at the Dick Vet, are minimally invasive and include:

- Pacemaker implantation
- ECG event recorder implantation
- Amplatzer occlusion of patent ductus arteriosus
- Balloon valvoplasty of pulmonic stenosis
- Selective angiography
- Radiofrequency ablation

Although Yolanda will be working alongside Professor Brendan Corcoran, Geoff Culshaw and the cardiopulmonary Residents and Interns, it is the integration with colleagues from across the disciplines in the Hospital for Small Animals which allows us to offer the best possible service to your clients and care to the patients you refer to us.

While cardiopulmonary disease carries a higher anaesthetic risk, our team of specialist anaesthetists are on hand to keep that risk to an absolute minimum and our modern, fully equipped intensive care unit allows close monitoring of our more seriously ill and high risk patients

If you would like any more information on the Cardiopulmonary Service, or wish to come in and see our state-of-the-art facilities, simply contact Yolanda on **0131 650 7650** or at **HfSARception@ed.ac.uk**.

## RICHARD ELDERS JOINS ONCOLOGY



A Dublin graduate, Richard completed an internship at the University of Glasgow, followed by two years in general practice in Gourock. He completed an ACVIM-approved medicine residency at the RVC and an MSc in Clinical Oncology at the University of Birmingham based on canine mast cell tumours. Richard expanded this research into an RVC-based PhD studentship on mast cell immunotherapeutics and targeting. Thereafter, he worked at Davies Veterinary Specialists and most recently at the Animal Health Trust, gaining a DECVIM-CA (Oncology) and RCVS Specialist status in Veterinary Oncology.

## INTERNAL MEDICINE CLINICAL CLUB

Practitioners are warmly invited to the Dick Vet Small Animal Medicine Clinical Club seminars, which take place on the first Wednesday evening of each month.

The seminars review recent advances in the diagnosis and management of common medicine disorders through case based discussions. The events are designed to have a relaxed and informal atmosphere and there will be plenty of time for discussions about interesting and challenging cases.



for more info on the Internal Medicine service and Clinical Club, please visit [www.ed.ac.uk/vet/hfesa-int-med](http://www.ed.ac.uk/vet/hfesa-int-med)