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WELCOME



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

It gives us great pleasure to welcome Dr Katia Marioni-Henry to our Hospital for Small Animals to establish our Neurology service. An RCVS recognised specialist in Neurology, Katia brings a wealth of experience gained in Italy, the United States and England.

Alongside the establishment of the Neurology service, the mobile MRI scanner now visits the Hospital for Small Animals every Wednesday. We are currently fundraising to install our own MRI scanner so that we can offer a complete range of diagnostic options 24 hours a day.

We are also delighted to welcome back Dr Tim Nuttall to the Dick Vet as Head of Dermatology. Tim did his residency and PhD with us before joining the University of Liverpool. He has an active research programme, is the author of over 70 clinical and scientific publications and has presented over 100 lectures worldwide. He has also served on BSAVA, ESVD and DEFRA scientific committees, the International Committee on Atopic Diseases in Animals and is a scientific advisor to the Bella Moss Foundation.

I firmly believe that attracting the best staff is fundamental to providing outstanding clinical services and developing world-class facilities. In the coming months we are planning further service developments and I look forward to bringing you more details of these later in the year.

Professor David Argyle Head of School

SMALL ANIMAL NEUROLOGY SERVICE



r Katia Marioni-Henry has joined the Hospital for Small Animals to establish the Small Animal Neurology service. The Neurology service is involved in the investigation and treatment of intervertebral disc disease, seizures, intracranial and spinal neoplasia, inflammatory disorders of the central and peripheral nervous system, and neuromuscular disorders.

Katia has a very diverse background. Graduating from the University of Parma in Italy and she was awarded a PhD from the University of Turin in Small Animal Neurology/Electrophysiology. Subsequently, she completed a rotating internship at Auburn University (USA) and a residency in Veterinary Neurology at the University of Pennsylvania (USA). In 2003, Katia became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine with a subspecialty in Neurology.

Dr. Marioni-Henry is also a member of the European College of Veterinary Neurology and an RCVS recognised specialist in Neurology. Katia has authored various papers on clinical neurology and has a special interest in neuromuscular conditions and feline neurology. She held academic posts in the United States including clinical instructor at the University of Missouri-Columbia and, for four years, Assistant Professor of Neurology and Neurosurgery at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

In 2008, Katia moved with her family to England and became a consultant in Small Animal Neurology and Neurosurgery for various large veterinary referral centres in England before joining the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies to lead the development of the Small Animal Neurology Service at the Hospital for Small Animals.

Katia is receiving new cases on Monday and Tuesday and rechecks on Friday.

MRI is available at HfSA every Wednesday. Emergency referrals in Neurology/Neurosurgery are seen by Katia and her colleagues of the Internal Medicine and Orthopaedic services every day of the week by prior arrangement. Katia can be contacted via the following email address: neurovet@ed.ac.uk.

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TIM RETURNS TO LEAD DERMATOLOGY



r Tim Nuttall has re-joined the School to lead and redevelop the Dermatology service and is keen to build strong relationships with local vets and clients.

Explaining the service offered by the Dermatology team, Tim said:

"We are open for the referral of any dermatology case for one-off or on-going

treatment and provide a professional, prompt service."

"Our focus is on communication, animal welfare and quality of life for patients. The service has been operating for more than 30 years and offers treatment for companion animals and exotic species. We can also see horses and other large animals with our colleagues in the other

Dick Vet hospitals. Based in our dedicated treatment area within the Hospital for Small Animals, we are able to offer comprehensive care, however should the need for a referral to another service arise. our world class staff and facilities enable us to carry out any procedure or treatment within the hospital."

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Dr Tim Nuttall

As well as treating clinical cases, the Dermatology service has an ethical clinical research and education programme. This is important in furthering our understanding of skin diseases to improve animal care. Our research interests include the diagnosis, treatment and genetics of atopic dermatitis, bacterial infections and antibiotic resistance. We have also participated in a number of clinical trials that have led to new treatments for atopic dermatitis and other skin diseases.

Tim can be contacted at the following email address: vet.derm@ed.ac.uk.

VETERINARY CPD COURSES

We deliver a range of online and face-to-face CPD events throughout the year to help veterinary surgeons, veterinary nurses and other animal healthcare professionals to meet their CPD requirements and stay up-to-date with the latest advances.

Each event is tailored to meet the individual requirements of the subject. Please see our CPD website for further information on individual courses.

EVENTS FOR SPRING-SUMMER 2014

Day courses

Dick Vet Rabbit CPD Study Day - 30 May 2014

Foot and Farriery Study Day - 11 July 2014

ONLINE COURSES

Professional Skills: Managing Complex Issues in the Animal Health and Conservation Workplaces

Rabbit Dermatology

Rabbit and Rodent Anaesthesia and Analgesia

Rabbit and Rodent Critical Care

Approach to abdominal surgery in dogs and cats

Reconstructive surgery in dogs and cats

Wound management in dogs and cats

For more information about these courses and other CPD events, please visit us at www.ed.ac.uk/vet/cpd