



# Tails & Tales

## Animal Welfare Centre updates

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1. **Festive Greetings!** The Animal Welfare Centre would like to thank all our Associates, collaborators, students and members, who share the same aim of improving animal welfare!
2. **Publication:** Katharine Ross' new publication has received media coverage from the [Vet Times](#); Ross, K.E. *et al.* (2025) 'The canine welfare, public health and environmental impact of systemic under-regulation within the UK puppy trade: A scoping review', *Animal Welfare*, 34, p. e72. [doi:10.1017/awf.2025.10046](https://doi.org/10.1017/awf.2025.10046).
3. **Publication:** MSc AABAW student publishes in the International Journal of Equine Science's special issue "Emerging Practices and Technologies for the Other 23 hours of Equine Management". Miggitsch, N., Naydani, C.J. and Lancaster, B.E. (2025) "Prevalence and Perceived Effects of Enrichment Elements in Outdoor Areas on the Behavior and Welfare of Group-Housed Horses", *International Journal of Equine Science*, 4(S1), pp. 17–28. [doi:10.64292/ijes.192](https://doi.org/10.64292/ijes.192).
4. **Collaboration:** The Animal Welfare Centre has joined Inner Mongolia Academy of Agricultural & Animal Husbandry Sciences (IMAAHS) and the International Cooperation Committee on Animal Welfare (ICCAW), SRUC and RSPCA International as collaborators in the International Collaborative Innovation Centre for Ruminant Welfare Science. The centre was launched in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, People's Republic of China on 2 November.
5. **BSAS Equine Conference (21-22 Nov):** Two online MSc Equine Science students (Abdulaziz Dharman and Catherine Bradley) are presenting at the [BSAS Equine Conference 2025](#) and MSc Programme Co-ordinator – Dr Victoria Lindsay-McGee is on the organising committee and Scott Pirie is a keynote speaker.
6. **Outreach:** Dr Gemma Pearson ([research profile](#)), presented at the European Veterinary College of Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation conference, Turin and delivered a workshop on low stress veterinary care. Gemma has also been working the King's Troops, applying behavioural principles to help horses perform their roles.

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