



# Tails & Tales

## Animal Welfare Centre updates

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Welcome to the Animal Welfare Centre updates, **Tales and Tails**.

We will provide regular (monthly) updates via email and socials. If you would like to sign up to the mailing list to receive emails to your inbox, please complete the [MS Form](#)

### Special focus: Clinical Animal Behaviour



- 1. New online course: The Evolution of Clinical Animal Behaviour.** Free. 6 hours of CPD. The course provides insights into establishing a career within the field, the benefits of working collaboratively with allied professionals and putting research into practice. Available from 17 April, includes three live sessions. Delivered by leading behaviour practitioners, including Dr Sarah Heath, Dr Loni Loftus and Dr Kevin McPeake. If you are working in a veterinary role, in the clinical animal behaviour profession or are passionate about animal behaviour and thinking of taking this interest further, [register now](#)
- 2. Award:** Hannah Crocombe, an undergraduate at the School, was one of two winners of the British Veterinary Behaviour Association (BVBA) Des Thompson Veterinary Studies Award 2026. The award recognises the commitment to the study of animal behaviour by students pursuing a higher education qualification at an RCVS-accredited institution. Hannah's submission included a statement detailing her interest in animal behaviour and why it is relevant to the veterinary profession.
- 3. Webinar:** In March, Kevin McPeake, Head of Behaviour Clinic and MSc CAB Programme Team delivered a webinar as part for the International Veterinary Students Association (IVSA) 74<sup>th</sup> Symposium which was hosted online. The topic was "Behavioural first aid in companion animal practice", teaching an approach to assess problematic behaviours and help veterinarians prioritise interventions such as ruling out medical problems, providing immediate management advice and considering referral to a behaviourist. There were 100 registered veterinary undergraduate delegates from different corners of the world, and the talk was delivered on behalf of the [European Society for Veterinary Clinical Ethology \(ESVCE\)](#) where Kevin serves as a committee member.
- 4. Online course – Animal Welfare in the Clinic:** 4-week online course. Aimed at vets, vet nurses, animal carers, and owners to ensure that the welfare of the animal is supported at every stage of the clinical visit (from transportation, waiting area, examination, operating room, and recovery)? Videos, checklists, resources and more - helping to make real-world impact in relation to animal behaviour and welfare in the clinic. Join anytime. 12 CPD hours. Week 1 free. Five-star review! Positive feedback received from a veterinary clinic in China "I felt that what we learned from the course was no longer just knowledge — it had quietly become part of our clinic culture". Find out more and register – visit the [course website](#)