



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](#)

1. **Webinar – recording available:** ‘Artificial Intelligence and Animal Welfare: Opportunities and Challenges of Emerging Technologies’ on 1 Oct 2026 with Dr JillMackKay is now available to watch. Find it on the [event page](#).
2. **Welcome:** A warm welcome to Hazel Roberts, our new MScR student, who will be researching the connections between agroecology and One Health.
3. **Empathy and Compassion in One Health:** We had a great time at the [Empathy and Compassion in One Health](#) conference, led by Professor Andrew Gardiner and the team at the Edinburgh Empathy Place. Several of our colleagues presented:

Katie Mellanby: Exploring empathy with final-year veterinary students through community and shelter medicine; Fiona McDowall: Veterinary nurses' involvement in euthanasia of companion animals and horses: is there a connection with PTSD and workplace-associated grief?; Sharon Boyd: The nature connection between us; Brian Mather: Virtual simulation and compassion in education; Katharine Ross and Izzy Terry: Development of the Edinburgh In-Patient Welfare Assessment Tool (IPWAT) to support the assessment of in-patient welfare and ethical treatment decision-making; Jill Mackay: Compassion for the artificial animal: how does genAI media impact One Health and welfare?; Sarah Brown: Mistaken intentions: interpretation of equine behaviour and its impact on the hoof-care experience; Sayoko Hamano: Sharing continuing bonds: pearl memorialisation after pet loss
4. **One Health in agrifood systems:** With our collaborators at Compassion in World Farming and ILRI, we published a white paper, [Unlocking animal welfare potential in implementing One Health solutions for livestock in agrifood systems](#), for the FAO Global Conference on Actions on One Health in Agrifood Systems. Dr Rebecca Doyle also spoke at a conference side event hosted by the World Federation for Animals and Compassion in World Farming.
5. **Policy for impact:** Katharine Ross and Izzy Terry hosted a workshop on *How to Use Policy as a Tool for Research Impact*.
6. **Seminar:** [Dr Anne Quain](#) from the Sydney School of Veterinary Science gave an internal seminar, *Mind the gap! How can we address blind spots in veterinary ethics?*
7. **Presentation:** Dr Loni Loftus, presented at the Fellowship of Animal Behaviour Clinicians Vet Q&A, ‘Clipping hell! – Tips for helping clipper-shy horses’. You can access the slides and watch the recording on their [website](#).