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NAVLE Q/A



Within a herd of 300 sheep several sheep between the ages of 1 and 2 years were observed lagging and acting depressed in late summer.

One morning, two of these sheep were found in sternal recumbency and died within hours. Necropsy of one animal determined the skin appearing bruised and blackened due to extensive capillary rupture subcutaneously.

Additionally the pericardial sac was filled with a straw-coloured fluid and excess fluid was found in both the thoracic and peritoneal cavities. The liver had grayish yellow, necrotic foci and flukes.

Given the above, what is the correct diagnosis?

- A) Tyzzer's disease
- B) Bacillary haemoglobinuria
- C) *Clostridium hemolyticum*
- D) Infectious necrotic hepatitis
- E) Blackleg

Answer: D

Editor's Welcome

Hello future doctors!! My name is Prashant and I'm your new MOOS-paper editor taking over for the lovely Carla Fletcher. Introductions aside let me personally welcome you to 2015 which is the end of the line for our 5th years and the first step in the journey that is vet school for the 1st years. I honestly wish you guys' good luck and advise you to not stress too much ☺ To commemorate this first day this week's MOOS is a little intro to everyone, myself included. This just helps you guys to know who's who in the MVSA.



Meet Me ☺

Prashant Selvakumar

Position: Communications Officer

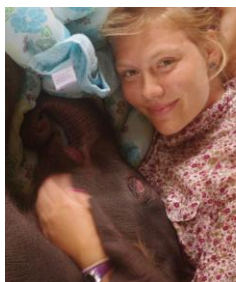
In all honesty I'm an oddball and I'm well aware of it ☺ I love to have fun and honestly don't take things too seriously, I love seeing people happy because it just becomes infectious, from one person's smile. I can be a tad pushy but it's just because I like having everyone on track. Importantly I never solely take over but rather equally spread out the work. Honestly I'm just a fun loving guy who is pretty easy to get along with ☺

Why did you want to become a vet?

One day I expressed my love for animals to someone and they said I should become a vet – which to my 5 year old brain, made sense what with vet's being animal doctors and all. So I dedicated myself to fulfilling my newly acquired calling and as the years have rolled by I've found myself loving everything medical, scientific and veterinary related.

Know your MVSA

So because this is a new year and we have a new MVSA I thought it'd be nice to get to know them a little bit seeing as you'll be seeing them a lot over the coming year. Thus, without further ado let's get to know your MVSA for 2015!!



Jess Diery

Position: President

I love yoga and cups of tea and horses.

Why do I want to become a vet?

I made the life decision to become a vet somewhere between the ages of 3-5 years old so honestly I can't pinpoint the exact reason. I guess I just loved my dog Lotto and my rabbit Snow Princess.

What do you hope for this year?

I hope to be happy and healthy. I know that sounds lame but over the past couple of months I've come to realise just how important those two things are.

TV Character you most relate to:

Emily Owens from Emily Owens MD



Caitlin Hutcheson

Position: Vice President

I am a very quiet person until you get to know me; so I can come off cold and unfriendly, but that's not really me so don't be afraid to talk to me or ask questions. I am hardworking and love to do things outside. I enjoy helping other people and being involved with groups at uni, obviously I am involved in MVSA but I am also the equine interest group president and on the bovine interest group committee

Why do I want to be a vet?

I have always had a passion for horses and I really enjoy medicine but people really gross me out, so I knew becoming a doctor wasn't for me! After high school I started working as a vet nurse on a standardbred breeding farm and I was absolutely hooked I knew I wanted to become a vet and I did everything I could to make that happen.

Biggest Fear: SPIDERS!!!

Sherrilynn Wakefield

Position: MVSA Treasurer (the order placer)



I suppose my physical profile would be something along the lines of: 166cms (at best), Female, Brown hair, Fair skin with freckles... Aside from that, my favourite past time is eating, I enjoy riding my horse 'Country' (yep, he came with that name) and I like to have a good laugh 😊

Why did you decide on vet?

I've always enjoyed problem solving, so combining this with my passion for large animals, improving animal health and production - Vet Science was a no-brainer. (Plus the opportunity to work outdoors and take my degree anywhere in the world was definitely appealing!)

The TV Character I most relate to:

You'll probably chuckle, Phil Dunphy. No, I don't make rash decisions like 'buying the last alpaca', but most of my friends could attest to the lame 'dad jokes' and inspirational quoting.

Jess Bowers:

Position: Secretary



I'm normally the one to break the awkward silence when a teacher asks for someone to volunteer to go first. I am easy to approach and generally try to bring happy vibes to everything, but this can be hard around exam time. When I'm not working or studying I enjoy going to the beach, snorkelling, rock climbing, going out in the city or making food

Why do you want to be a vet?

For me, being a vet was the way that I could bring together my love of science and understanding how a body works, and my total stubbornness in needing to understand and figure something out. I enjoy the mystery behind a set of clinical signs and the ability to use my knowledge to understand what's causing them and hopefully, help bring an animal back to full health. I also enjoy working with animals (sometimes: I mean some crazy cats that try to kill you do make you question the whole vet thing) and outside in the fresh air. So yeah, combining it all together made being a vet the perfect option.

If you could cross any two animals which would they be and why?

To be honest I really want a dragon so some kind of cross between a cat and a giant lizard which means I have my very own toothless would be pretty rad.



Name: Courtney McGrath

Position: Half of the Events Co-ordinator Duo

I am charismatic, fun-loving, approachable and friendly. Additionally, I am a loyal and trustworthy friend. I am, however, a perfectionist and a stress-head during exams

Why become a vet?

I felt it was the perfect career option for me. Medicine and science have always interested me but humans are gross. Naturally I have always loved animals and wanted to challenge myself intellectually.

If you could cross any two animals which would they be and why?

Polar Bear and a Golden Retriever – because that would literally be the cutest fluff ball ever.



Name: Zoe Devine

Position: Half of the Events Co-ordinator Duo

I am fun and outgoing, always up for a chat. I'm mostly chilled out, except when I become a crazy stress head around exam time! Planning is one of my specialties, hence Events Coordinator. I also enjoy sport, caring for my elderly dog and a cheeky beverage now and again.

Why did you want to become a vet?

I've wanted to be a vet since about six, thanks to the legends Dr Harry Cooper and James Herriot. Since I happened to be good at science and found animals to be amazing the career choice seemed a good one. Safe to say I didn't have a backup plan! ;)

What do you hope for this year?

To bring the students killer events that they will love, and getting to know as many people as I can. Passing is also a priority as usual ;)

Lucky Number: 5

MARCH/APRIL CALENDAR

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Wk 1	2	3	4 1 ST YEAR INFO AFTERNOON	5	6 SIG SIGN-UP DAY (TGIF)	7	8
Wk 2	9	10	11	12 HILL'S BUDDY DAY	13	14	15
Wk 3	16	17	18	19	20 VET	21 Camp	22 2015
Wk 4	23	24	25	26 SOUTH AFRICA TRIP INFO SESSION	27	28 Pub Crawl 2015	29
Wk 5	30	31	1	2	3 GOOD FRIDAY	4	5 Easter Sunday
Wk 6	6	7	8 Semester	9 Break	10	11	12
Wk 7	13	14	15	16	17 Mud V- Ball Exotic Practice	18 Exotic Practice Weekend (MACE)	19

MVSA
events

Semester Break

SIG events

EXAMS

FIFTH YEAR YEAR-REPS



Emily Swan

Most played song: Bastille - Weight of living Part 1

TV character you most relate to: Arya Stark

If you could cross two animals together which would it be and why?

Horse with an eagle...so then I could have a hippogriff like Buckbeak in Harry Potter :P



Tymon Yeo

Most played song: Slide Away by Noel Gallagher

TV character you most relate to: Paul Scholes

If you could cross two animals together which would it be and why?

A tardigrade and a red panda... for indestructible adorableness



Donna Scarparolo

Most played song: Moves Like Jagger - Maroon 5

TV character you most relate to: Robin Sherbatsky from How I Met Your Mother

If you could cross two animals together which would it be and why?

A horse crossed with an albatross. Hopefully it would turn out like Pegasus and I could use it to fly around.



Nicole Low

Most played song on my iPod: Holy Grail - JayZ and Justin Timberlake (TwentyForSeven cover)

TV character you most relate to: Franklin Turtle

If you could cross two animals together which would it be and why?

Slow Loris and cheetah. Can't imagine it, have to see it.



Laura Hickman

Most played song: Islands - The xx

Biggest Fear: Monsters in the wardrobe/under the bed

If you could cross two animals together which would it be and why?

Bird x teacup pig - because flying tiny pigs!

FOURTH YEAR YEAR-REPS



Carla Fletcher

Most played song: Regina Spektor "On the Radio"

Biggest Fear: Jellyfish

If you could cross two animals together which would it be and why?

Can I just have a dragon???



Katie Kreutz

Most played song: Send Me on My Way by Rusted Root

Biggest Fear: Planning on having roast chook for dinner then driving to Coles and finding they are out of roast chicken.

TV character you most relate to: Okay not a TV show but Captain Jack Sparrow

If you could cross two animals together which would it be and why?

An alligator and a peacock. Business in the front. Party in the Back.



Laura McLeay

Most played song: Hard to Concentrate by Red Hot Chilli Peppers

Lucky Number: 754

TV character you most relate to: Crazy Eyes from Orange is the New Black

If you could cross any two animals which would they be and why?

Orca cross Wedgetail eagle because those are the 2 things I want to be able to do: go underwater and fly.

THIRD YEAR YEAR-REPS



Gabriella Aspinall

TV character you most relate to: Probably Monica Gellar from Friends during one of her OCD moments

If you could cross two animals together which would it be and why?

I guess it would have to be an elephant since I'm obsessed with them (the elephant onesie I'm wearing in my picture is just the surface of my elephant themed collection..... and yes I am aware the trunk looks like something slightly more inappropriate sticking out of my head: don't even go there) and a cat I guess because I'm slowly starting to become a crazy cat lady too.



Dianne Wood

Lucky number: 26

What do you hope for this year?

I'm looking forward to passing semester 1 and diving into the clinical years...and hopefully remembering some of what I have learnt in the last 2 and a half years!



Caitlin Pickles

Most played song: Transatlanticism - death cab for cutie

TV character you most relate to: Seth Cohen

If you could cross two animals together which would it be and why?

Sloth and an otter (slotter) because they are both equally adorable and hilarious.



Mats Koelemij:

Most played song: Toxic by Britney Spears

Biggest Fear: Drag Queens

If you could cross two animals together which would they be and why?

A lion and an eagle because together they would make a griffon which are amazing!

SECOND YEAR YEAR-REPS



Luke Frichot

Most played song: Sonnentanz by Klangkarussell

TV character I most relate to: Leonard from Big Bang Theory

If you could cross two animals together which would they be and why?

Lion and Eagle - Because a griffon is only the coolest mythical creature ever!



Blake Ryan

Most played song: Hardknock - Joey Bada\$\$ 8

TV Character I most relate to: Phil Dunphy

If you could cross two animals together which would they be and why?

Polar bear and cat - when I was younger I always wanted a pet polar bear that was the size of a cat



Lu Wildie:

Most played song: I'll Kill Her by Soko

Biggest Fear: Someone pouring water on me while I'm in bed and the bed getting all wet and going mouldy.

TV character you most relate to: Scooby Doo

If you could cross two animals together which would it be and why?

A seal Pup and a Labrador Pup... because that would, legitimately, be the most adorable thing in the world



Crystal Ranelli

Most played song on my iPod: Ben Howard; Keep Your Head Up

TV character you most relate to: Definitely Clark Kent from Smallville; he also loves to wear his flannelette shirt ;)

If you could cross two animals together which would it be and why?

Well I'd like to cross an Elephant with a Piglet (definitely not for aesthetics, haha) but mainly because elephants are so chilled and majestic, whilst piglets are excitable and have so much personality :)

FIRST YEAR YEAR-REPS

Uh oh... we don't have any 1st year representatives yet...

Maybe one of you newbies reading this feel that the MVSA is something you want to be a part of (or maybe you just want a published platform from which you can control the world - who knows?). If this sounds like you feel free to come up to any of the lovely people I have introduced you too so far and they'll probably just point you to the MVSA office where you can sign up for 1st year rep ☺

The office times are listed below.

Monday	1:30 – 2:30
Tuesday	11:30 – 12:30
Wednesday	10:30 – 11:30
Thursday	9:30 – 10:30
Friday	10:30 – 11:30 12:30 – 1:30

PROCRASTINATION STATION

Welcome to your one stop shop for everything procrastinating you could ever think of. Here is where I will be showcasing the various ways one can procrastinate including baking, TV watching, YouTube videos and many other procrastiti-awesome ideas. However this week we have nothing to procrastinate from so instead let's procrastinate from procrastinating.

How you ask? Easy with this little quiz ☺ Answers are on the final page.

Procrasti-Quiz

- 1) What snake doesn't want things without buns?
- 2) Which movie that has come out recently was based on a Twilight fanfiction?
- 3) Name a famous character based on the animal on the cover page.
- 4) What are the Deathly Hallows from the Harry Potter series?
- 5) Atticus Finch represented (legally) which character from Harper Lee's To Kill A Mockingbird?
- 6) On the series Pretty Little Liars which character is found dead in the pilot episode?
- 7) Which aquatic mammal could be called the "unicorn" of the sea?
- 8) Which 5 muscles fuse to form the common calcaneal tendon?

VET SOS

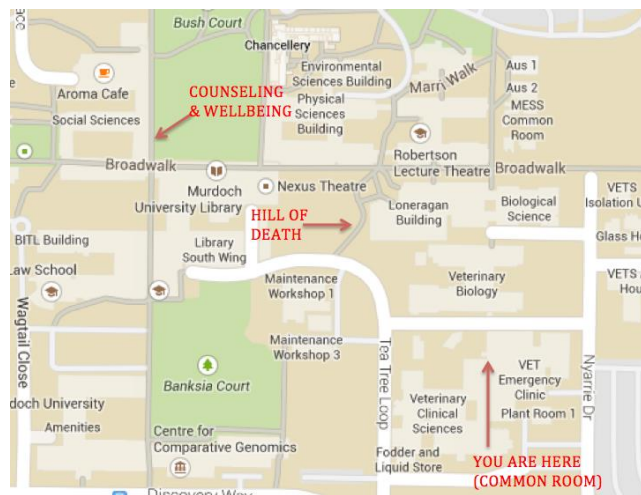
Student Oriented Support

Here's the thing: it's easy in vet school to teach students about nutrition by bombarding students with more than they ever cared to know about vitamins and minerals. You can teach students surgical skills by "see one, do one, teach one" (meanwhile they're up until 2am practicing suturing on half defrosted pig trotters). It's easy to teach students about professionalism by not coming to work hung-over or in last night's clothes. But how do you teach them compassion? About wellbeing? In the vet world of competitive type A personalities, it can be easy to forget to pay attention to yourself and others before your studies or work. But how can you be expected to relieve suffering and promote the health and great lifestyle of animals when you're not doing so hot yourself?

Our mental health and wellbeing depends on a range of things from our own autonomy, our relationships with friends and family, opportunities to relieve stress, etc. In 2014 we put out a few surveys, which indicated that vet students needed an advocate for mental health and wellbeing. Together with the MVSA, the goal is to give students the opportunities and skills to better themselves and colleagues whether it's pointing you in the right direction when you need help, having days and activities geared towards wellbeing and stress relief, or simply providing opportunities for you to get out and involved with more vet students: because healthy vets make for healthy pets (and yes that was the corniest line I could come up with).

First up will be Tuesday morning yoga specifically for vet students @ a gold coin donation (because no student has the money to pay \$25 for a class) and if you're a 1st or 2nd year come to Buddy Day on Thursday 12 March @ 4:30 in the Pergola to meet other students, play games, eat free food and win prizes!

If you or someone you know is having a shit time, need to talk about mental health issues, or are simply stressed PLEASE check out Murdoch's Counselling Centre



Kingsman: The Secret Service - Review



Starring: Colin Firth, Samuel L. Jackson, Michael Cain, Taron Egerton and Sophia Boutella.

Running time: 2 hours 9 minutes [129 minutes]

Filled with action, a plot to destroy the world and Samuel L. Jackson with a lisp! This movie fills in every classic spy movie mould and when coupled with a light comedic twist here and there it honestly makes for a perfect movie. The movie follows the story of a young English brat - Garry "Eggsy" Unwin (Taron Egerton) - who sees his life as the bottom of the barrel but makes the most of it in any way he can. After the weirdest police chase down the streets of London Eggsy calls upon an old acquaintance - Harry Hart (Colin Firth) for a get out of jail free card. Hart works for a secret spy agency - the Kingsman - and sees potential in Eggsy and so trains him for a life as a spy. Little did Eggsy know this was the first step that would lead him straight into a deadly plot by crazed climate change enthusiast Richmond Valentine (Samuel L. Jackson)! Honestly one the funniest, saddest, craziest and action packed movies I have ever seen - definitely a must see!!

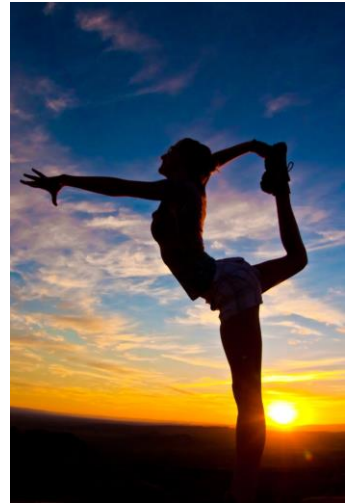
Rating:



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday Yoga:

Starting next Tuesday (the 10th) the MVSA is proud to announce the start of 7 am yoga classes. Costs are a gold coin donation, per class. So come and join up with fellow vet students as you work out and remove the stress of the week and get a great start to the day!



SIG Sign Up Day

To finish up the first week and welcome you guys to a new year the MVSA is hosting one of our amazing TG's where all the students can get together and mingle.

However this TG is special as this Friday is the day you can sign up for all the special interest groups (SIG) that have grabbed your attention or sound interesting/appealing to you. So come down to the Vet Pergola at 4:30 pm and enjoy some free food and drinks as well

Costs:

MVSA - \$50 (1st to 4th years); \$25 (5th years)

OVERALL ORDER!

\$50 MVSA, \$60 non-MVSA



ORDERS DUE BY: Friday March 6th



Come to the MVSA office for trial sizes!

Questions?

Email us: mvsaeng@hotmail.com

Quiz Answers:

1. An anaconda (Nicki Minaj song)
2. Fifty Shades of Grey (Honestly look it up if you don't believe me)
3. Timon from the Lion King
4. The elder wand, philosopher's stone and invisibility cloak
5. Tom Robinson
6. Alison DiLaurentis
7. Narwhal
8. Superficial digital flexor, gastrocnemius, gracilis, semitendinosus and biceps femoris



Bonus Question:

What is the name of the creature to the left?

The answer will be revealed next week.



Do you guys have anything you'd like to contribute to the MOOS? Perhaps some wicked snaps, an informative article, maybe even some wacky photos?

Or maybe you have some comments or thoughts you'd like to share?

If you do don't feel shy send them here:

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