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World Veterinary Day: 28 April 2007 – Celebrating our Diversity

“We are probably the only profession that understands the human-animal dynamic that exists to some extent in every community throughout the world. Our daily work involves actions and decisions that affect not only the animals we treat but also their human partners that live and work alongside them. No other profession understands the social implications, epidemiology of disease, biosecurity and public health issues involved.”
(Tess Sprayson, BVA Overseas Group).



Help in Suffering vet Dr Devi treating a camel in Pushkar

(Photo: Jack Reece)

Read the [BVA press statement](#) highlighting the global role of the veterinary profession and drawing attention to the launch of the BVA's Best of Care guide.

TAWS/BVA Overseas Association Seminar – 4 April

Read [the report](#) by Roger Connan on the seminar 'Towards lasting solutions to foot and harness problems in working equids overseas'.

Overseas travel grants 2007

This year's BVA Overseas Travel Grants are being awarded to:

David Mills (5th year, Cambridge) - Kenya

The on-farm welfare of Kenyan beef cattle: an assessment of the potential of developing countries to access niche high welfare export markets in the EU

Emma Pearson (4th year, Glasgow) - Tanzania

Raising community awareness about the importance of specific diseases in Masai cattle and helping to sustain an enhanced food security involving small scale poultry and goat production

Aniket Sardana (Intercalating in Zoology, entering 5th year in Oct, Bristol) - Brazil
Impact of extensive versus intensive cattle systems of livestock and environmental health in the Brazilian Pantanal

Kate Woolley (Intercalating MSc Veterinary Infectious Disease Control between 3rd & 4th year, Liverpool) – Tanzania
An investigation into the prevalence of tick-borne diseases of domestic dogs in the Serengeti region on Tanzania
with TAWS overseas travel grants going to:

Caroline Foalks (4th Year, RVC) - Mexico
Factors affecting the welfare of working equids in Mexico assessed using observational means

Patrick Sells (Final Year, Liverpool) - Morocco
Equid welfare in Morocco: a study of harness sores and injuries

The Donkey Sanctuary has selected one student so far for a grant this year: Lucy Meehan will go to Awassa in Ethiopia in July to work on a Trypanosomiasis project.

■ ■ ■ Recent additions to the website

Disaster Management update

An [update](#) on the BVA Overseas Group's Disaster Management Resource (Off The Record, January 2007).

Control of rabies in Jaipur

Jack Reece and Sunil Chawla's paper '[Control of rabies in Jaipur](#), India, by the sterilisation and vaccination of neighbourhood dogs' (Veterinary Record, September 16, 2006).

On a Mission: caring for working equids abroad

[Gigi Kay's article](#) (In Practice, February 2007) – of particular interest to would-be volunteers.

Work Experience Thai-Style

[Jacky Jonker's report](#) of her experiences working at the Noistar Thai Animal Rescue Foundation (Off The Record, February 2007).

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'Vaccinating for Africa' day – 10 May 2007

VETAID hopes that veterinary practices will support the 'Vaccinating for Africa' day by giving as many boosters as they can on 10 May and donating half their total income from the vaccinations to VETAID. For further information please contact the VETAID office mail@vetaid.org

Developing countries get open access to WIN

The Wildlife Information Network (WIN) is now providing open access to its information resources to people in developing countries. As of 15 March 2007, anyone who visits the WIN website – www.wildlifeinformation.org - from a developing country will be redirected to a free login page. From there, they will be able to access up-to-

date and fully referenced information on species, diseases, treatment methods and husbandry guidelines without restriction.

The Alliance for Rabies Control

The Alliance for Rabies Control (ARC) www.rabiescontrol.org was created in 2006 to alleviate the burden of rabies across the world by promoting and implementing rabies control, prevention and education programmes whilst accounting for animal welfare and conservation issues. ARC is spear-heading the World Rabies Day Initiative for 2007.

RCVS Trust Travel Scholarships

[Travel scholarships](#) are available for veterinary surgeons wishing to attend international veterinary conferences or pursue themes of clinical or non-clinical research involving short-term visits to veterinary or medical centres or research institutes abroad. The deadline for applications is 20 July 2007.

RVC scholarships for the MSc in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health

The RVC has six scholarships for the [MSc in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health](#) (by distance learning) for students from developing Commonwealth countries. The deadline for applications is 1 June 2007.

World Animal Health Information Database (WAHID) Interface

The [WAHID](#) Interface provides access to all data held within OIE's new World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS). It replaces and significantly extends the former web interface named Handistatus II System. A comprehensive range of information is available.

Gambia Horse & Donkey Trust (GHDT) - request for spare surgical instruments

The GHDT asks if any practices have any surgical instruments that they no longer use. With its expanding training scheme for veterinary assistants, the charity needs instruments to enable vets to teach simple surgical procedures. Please contact Heather Armstrong: gambiahorseanddonkeytrust@hotmail.com

Recent requests for volunteers

Kathmandu Animal Treatment (KAT) Centre – looking for volunteers

The KAT Centre, whose mission is to create within the Kathmandu Valley a dog friendly, rabies-free, non-breeding street dog population through an Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme, would welcome veterinary volunteers. For further information please contact the Manager, Khageshwar Sharma katcentre@wlink.com.np or visit the website www.katcentre.org.np

LASSie - Langkawi Animal Shelter & Sanctuary Foundation (Malaysia)

The Foundation urgently needs volunteer vets to help with neutering and general veterinary work at the sanctuary on the Malaysian island of Langkawi. For more information see www.langkawilassie.org.my or contact Narelle McMurtie on info@LangkawiLASSie.org.my

Munda Wanga Environmental Park (Zambia)

The park comprises a wildlife sanctuary, botanical gardens and recreational village, working in partnership with the Born Free Foundation and the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation on rescue, rehabilitation and release programmes. They run an international volunteer programme for experienced vets as well as students.

Contact: Kathy Burns sanctuary@zamnet.zm

Sub-Regional Animal Health Specialist (Fiji)

Applications are invited for the position of Sub-Regional Animal Health Specialist, Fiji. The closing date is 31 May 2007.

See: <http://www.worldvet.org/Topic5.html>

TOLFA's Project Raja Volunteers Scheme

Tree of Life for Animals' Hospital and Shelter in Rajasthan, India runs a scheme aimed at veterinary surgeons, students and nurses. [TOLFA](#) aims to create a rabies-free environment through sterilisation and vaccination of the enormous stray dog population as well as providing rescue, medical and surgical care for other animals.

University of the West Indies seeks a small animal surgeon

The School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of the West Indies (Trinidad) is urgently looking for a small animal surgeon. For further information please contact John Cooper NGAGI@vetaid.net or the SVM Director, Professor Adesiyun abiodunadesiyun@hotmail.com

Vet required for July and August – northern Morocco

A qualified vet is being sought to take sole charge of a mainly large animal (cattle, sheep, goats and equids) practice in northern Morocco! Unpaid but will provide transport, accommodation, animal health technician/driver/translator (from local Arab/Berber into French) and an amazing experience! For further details contact Michael Crane at michael@spana.org.ma

Worldwide Veterinary Service – requests for vets and VNs

WVS still needs vets and veterinary nurses for this year's training trips. For further information please contact Luke Gamble info@wvs.org.uk or visit the website www.WVS.org.uk

■ ■ ■ Reminders

Overseas Group session at BVA Congress

The BVA Overseas Group session on Friday 28 September, 'Vets in the Wider World', will focus on the importance of healthy animals to livelihoods in developing countries and will look at the contributions of UK vets working within local communities. The second half of the programme will consider the role of the vet in disaster management, looking at both 'natural' and 'man-made' disasters. Read more on [BVA Congress here](#).

4th Pan Commonwealth Veterinary Conference – November 2007

The 4th Pan Commonwealth Veterinary Conference takes place between 4 – 8 November 2007 in St Michael, Barbados, West Indies. The Conference is entitled 'Animal Health and Welfare: Constant Challenges for Veterinarians'. More information is available on the [CVA website](#).

29th World Veterinary Congress – July 2008

The 29th World Veterinary Congress 'Celebrate our Diversity' will be held on 27-31 July 2008 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. [Click here](#) for further information.

World Veterinary Association – news

For up-to-date veterinary news from around the world visit the [WVA website](#).