Animal Welfare Foundation
Discussion Forum

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Improving the welfare of animals through veterinary science, education and debate
I am delighted to welcome you to the 2012 Discussion Forum, which is my first as Chairman of the Foundation.

I hope that you will find the programme thought-provoking and entertaining. I am certainly looking forward to observing the presentations and discussions from a different viewpoint this year.

As always we have allowed a generous amount of time to answer your questions and hear your views on the topics. So don’t hold back. Although the Foundation does not make British Veterinary Association (BVA) policy, the outcomes of today’s discussions will be communicated to the BVA policy-making committees.

Based on previous feedback we know that delegates enjoy the chance to cast their vote on issues and this year you will have a chance to do so in the imaginatively named final session of the day ‘Is pro bono too close to the edge?’.

Three of today’s sessions are supported by the Norman Hayward Fund (NHF) which is earmarked for research into the disease and welfare of sheep, cattle and horses. In the last six years the NHF has awarded more than £1 million to research projects in the UK and this afternoon you will hear about two of these projects.

On behalf of the trustees I’d like to thank the presenters for supporting the Foundation by generously giving their time.

I hope that you enjoy the Forum and I look forward to welcoming as many delegates as possible to our joint reception with the BVA at the House of Commons.

Tiffany Hemming
Chairman
Animal Welfare Foundation
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Presenters

Carole Batchelor
University of Glasgow

Carole studied Zoology at the University of Edinburgh before going on to complete a Masters in Applied Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare. Her university projects included investigating the effect of weaning age on the behaviour of pigs and studying training regimes of dogs used to detect landmines. Carole is now in the final year of an AWF-funded PhD at the University of Glasgow. The principal aim of her study is to maximise the learning experience of veterinary students during pre-clinical farm placements, and in particular to promote awareness of welfare and ethical issues. To achieve this, Carole has created a novel self-directed learning tool to encourage students to ethically reflect on their experiences. Carole is also investigating ethical reasoning ability in veterinary students and practising vets.

Andrew Coe
College of Animal Welfare

Andrew graduated from the RVC in 1979 and undertook an MSc at the Centre for Tropical Veterinary Medicine, Edinburgh University in 1985. After working in practice he moved to Brazil to work for the Overseas Development Administration on a sheep development project. Returning to the UK in 1991 he joined the State Veterinary Service (SVS) in Scotland, where he developed an interest in farm animal welfare. He then spent three years in charge of the Falkland Islands Veterinary Service before returning to the SVS. He is currently a lecturer for the College of Animal Welfare at their Edinburgh Centre. Married with five children, Andrew lives on a smallholding in Scotland where he keeps sheep and a variety of other livestock. He is interested in animal welfare, conservation, and home food production.

Madeleine Campbell
Royal Veterinary College

Madeleine is the Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Fellow in Veterinary Ethics at the Royal Veterinary College (RVC). She is a European and RCVS Recognised Specialist in Equine Reproduction and the sole Partner at Hobgoblin’s Equine Reproduction Centre. Madeleine was the first Veterinary Surgeon to be awarded a Wellcome Trust Fellowship in Biomedical Ethics, and is using that funding to research the ethics of assisted reproductive techniques in non-human mammals. She also has an active research interest in the ethics of the use in animals in sport.

Jennifer Duncan
University of Liverpool

Jennifer is a veterinary surgeon and Lecturer in Livestock Health and Welfare at the University of Liverpool School of Veterinary Science. Her main teaching and research responsibilities are in animal welfare and sheep veterinary medicine. From 2004–2008 she was the BVA AWF Lecturer in Livestock Health and Welfare. During this period she developed and implemented the animal welfare curriculum at Liverpool which she continues to teach and develop to this day. She has taken over responsibility for the clinical sheep teaching which combines well with her research interests — she has recently completed a DEFRA-funded research project developing welfare indicators for sheep. She is currently working with other researchers at Liverpool on an AWF-funded project into the relatively little studied disease of Contagious Ovine Digital Dermatitis in sheep.

John Fishwick
Royal Veterinary College

John qualified from Cambridge in 1985. He spent five years in mixed practice before joining the RVC in 1990 to run the Farm Animal Practice. In 1997 he moved to Saudi Arabia where for over five years he was Senior Veterinarian to the world’s largest dairy company based in Riyadh. He is currently Senior Lecturer in Dairy Herd Medicine and Senior Clinical Tutor at RVC. He holds the RCVS Diploma in Cattle Health and Production and the Diploma of the European College of Bovine Health Management and is a recognised RCVS and European College Specialist. He is Senior Vice president of the BCA and a member of the In Practice clinical editorial board.

Robin Hargreaves
BVA Members’ Services Group

Liverpool graduate Robin entered mixed practice in Shropshire before moving back north to get married and work in small animal position in Leeds. His next step was to join the practice where he became a partner in 1989 and is still based today. He is one of 15 vets providing farm, equine and small animal services at four centres in East Lancashire. A former president of Lancashire Veterinary Association Robin has been a BVA member for over 25 years and is currently the Chairman of the BVA Members’ Services Group. A rugby fan, Robin captained Liverpool University Rugby club and on retirement from serious playing he coached mini and junior rugby for 14 years. Robin is married with two children.
Tiffany began her career in mixed practice before completing a thesis MSc, and subsequently a PhD, in epidemiology at the University of Guelph, Canada. She joined the Territorial Army as a Veterinary Officer and transferred to the Regular Army in 2000. She has been employed in several different roles in the UK, Germany, Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina and the US and commanded a medical squadron for two years which was deployed to Afghanistan in 2009/10. She is currently employed as a Lieutenant-Colonel in a policy position in Whitehall. Her particular interests in animal welfare science are in working animals, welfare issues caused by ignorance and using education to improve animal welfare. Tiffany was elected AWF Chairman in November 2011.

Alison Lambert
Onswitch Ltd
A well-known and thought-provoking speaker, Liverpool graduate Alison worked in small animal practice for several years before pursuing a business career with Hills Pet Nutrition and then MARS. At MARS she developed her passion for understanding consumers and why they do what they do. This apprenticeship led to the formation of Onswitch which today is at the leading edge of understanding what pet owners do and why they do it. Alison is also a visiting lecturer at Nottingham University Vet School covering customer understanding and sits on the RCVS communications committee. She has a son Alex, a cat Lester, a dog Luna and a long-suffering Husband, Donald. A huge Man Utd fan, Alison will talk for hours on this subject.

David Main
University of Bristol
David is the BVA AWF Reader in Animal Welfare and an RCVS recognised specialist in Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law. He teaches welfare science and ethics to veterinary undergraduates. His research interests include applied welfare assessment and improvement for a variety of species and maximising the value of animal welfare education. He is a member of the Food Ethics Council, the Soil Association Council and formerly Farm Animal Welfare Committee.

David Martin
BVA Ethics and Welfare Group
David graduated from Liverpool Vet School in 1997 and then joined the Brownlow Veterinary Group—a truly mixed practice on the Shropshire/Welsh Border first as an assistant and then as a partner where he continues to provide routine and emergency services to the practices wide range of clients. Over the last 10 years he has developed an extensive consultancy in animal welfare providing both first and second opinion advice and reports in cruelty and neglect cases to a wide range of clients including the RSPCA, Trading Standards, DEFRA and private clients. He also sits on BVA Ethics and Welfare Group.

Ben Mayes
BEVA President
A Cambridge University 1992 graduate Ben dabbled in small and mixed practice before returning to his Pony Club roots in equine practice on the Surrey/West Sussex border. This is now Mayes and Scrine Equine Veterinary Practice, an RCVS PSS tier-2 practice with purpose-built clinic facilities. He is a true equine general practitioner with clients from all disciplines of equine sport and is equally happy with routine call outs or in-house surgery. Ben is married with three children. He joined BEVA Council in 2006 and is the 91st president. With 1,500 members BEVA represents most UK equine vets. He heads up the welfare portfolio, Safer Horse Rescues, insurance matters, the New Grad programme, and now, as president, BEVA’s policy committee.

Siobhan Mullan
University of Bristol
Following graduation in 1997 Siobhan worked in mixed and small animal practice whilst studying for the RCVS certificate and then the diploma in Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law (AWSel). She gained her PhD in 2009 for developing practical ways to assess on-farm pig welfare through farm assurance schemes and continues working in this field whilst maintaining an enjoyably diverse set of research interests including recently the welfare of pet rabbits and tethered horses. She is a foundation diplomate of the European College AWSel sub-speciality (ECAWSBM-AWSel), and secretary of AWSELVA. Siobhan teaches veterinary ethics and has co-ordinated the In Practice series ’Everyday Ethics’ since its inception in 2006.

Carl Padgett
BVA President
Carl qualified in 1989 and spent six years in mixed practice in Worcester and the Cotswolds before returning to his native Lancaster where he became a partner in a mixed practice. His main interests are farm animal practice and proactive approaches to animal health and welfare, promoting strategic approaches to preventative medicine on farms. He is also actively involved in veterinary education and politics and was the Chairman of AWF for five years until November 2011. Carl is the BVA President for the 2011–2012 association year.

Becky Whay
University of Bristol
Becky graduated from the University of Leeds with an honours degree in agricultural animal science in 1994 and was awarded a PhD from Bristol University in 1998 following work to improve methods of pain relief for UK dairy cattle, a field in which she continues to work. She currently leads a research team within the Animal Welfare and Behaviour group which researches methods of assessing and improving dairy cattle welfare. She has recently been working with UK dairy farmers to reduce lameness in their cattle.
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