

FRIDAY STREAM 1 – ZOO

Conference Room One

Time	FRIDAY STREAM 1 – ZOO HEALTH		Abstract
08:00		Registration	
09:00		Welcome by the BVZS President	
	Session 1	ZOO HEALTH & NURSING (Chair: TBC)	
09:05	Adrian Nelson-Pratt	Plenary Talk Navigating the moral maze – Veterinary Work is Hard – exotics and wildlife work even more so	1
10:00	Tobias Debeuf	Standing sedation in elephants: comparing published protocols and practical assessment of sedation depth and quality	2
10:15	Martin Whitehead	Vitamin D in wild and outdoor-housed zoo Australian saltwater (<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>) and freshwater (<i>C. johnstoni</i>) crocodiles	3
10:30		MORNING BREAK	
	Session 2	ZOO HEALTH (Chair: TBC)	
11:00	Karen Archer & Sara Shoopland	Roundtable Euthanasia Methods in Invertebrates	4
11:30	Jen Quayle	Allergen specific serum IgE testing and immunotherapy vaccination as an aid to management of allergic dermatitis in a white rhinoceros (<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>)	5
11:45	Ian Ashpole	Management of an orthopoxvirus (cowpox virus) outbreak in a troop of captive zoo-housed chimpanzees (<i>Pan troglodytes</i>)	6
12:00	Phillipa Dobbs	Surgical and medical management of a gastrointestinal foreign body in a Sumatran tiger (<i>Panthera tigris sumatrae</i>)	7
12:15	Christa van Wessem	Retrospective analysis of mortality causes and co-morbidities in captive Owston's civets (<i>Chrotogale owstoni</i>) in UK collection over a 20-year period	8
12:30		LUNCH	
	Session 3	ZOO HEALTH (Chair: TBC) Sponsored by	
14:00	Jen Quayle	Veterinary considerations and practical challenges of moving wild camels (<i>Camelus ferus</i>) across the Gobi Desert	9
14:15	Ari Sallus	Reproductive success in female lions (<i>Panthera leo</i>): the effects of maternal age, parity, and contraceptive use on cub survivability in European zoological institutions (preliminary information)	10
14:30	Phillipa Dobbs	The impact of elective health checks on captive primates in a single UK zoological collection	11
14:45	Abdulrahman Idris Adam	An overlooked population of captive spotted hyenas in northern Nigeria: welfare and veterinary perspectives	12
15:00	Sarah Chapman	Masterclass Veterinary responsibilities under the Animal Welfare (Primate Licences) (England) Regulations 2024	13
15:30		AFTERNOON BREAK	
	Session 4	ZOO HEALTH (Chair: TBC) Sponsored by	
16:00	Evie Williams-Ford	Molecular biomarkers of cardiovascular disease in non-human great apes: a scoping review	14
16:15	Kirsty Doughty & Matyas Liptovszky	Development of a digital pathology algorithm to assess myocardial fibrosis in captive chimpanzees (<i>Pan troglodytes</i>)	15
16:30	Vicky Strong	Mortality patterns in zoo-housed bonobos (<i>Pan paniscus</i>): a 25-year retrospective multi-institutional review	16
16:45	Harriet Woodhall	<i>Echinococcus multilocularis</i> in a UK zoo-housed northern plains gray langur (<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>)	17
17:00		Concluding remarks & details on mentor mixer	
17:30		ICEBREAKER AND STUDENT-MENTOR MIXER	
18:30		Conference Aston Ground Floor Bar and Conference Aston Restaurant	



FRIDAY STREAM 2 – NURSING

Syndicate Rooms 144

Time	FRIDAY Stream 2: ZOO, WILDLIFE AND EXOTIC PET NURSING		Abstract
08:00		Registration	
09:00		Welcome by the BVZS Council Nurse Representatives	
Session 5		ZOO HEALTH & NURSING (Chair: TBC)	
09:05	Adrian Nelson-Pratt	Plenary Talk Navigating the moral maze – Veterinary Work is Hard – exotics and wildlife work even more so <i>Conference Room One</i>	1
10:00	Josie Nott	Masterclass Sink or swim: an RVN's guide to fish anaesthesia	18
10:30	MORNING BREAK		
Session 6		NURSING (Chair: TBC)	
11:00	Rebecca Davies	Masterclass Nursing considerations of psittacine patients	19
11:45	Catherine Basford	Masterclass Practical avian nursing skills masterclass: candling, egg repair and supportive care	20
12:30	LUNCH		
Session 7		NURSING (Chair: TBC) Sponsored by Veterinary Practice Hygiene Ltd	
14:00	Lauren Valentine	Reminder about Zebra Research Grant for Nurses	21
14:05	Matt Reed	A year of wildlife cases in first opinion practice	22
14:45	Emma Keeble	Nursing rabbits with head tilts: practical tips and physiotherapy techniques	23
15:15	AFTERNOON BREAK		
Session 8		NURSING (Chair: TBC)	
16:00	Sarah Gough	Zoo, exotic and wildlife nursing career insights	24
16:20	Catherine Basford	Roundtable Learning through experience, a veterinary nursing case roundtable in zoo, wildlife and exotic practice	25
17:00		Concluding remarks	
17:30-18:30	ICEBREAKER AND STUDENT-MENTOR MIXER Conference Aston Ground Floor Bar and Conference Aston Restaurant		



SATURDAY STREAM 1 – WILDLIFE

Conference Room One

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08:15		Registration	
09:15		Welcome by BVZS Conference Coordinator	
	Session 9	WILDLIFE HEALTH (Chair: TBC)	
09:05	Adrian Nelson-Pratt	Plenary Talk Navigating the moral maze – practical actions for you and your workplace	26
10:00	Rachael Amy McKinney	Indiana bones and the fractured skull: a case series on outcomes of skull fractures admitted to a UK wildlife centre	27
10:15	Joanna Reynard	Managing weight loss in a group of obese European hedgehogs	28
10:30		MORNING BREAK & POSTER SESSION	
	Session 10	WILDLIFE HEALTH (Chair: TBC)	
11:00	Xiao Wu	Anthelmintic efficacy against Crenosoma striatum infection in rehabilitating European hedgehogs	29
11:15	Yannick Van De Weyer	Lower respiratory tract disease in European hedgehogs (Erinaceus europaeus): clinicopathological and microbiological aspects	30
11:30	Matthew Rendle	Cold-stunned sea turtles in the UK: increasing awareness and improving prognosis	31
11:45	Dominic Phillips	The promotion of wild animal health, welfare and conservation through the application of health risk analysis to the wildlife rehabilitation sector	32
12:00		BVZS AGM & VIC SIMPSON MEMORIAL AWARDS	
13:00		LUNCH	
	Session 11	WILDLIFE HEALTH (Chair: TBC) Sponsored by VPG	
14:00	IZVG	Wildlife Pathology quiz	33
14:45	Beth Everson	From Bambi to badgers: are UK RVNs adequately prepared to nurse wildlife patients in clinical practice?	34
15:00	Ashley Clayton	Vic Award Winner Prevalence and management of enteric pathogens in European badgers (meles meles) admitted to a UK wildlife rehabilitation centre in 2025	35
15:15	Margot Morel	Epizootic Haemorrhagic Disease Virus serotype 8 (EHDV-8) infection in free-ranging wild ruminants in south-eastern Spain: clinical, pathological and molecular findings	36
15:30		AFTERNOON BREAK	
	Session 12	WILDLIFE HEALTH (Chair: TBC)	
16:00	Ellen Schoener	Vector borne diseases in European birds	37
16:15	Becki Lawson	Integrating surveillance & research to inform disease mitigation: How can we address the threat of finch trichomonosis?	38
16:30	Rachael Amy McKinney	Roundtable Building a Learning Culture: Implementing Morbidity & Mortality Rounds in Zoological and Wildlife Practice	39
17:00		Concluding remarks	
18:30		DINNER, QUIZ & ENTERTAINMENT Conference Aston Private Dining Area	



SATURDAY STREAM 2 – EXOTIC PETS & ZOO

Syndicate Rooms 144/145

Time	SATURDAY Stream 2: EXOTIC PETS AND ZOO HEALTH		Abstract
08:15		Registration	
09:00		Welcome by BVZS President	
	Session 13	ZOO HEALTH (Chair: TBC)	
09:05	Adrian Nelson-Pratt	Plenary Talk Navigating the moral maze – practical actions for you and your workplace Conference Room One	26
10:00	Annie Brogden	Roundtable Darting experiences: the good, the bad & the ugly	40
10:30		MORNING BREAK & POSTER SESSION	
	Session 14	ZOO HEALTH (Chair: TBC)	
11:00	Tom Ingleton	Dental disease in otter species kept in UK zoos and aquariums	41
11:15	Federica Fogli	Review of lipid keratopathy in Anuridae species under captive management at one zoological institution	42
11:30	Michelle O'Brien	Management of elderly flamingos part 1: assessing welfare and environment	43
11:45	Sarah Shopland	Management of elderly flamingos part 2: optimising health checks and managing age-related conditions	44
12:00	BVZS AGM	BVZS AGM & VIC SIMPSON MEMORIAL AWARDS Conference Room One	
13:00		LUNCH	
	Session 15	EXOTIC PETS (NTCAs) Chair: TBC Sponsored by	
14:00	IZVG	Wildlife Pathology quiz Conference Room One	33
14:45	Ronald Chung	A Retrospective Review of Histopathological Findings of Ocular Disease in Pet Rabbits in the UK	45
15:00	Amy Downey	A 5-Year Retrospective Study on the Prevalence of Renal Disease in Pet Rabbits	46
15:15	Yashu Modak	Corneal Ulcers in Rabbits: An Overview of Treatment Options	47
15:30		AFTERNOON BREAK	
	Session 16	EXOTIC PETS (NTCAs) (Chair: TBC) Sponsored by	
16:00	Sonya Miles	Collaborative Research in Guinea Pig Urinary Tract Disease: Lessons Learnt and Future Directions	48
16:15	Michaela Betts	A Retrospective Analysis of Treatment of Appendicitis and/or Sacculitis in 28 Domestic Rabbits	49
16:30	Tom Roe	Management of Bilateral Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Eyelids in a Chuckwalla (Sauromalus ater)	50
16:45	Tom Roe	Paraneoplastic Stomatitis in a Boa Constrictor Secondary to Splenopancreatic Neoplasia	51
17:00	Vicky Strong & Matyas Liptovszky	Roundtable The Future of UK Zoological Medicine Education: Preparing Students and Graduates for a Successful Career in a Changing World	52
17:30		Concluding remarks	
18:30		DINNER, QUIZ & ENTERTAINMENT Conference Aston Private Dining Area	



SUNDAY STREAM 1 – EXOTIC PETS

Conference Room One

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08:15		Registration	
09:00		Welcome by BVZS President	
Session 17		EXOTIC PETS (NTCAs) (Chair: TBC)	
09:05	Andrew Hale	Plenary Talk Whose Behaviour is it Anyway?	53
10:00	Emma Keeble	Recent Advances in the Diagnosis and Treatment of E. cuniculi in Pet Rabbits	54
10:15	Mark Marcello	Fungus in Black-Footed Ferret Lungs: Incidental Finding or Concern?	55
10:30	MORNING BREAK		
Session 18		EXOTIC PETS (NTCAs) (Chair: TBC)	
10:50	Mark Naguib	Masterclass Insert Scope Here – A Visual Tour of Avian Anatomy and Pathology	56
11:20	Agata Witkowska	Masterclass To Adhese or Not Adhese? A Masterclass in Abdominal Surgery Through the Eyes of a Strangulated Colon of a Female Pet Rabbit	57
11:50	Ellen Schoener	Masterclass Ants: Small Colonies – Big Problems?	58
12:20	Taiana Costa & Andrew Rich	Masterclass Scales, Tails and Tissue Fails: Getting the Most from Your Cytology and Histopathology Reports	59
12:50	Vicky Baldrey	Roundtable Management of the Small Pet Bird in Veterinary Practice	60
13:00	LUNCH		
Session 21		JOINT SESSION (Chair: TBC)	
13:45	Bev Panto	Position Statement Update	66
14:30	Josh Henley & Catherine Basford	BVZS Journal Club: Best Scientific Paper Award: "Investigations into fertility and hatching success of Humboldt penguin (Spheniscus humboldti) eggs at London zoo."	67
15:15	PRIZE GIVING AND FAREWELL		



SUNDAY STREAM 2 – STUDENT & NEW GRAD

Syndicate Rooms 144/145

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08:15		Registration	
09:00		Welcome by the BVZS Student/New Graduate Representative	
Session 19		STUDENT/NEW GRADUATE (Chair: TBC)	
09:05	Andrew Hale	Plenary Talk Whose Behaviour is it Anyway? <i>Conference Room One</i>	53
10:00	Josh Henley	Masterclass Rabbit and Guinea Pig Medicine for Your First Year	61
10:30	MORNING BREAK		
Session 20		STUDENT/NEW GRADUATE (Chair: TBC)	
11:00	Vigotha Tharmarajah	Masterclass Thrown to the tigers? A new grad's guide to zoo cases	62
11:30	Piers Seal	Masterclass You like the weird stuff, right? Pursuing Exotic Animal Medicine As a New Graduate	63
12:00	Helen Inzani and Carina Zilligen-Dalton	Masterclass Pain and post-operative care in avian patients	64
12:30	Emily Bertin	Masterclass Resilience Strategies in Post-Graduate Training	65
13:00	LUNCH		
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