Vet Fund
Newsletter Spring 2015 for supporters of Glasgow Vet School

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The Small Animal Hospital Fund
What your support has helped us to do

Many of the projects that the Small Animal Hospital Fund supports relate to improved treatment for our dogs and cats. However, our staff are sometimes called upon to treat other types of companion animals including ferrets.

Given their playful and inquisitive nature, it is hardly surprising that the domestic ferret is gaining in popularity. There may be as many as one million ferrets in the UK, vying with rabbits as the UK’s third most popular companion animal.

The Small Animal Hospital Fund has recently supported a project to help combat ferret coronavirus, a new virus affecting ferret populations worldwide. Along with studies into the virus itself it will also assist in providing up-to-date information and advice to ferret owners and their veterinary surgeons.

Small Animal Hospital in focus
Opening Scotland’s first dedicated seizure clinic

The management of canine and feline epilepsy can be extremely frustrating and cause owners significant levels of anxiety. The Small Animal Hospital has just launched Scotland’s first dedicated animal seizure clinic.

The support provided through the clinic aims to improve the level of support for owners and referring vets as well as assist with collating vital information that will help combat this disease in the future.

The Small Animal Hospital marked the opening of the Clinic with a public lecture on Idiopathic Epilepsy and its treatment. This lecture was fully booked but further lectures are planned. Please see our events section for more details.

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To find out more about Labrador Retriever Rescue Scotland, visit:
• www.lrrss.co.uk

The Weipers Equine Fund allow the development of better vaccination and treatment strategies to reduce the impact of equine flu.

Recent donations to the Weipers Equine Fund have provided generous support for one of our postgraduate students, Caroline Chauché (above).

Her work will investigate the complex molecular mechanisms by which equine influenza infects horses. It will be overseen by Dr John Marshall, Senior University Veterinary Clinician in Equine Surgery and Dr Pablo Murcia from the University’s Centre for Virus Research.

Little is known about how this virus adapted to horses from its origin in birds, so the support of the Weipers Equine Fund will allow the development of better vaccination and treatment strategies to reduce the impact of equine flu.

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Carolyne Poulton is recognised around the world for her passion of re-homing Labradors as the Coordinator for Labrador Retriever Rescue Scotland, and has helped find homes for around 5,000 Labradors throughout the UK. As a result of her work, Carolyne was awarded the British Empire Medal (BME) in 2014.

Carolyne is undertaking some fundraising for the Small Animal Hospital with a series of events including raffles and a ‘James Herriot themed’ event.

The events are being organised in memory of her mother who was an animal lover, and in recognition of the support Carolyne received from the Small Animal Hospital. Carolyne set herself a target of £1,000 and has managed to exceed it raising £1,100.

It is so fitting that Carolyne’s gift will be named in memory of her mother, Christina. Carolyne told us, ‘It was my pleasure to repay you all in a very small way for all the Small Animal Hospital has done for me in many ways’.

Pictured on the front cover of this newsletter is Carolyne’s beloved three year old retriever called Pilgrim, who also appears below alongside Emma.
Celebrating our pets

The annual service to celebrate the place of pets and companion animals in our lives took place on Tuesday, 2 December 2014 in the University’s Memorial Chapel. Over 120 people attended the service which included a mixture of poetry, song, singing by the Chapel Choir and personal reflections. The service also featured a performance by Heather Downie, clarsach player accompanied by Kirsty Duncan, operatic singer.

Stuart MacQuarrie, University Chaplain who led the service said: ‘Animals play a huge part in providing companionship and support. Because of this, they can help comfort people in times of distress. It is one of those Services we hold now where those who have a religious faith comfortably sit alongside those of a different or no particular belief system. It is about using the Chapel as a sacred space for all.’

To book your place at this year’s event, please contact Sarah Hunter, using the contact details opposite.
Providing the best care for our pets

Our purpose built Small Animal Hospital is one of the most sophisticated in Europe. Physiotherapy and hydrotherapy provided by our hospital helps our small animals recover from their illness or injury.

What’s on?

Small Animal Hospital
Public Lectures 2015
- How to keep calm and carry on when your pet seizures: a guide to Idiopathic Epilepsy and its treatment
  • Wednesday, 18 March 2015
  • This lecture is now fully booked!
- Minimally invasive procedures at The Small Animal Hospital
  • Wednesday, 21 October 2015
- Small Animal Hospital, University of Glasgow School of Veterinary Medicine, Bearsden Road, Glasgow G61 1QH
  • Doors: 6.30pm. Lecture: 7pm - 8pm.
  • Lectures include a behind-the-scenes tour of the hospital.
  • To book your place, please get in touch.

Annual GUVMA Rodeo
- Saturday, 18 April 2015
  • Glasgow Vet School, Garscube Estate, Glasgow G61 1QH
  • 11am to 5pm
  • Our vet students once again have a number of great events lined up from horse vaulting to duck herding.

Small Animal Hospital
Oncology Service Open Day
- Saturday, 25 April 2015
  • Small Animal Hospital, University of Glasgow School of Veterinary Medicine, Bearsden Road, Glasgow G61 1QH
  • 2pm to 4pm
  • An opportunity for clients of the Oncology Service to meet with clinicians and tour the hospital.
  • To book your place, please get in touch.

Royal Highland Show
- Thursday, 18 to Sunday, 21 June 2015
  • Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh EH28 8NB
  • Visit the Vet School’s stand at the Royal Highland Show.
  • We are situated in the Agriculture area on Avenue H (beside Ingliston House).

Annual Service of Thanksgiving for the place of pets and companion animals in our lives
- Tuesday, 1 December 2015
  • 6.30pm
  • The University Chapel
  • To book your place, please get in touch.

Further information
To find out more or to register, contact:
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Many of the bequests made to the Vet School are made due to family associations, and in the case of a gift received from Margaret Jean MacGregor, the family association goes right back to the early years of Glasgow Vet College, founded in 1862.

Margaret died in March 2014 aged 94 years and it was her wish to leave some money to Glasgow Vet School as her father, George Ogilvie MacGregor, had trained at Glasgow Vet College from 1879 to 1884 before embarking on a career as a veterinary surgeon.

The Glasgow University Vet School, as it became in 1949 when it was incorporated into the University, was delighted to receive a gift of £2,000 from Margaret in memory of her father. These funds were directed to the Small Animal Hospital.

The facilities available to our vet students in the days of George MacGregor may not have been as advanced as they are today, however, the underlying objectives of the Vet School remain the same; to provide the best possible experience for our students and the best possible treatment for the animals committed to our care.

Pictured: Glasgow Vet College circa 1920s.

Making a gift to the Vet School in your will

Throughout its history, the Vet School at the University of Glasgow has been the fortunate and appreciative beneficiary of many bequests from its clients, friends and supporters.

By making a gift in your will, you will help the Vet School to remain at the forefront of veterinary medicine by allowing us to support future generations of vets and the animals in their care, and contribute to pioneering future standards in animal treatment and welfare.

Gifts of all sizes are extremely valuable and make a lasting contribution to our work. You may leave a gift to benefit a specific area at the Vet School, or fund a piece of equipment, or you can direct your gift to where the need is greatest. Your gift can be made in your name, or in honour of another individual or a much loved pet or pets.

Making a gift in your will could also reduce your inheritance tax liability. Gifts left to charitable bodies such as the University are also tax exempt.

Further information

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Thanks to all our donors

Thanks to all those who made gifts to the Vet Fund from 1 September 2014 to 16 March 2015.

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  • The Estate of Flora Kennedy
  • The Estate of Noreen JE Scobie
• Silver
  • The Estate of Irene Forster Campbell
  • In memory of Christina R Sinclair
  • One anonymous donor

• Bronze
  • In memory of our beloved scottie Wallace
  • John W Armstrong
  • Sheba, Socks, Justy & Saskia Cox
  • Morag & Jim Lang
  • Saxo and Susie much loved pets
  • Susan J Wilson
• Noted
  • The Aird Foundation
  • Marilyn R B Bell
  • Victoria J Dymock
  • In loving memory of Simon, Merlin and Polly. Dr Helen Scclare

Weipers Equine Fund
• Silver
  • The Estate of Myra Leatham Hunter
  • Susan M Taylor
• Bronze
  • Christine A Clark
• Noted
  • In Memory of David Keane

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  • Professor Michael H Goldschmidt†
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† Denotes American Alumni of Glasgow University donor

Make a lasting contribution towards the care of sick and injured animals

By making a gift in your will to the Vet School you will be supporting future generations of vets and the animals in their care.

To find out more
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• or contact Sarah Hunter on E: sarah.hunter@glasgow.ac.uk T: +44 (0) 141 330 7145.
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2. I wish to support the University of Glasgow by giving to:

- The James Herriot Scholarship Fund in Veterinary Medicine
- The Small Animal Hospital
- Weipers Equine Fund

Making a gift in your will

- Please send me information about making a gift in my will

3. Making your gift

Making a single gift

- I would like to make a single gift to the University of Glasgow Trust of £
- I enclose a cheque / charity voucher made payable to The University of Glasgow Trust
- OR please debit my: Visa Visa Debit Mastercard Maestro

Name on card:

Card No.   
Start Date   
Expiry Date   
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Issue No.   

Making a regular gift by direct debit

- I would like to make a regular gift to the University of Glasgow Trust of £
- Monthly Quarterly Annually

I would like the payments to be taken from my account on the 1st 15th of (month). Please allow one month from today’s date.

4. Instruction to your bank or building society to pay by Direct Debit

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Address:

Name(s) of account holder(s):

Branch sort code: Bank / Building society account number:

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Please pay the University of Glasgow Trust Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with the University of Glasgow Trust and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank / building society.

Signature(s):

Date:

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