



Nose to Tail: MUVSA NEWS

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Hi Everyone,

It's been a busy month in vet school with calendar sales, the Equine Club Physiotherapy Conference, and of course the fabulous Mr. Vet. It's also the time of semester when assessments start to kick in so we hope you're taking good care of yourselves.

The newsletter comes out once a month during semester. Please feel more than welcome to write articles that you would like featured in the newsletter. Our contact email is:

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Thanks,

Rachel, Olivia, Anna, Emma and Colleen

Upcoming Events:

Saturday 7th May

High School
Stereotypes Happy
Hour

Friday 3rd June

Quiz Night and Last
Day of Lectures

Tuesday 14th June

Start of Exams

Friday 24th June

Start of Holidays!

Vice President's Report- Marc Herrmann

End of the 3rd week back already! Time is just slipping away. I trust you all enjoyed the great show of Mr Vet on Friday night. Those of you who missed out on tickets need to get your act together next year. The 3rd year reps Billy and Rachel did a fantastic job coordinating everything, well done you two!

Firstly, in the last MUVSA meeting we discussed what to do with the money set aside for the MUVSA gift to the student body. The MUVSA committee last year didn't actually give a gift so we had two years' worth of gift to give. Many people have voiced the fact that there are a lack of textbooks that are available to us students to use. Quite a few of the core or required textbooks throughout the 5 years are rather pricey so not everyone can afford their own copy. To make up for this MUVSA have given a \$1500 grant towards new textbooks. These will be found in the Massey Library. We haven't decided exactly what books this money will buy yet, so if you have any suggestions please get in touch with myself or Corey. We are hoping that each year MUVSA can put a bit of money towards these books so that in a few years we will have a really good collection of the key textbooks we are required to read.

We are also putting another \$1500 towards the Vet Ball to help pay for the new band that will be performing this year. It is a surprise who they are but I will say that they are an up and coming band from Wellington who have been having some big successes recently. We are sure you guys will be happy with them!

Finally, we have also bought a new speaker for the Bar as the last one needed replacing. Hopefully this will help fix the problem of lack of music at future events and we can pump some good tunes.

One final thing that needs clearing up; quite a few people suggested the gift should be a printer in the vet tower foyer. The reason this didn't get approved is because we already have colour printers in the Vet tower that we are able to use. These are located on the 2nd, 3rd and 6th floors and there is another one in Farm Services. Crazy hey!? This was news to me as well. So because we have all these printers we couldn't warrant getting another one in the foyer sorry.

That's all for now, have a good weekend. Get out there and enjoy the last of this sunshine!

Mr. Vet 2016

by Colleen Lynch

If there's one event which sums up vet school, it is quite possibly the prestigious Mr Vet competition. You walk in with a mixture of excitement and apprehension, and come out slightly confused, but definitely entertained. Mr Vet lived up to all expectations and even exceeded some, with a whirlwind mix of jokes, dubious outfits, and some truly out of the box performances.

The evening kicked off with a daringly hilarious introduction from our MC for the evening, the one and only Nick Cave. After that our hopeful competitors got right into it with a group performance. The laughs

started there and didn't stop for the rest of the evening, as the men of vet danced, sang, and performed for their chance at what is possibly the most sought after title in New Zealand.

I have to say, the quality of the performances was truly outstanding. Between an awe inspiring unicycle exhibition, a selection of the best Disney songs, and a diverse range of dance styles, there was something for everyone. But the highlight of the night was definitely the talent performance of our 2016 Mr Vet Champion, Marcus. Despite the valiant efforts and true talent shown by the other competitors, nothing could top the show stopping light performance which, to be honest, defies description. It had style, it had flair, and in the end, it was that performance which secured the title for the lucky winner.

No one can deny that this event was well worth attending. We have some amazing talents hidden in our midst, and all of the competitors truly outdid themselves. Of course, a huge thank you goes out to everyone who put time and effort into making this event happen, and to Preet, Physics Bill, Stefan Smith, and Nick Cave for adding their strange and witty flair to the evening. A champion has been crowned, and the only question left to ask is who will be next?



BVSc3 superstars Ben and Neil share an intimate moment



Our grand champion, the swashbuckling Marcus

Assistance Dogs New Zealand Trust

by Emma Bridgeman

Most dogs help their owners in some way - usually by either being a loving pet, or working for them. However, some dogs do both of these things at once; those trained by the Assistance Dogs New Zealand trust.

This trust "trains dogs to assist individuals and their families, whose lives are impacted by disability". This training takes about a year and a half, producing calm dogs who are comfortable in nearly any circumstance. Hence, Labradors are mainly used, due to their lazy and loveable predisposition.

Once trained, a suitable dog is then buddied up to an individual. For example, a child on the Autism spectrum. They gain responsibility over the dog, holding its leash as it accompanies them wherever support is needed. By making situations less stressful, it may enable the child's entire family to feel comfortable entering more situations. Of course, each client and their family has a dog trained for their specific needs.

Since the trust's beginning in 2008, 25 dogs have been fully trained. With the number of dogs in New Zealand sitting at around 700,000, there's certainly no shortage of dogs available! The only thing preventing the expansion of this service is the shortage of funding available to train and maintain each dog. To do something for this cause, this year 10% of the Vet Calendar proceeds is being donated towards Assistance Dogs NZ.

Aside from buying a calendar, you can find out more about how you can help Assistance Dogs further by heading to www.assistedogstrust.org.nz or liking their Facebook page Assistance Dogs New Zealand Trust.

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Equine Club Physiotherapy Conference

by Emily Chisholm

Last weekend the Equine Club ran a Physiotherapy Conference with Sarah Cruickshanks from VetPhysio. Sarah was an awesome teacher who was happy to share her knowledge and experiences to a roomful of eager students.

The day was split into three sections, with each section consisting of a lecture, a demo and some hands on stuff with the LATU horses. The talks were very interesting, and covered assessment of the whole horse, the importance of correct posture (she had us all crawling on the floor to demonstrate the effect of poor posture on movement), and some strapping techniques with regard to activating/deactivating muscles.

The demo's and hands on parts were probably the most useful. She showed us how to determine where and how something was wrong with the horse and which areas she commonly finds problems with. She then covered some basic stretches and clearly explained which muscles these worked, and what the normal range of motion was.

Everyone came away with a lot of new tricks, which I'm sure the horses will love. A big thank you to the Equine Club Committee for organising this event, looking forward to the next one!

