

# GUVMA GAZETTE

Glasgow University Veterinary Medicine Association Fresher's Gazette



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## Welcome to Glasgow!

### GUVMA President's Welcome

We are so excited for the upcoming year and to welcome the Class of 2025 to campus! Getting ready to start vet school may seem daunting, but there is so much to look forward to.

The Glasgow University Veterinary Medical Association (GUVMA) serves as student representation and coordinates professional, co-curricular, and social activities throughout the year. As your Co-presidents, we aim to enhance the accessibility of GUVMA's resources and to support students on an individual level. We want to assure you that a little social-distancing isn't going to stand in our way! We have already been working with our committee and the vet school staff to make sure that the campus will be as welcoming as ever with more than enough going on to keep you busy!

This Gazette will provide you with an introduction to the resources, clubs, societies, sports, and events that GUVMA can provide. You will also be greeted with a Fresher's Fayre during the first week of classes so that you can really begin to take advantage of all these opportunities! We also want to make sure you feel supported and excited as you transition to life in Glasgow, so if there is anything we can do to help, don't hesitate to reach out!

Your GUVMA Presidents,

Tess Johnson and Carlyne Ricardo

# What is GUVMA?

The Glasgow University Veterinary Medical Association is a collection of student representatives, clubs, and societies, which collectively serve to enhance the student experience here at the University of Glasgow, both professionally and socially.



From a practical standpoint, we have a committee who work to engage with all the students so that we can represent everyone's interest within the administration and the wider university. This contributes greatly to maintaining the sense of unity we have on the vet school campus. We all come together – students and staff, local and international, vets and biovets – so that we can achieve more!

It's not all about the academics, though! We have a huge range of clubs, societies, and sport teams to cover all interests! Some are co-curricular and let you supplement the course by learning about new species, hearing from speakers currently working in the field, or having the chance for extra hands-on experience. Others are more for fun – playing music, gardening, dancing, playing sport! GUVMA also has several committees which raise money for charity efforts within the vet school, the profession, and the wider community.

We also organise a number of big events throughout the year. In the fall, we go head-to-head with our rivals, the Edinburgh Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Medicine, in a sport day and pub crawl called Dick Day. Then in the spring, we don our evening attire for the annual Vet Ball. We even coordinate an entire month of daily activities for the vet school campus for a mental wellbeing campaign called Feel Good February!

## Why should I join GUVMA?

Membership in GUVMA allows you to have reduced entry fees to all GUVMA-sponsored events, vote in all GUVMA elections to help choose your representation, and sit on the committee/run in elections to help us continue to make this campus an amazing place! It is also a lifetime membership so that we can keep in touch with our alumni!

Membership form: <https://forms.gle/mS48351jELakj6k57>

Check out our **contact info** at the end of this gazette!

# IMPORTANT DATES

The **Freshers Fayre** will be held across two dates: **Wednesday, 23rd of September** and **Wednesday, 30th of September**. You'll be able to chat to representatives of all the clubs on campus over the two days and find out how to join various organizations and teams, and how to participate in all the activities you want to.

Keep an eye out on our social media pages for information about your welcome social event, the **Freshers Forum**. We look forward to seeing you!



# Meet the GUVMA Executive Committee Co-Presidents

## Carolynne Ricardo



Welcome to the Glasgow Vet family! I am Portuguese and American, and grew up in Brooklyn, NY. I left that city life for a few years in Vermont, and now I am a final year here at Glasgow! I still cannot decide what kind of vet I will be when I am out, but probably large or mixed practice. Nothing sounds better than being outside and on the road to see patients.

I have loved being at Glasgow, and although challenging at times, I wouldn't trade it for anything. I have been involved with the Glasgow University Veterinary Business Association, and been the President of the Student American Veterinary Medical Association Chapter. I also love playing rugby and play for the main uni and vet teams. If its not at a rugby match, you can find me hill walking with my wee pal of a corgi and friends. I love a good coffee and chat, a pint, or just being in my quiet study nook at home or the library. I am super excited to welcome you all to Glasgow and GUVMA.

Feel free to say hello if you see me around or shoot me a message if you need anything! Glasgow is the most supportive community you could have become a part of, and at the other end you will make a cracking vet too. I hope you get involved in some of the organizations in this Gazette, or at main uni during your time.

## Tess Johnson

Hello, Class of 2025! I am originally from the United States, having bounced around quite a bit for school and jobs, but I thrive in Minnesota with the snow.

My first four years at Glasgow have helped me appreciate all the species more, but my heart is still with the smallies. I became involved with GUVMA my first week on campus, having served as a class representative for 4 years and sat on the committee for the Veterinary Business Management Association (GUVBA).

I am currently involved with the Glasgow Vet LGBTQ+ Society, the Peer Wellbeing Supporters, and the Diversity & Inclusion staff committee. I enjoy camping, any book about trees and will talk to you for as long as you want about space or my appreciation for barrel-aged liquors.



# Meet the GUVMA Executive Committee Secretary

**Luke McBlain**

Hello and a big warm welcome to the Glasgow Vet Family! I'm Luke and i'm a 3rd year Scottish student originally from Ayrshire on the West Coast. Most of the vets back home are Mixed Practice so having had most of my experience with them I feel that's what excites me most. I do have a keen interest in wild animals , more specifically marine mammals so I'd like to get involved in work with them at some point in my life.



Glasgow is my favourite place ever. It honestly is just amazing. Whilst your time here be sure to explore what it has to offer and go see the beauty of the rest of Scotland. When not at the vet school or in the west end I spend my time either climbing munros, running or working part time.

Vet school life is honestly so fun! The nights outs and events we offer are nothing like the rest of the ones the other courses at Glasgow have! We are one big family and love a bit of friendly competition with the other unis!

There's so much to get involved in at university, take advantage of these opportunities as they make your experience so unique! I'm the AVS (Association of Veterinary Students) Senior Rep so you'll hear more about us during freshers week and i'm also the Student Council Rep for the Vet School which consists of me going to main campus and representing Garscube on everything student related.

If you see me around come say Hello! If you have any questions at all drop me a message or email! See you soon!

**Treasurer**  
**Rachael Cowan**



Hello everyone and welcome to Glasgow Vet School! My name is Rachael Cowan and I'll be serving as your Treasurer this year. I'm a third-year student from Victoria, BC, Canada. I've been involved with GUVMA from my first year as class representative for my year, as well as part of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association committee. I really enjoy the variety of social and academic clubs on offer here, and how that makes it possible to explore different interests outside of the classroom.

I still haven't decided what kind of vet I'd like to be, but I still have a few years to make up my mind right? This year might be a bit of a different one for all of us, but I look forward to going through it with you and welcoming you into this community however we can. Don't be shy to shoot me a message or flag me down on campus for any of your club-related financial needs.

# Meet your GUVMA Committee

## Hang on, its a big group!

### Co-Presidents

Tess Johnson and Carlyne Ricardo

### Secretary

Luke McBlain

### Treasurer

Rachael Cowan

### BVMS 1 Class Reps

This is a space for two of you!

### BVMS 2 Class Reps

Annie Chappell and Madeline Woolf

### BVMS 3 Class Reps

Rachael Cowan and Annie McGilvray

### BVMS 4 Class Reps

Sophie Drury and Karen Riebsame

### BVMS 5 Class Reps

Naomi Hunter and Tom Maxwell

### Social Reps

Bronwyn McSeveney and Emma Topely

### Sports Reps

Rory Jack and Elliot Jessamine

### PR Rep

Jennifer Barclay

### IT Rep

Kiera Hayton

### Food Representative

Mary Elizabeth Ward

### Shop Senior Manager

Sally Poole

### Shop Junior Manager

Morgan Bass

### Welfare Representative

Peer Support Committee

### AVS Senior

Luke McBlain

### AVS Junior

Sophie O'Hare

### Big Vet Wee Vet Coordinators –

Siobhan Byrne, Grace Hipkind, and Leo Johnston

### SRC Representative

Luke McBlain

### Royal Canin Senior Ambassador

Sally Poole

### Royal Canin Junior Ambassador

Taylor Wilson

### BSAVA Senior and Junior Representatives

Nathan Ferguson and Gareth Marchon

### Clinical Club Senior and Junior Representatives

Emily Cheadle and Demi Leigh Zybilowicz

### CVMA President and Vice President

Cara Loney and Elizabeth Scaife

### GASPS Co-Presidents

Leo Johnston and Mackenzie Woods

### GECHO Co-Presidents

Miriam Flock and Connie Rafferty

### GEVS President and Vice President

Rebecca Palmer and Kaitla Wildblood

### GFAVS President and Vice President

Jessica Hannay and Catriona Hoy

### HSVMA President

Mackenzie Deak

### IVSA Senior and Junior Representatives

Catherine Ross and Mary Elizabeth Ward

### One Health Senior and Junior Representatives

Mary Elizabeth Ward and Victoria Sichler

### Pathology Club President and Vice President

Christine Koenig White and Samantha Polk

### Rodeo Convenors

TBD

### SAVMA President and President-elect

Stacia Deal and Katarina Fielding

### SAIN Co-Presidents

Amber Best and Emma Cannon

### Trusty Paws Secretaries

TBD

### GUVBA President

TBD

### Vets Without Borders

TBD

### GUVZS President and Vice President

Abby Henry

### VetGEMS President

Jen Jen Yu

### WVLDI President

Rebecca Palmer



# COVID-19 Update

**How things might be different, but support and community will be the same**

## Challenging Times

The GUVMA Committee is working tirelessly this summer to find new and creative ways of providing this years Freshers with an equally awesome experience coming into vet school. We love to boast our pub crawls and social events because they are always great evenings with great shenanigans and subsequent headaches. We do work and study hard as a university, but we work really hard to have balance. That balance provides those tales you will recount time and time again.

As we all know, COVID-19 has impacted everyone's way of life and learning. Undoubtably this year will bring challenges, but every student and faculty at the University of Glasgow is here to support you on your way. This community prides itself on being a family, holding each other up, and cheering each other along.

That won't change.

Those close-knit gatherings at pubs, clubs and theaters might have to hold off for the time being, but we will ensure that you feel supported and welcomed at the vet school. We will get creative... don't you worry!

Whether you're from really close, or from the other corners of the globe, please reach out if you need anything while trying to coordinate your journey to your new home in Glasgow, and once you are here. We can't wait to welcome you in a safe and fun way.

If you made it this far through the Gazette, congratulations! There's loads to come!

Can't wait to see you all very soon!!

Congratulations Class of 2025, here is your starting line. Go!

*Your GUVMA Executive Committee &  
GUVMA Committee*



# Getting Around Garscube Campus

During Fresher's Week, and in the coming weeks on campus, you will get to know all of these places. Here's a quick snapshot of the important ones to know.

**McCall Building**



**The Mary Stewart Building (MSB)**



**GUVMA Shop**



**The James Herriot Library**



**Weipers Centre**



**The Small Animal Hospital**





# Getting Around

## Gilmorehill Campus

The vet school is based on the Garscube Campus but the main university and a lot of the main university services are based on the Gilmorehill Campus in the West End. Below are a few of the main buildings worth noting:

### University Library



### The Fraser Building



### McIntyre Building



### The "Stevie" Stevenson Gym





# Work Hard, Play Harder

**Glasgow  
University  
Union (GUU)**



**Queen Margaret Union  
(QMU)**



**Sanctuary**



**Old School House**



# Socials

## Social Reps: Bronwyn McSeveney & Emma Topley

Here at Glasgow, the motto “Work hard, play hard” is one we live by. We pride ourselves on being the vet school that has the most fun and vet school social events are a great way to help you get to know everyone. So here’s a “quick” summary to give you an idea of what to expect!

The **Welcome Back Party** kick-starts the year with a fancy dress theme and the chance to get to know (or drunkenly embarrass yourself in front of) as many people at vet school as you can! And if DIY fancy dress wasn’t embarrassing enough, at the **Welcome Back Ceilidh** everyone can show off their two left feet and inability to remember a full ceilidh dance start to finish. In the true Scottish way, there is guaranteed to be dizziness, kilts, and a sore head in the morning.

Vet school **Halloween** is another chance to show off your creativity/ability to form a costume 10 minutes before pre’s with only a fiver to work with...when does SAAS come in again? From tutu’s to leggings and whiskers (mostly from the boys), anything goes!

This should manage to keep you entertained until February, with one of the biggest weekends in vet school – The **Weekend of Dreams**. The weekend starts off with **Mr Vet School**, a form of beauty pageant... Involving semi-nudity and some questionable talents (which range from singing to stripping). Then **Old Boys/Girls** which will give you the chance to meet and play sports against past students, followed by a classic night out in Sanctuary. Then on the Saturday night is **Vet Ball**, where everyone powers through their hangovers and attempts to scrub up for a night of dinner, drinking and dancing!

Towards the end of the year, if you haven’t already embarrassed yourself enough, **Revue** gives you a chance to relive some of your finest moments as you look back at the great year you have had. Basically just an opportunity to get back at that friend you’ve had to carry home from every night out.

As a nice break from exams we have **Rodeo!** Use the fact that the money raised goes to charity as an excuse for a revision break. A great day out with tons of activities. As first years you will get the opportunity to volunteer to help out, either with car parking or at the various stalls. The **Rodeo Sub-Crawl** is also great fun, which essentially involves riding the subway wearing a cowboy hat and gradually going from tipsy to just plain drunk.

Finally, we have **Final Fling**. Where you’ll party the night away in a marquee to give the final years a big send off on the day they get their results. A great way to celebrate being done with exams!

As you can see there is a busy year ahead of you. We hope you take as many opportunities as you can to relieve the stress of the degree and enjoy of all that vet school has to offer. Looking forward to seeing you all in September!!

Note that this summary does not prepare you for the countless nights you will end up in Sanctuary or HIVE, wondering how you got there but having a great time nonetheless.

Your lovely social reps,  
Bronwyn & Emma





# Socials



Vet Ball Tickets: Feb 2020



One of many events held by clubs in GUVMA where there is free food involved!



Annual dodgeball in the indoor horse arena



FeelGood February, where there is literally an event daily! (This one is Freebie Friday)



Mr. Vet School, the first night of the Weekend of Dreams!



A tense moment on the pitch for Men's Football... penalties on Dick Day



# Sports

## Sports Reps: Elliot Jessamine and Rory Jack

Hey everyone, it's Elliot and Rory here, your 2020-21 sport reps! It's our duty to organise all things sport which includes: Dick Day, freshers sports fair, dodge ball tournaments and a Glasgow Vet Sports Day! We really encourage you to join as many vet sports as you can as it's a great way to meet people - old and new!!

Dick Day is probably the most important day in the sporting calendar where we take on Edinburgh Royal (Dick) Vet School with the ultimate goal to thrash the dick vets on the pitch and show them who can party harder with a Pub Crawl and party afterwards. The hosts alternate each year, and for your first year it's in the almighty Glasgow!

We look forward to meeting you all whether it's on the playing field or at the social afterwards.

### Full list of the Vet Sports Clubs for 2020-2021:

- Woman's Netball
- Men's Football
- Woman's Football
- Mixed Hockey
- Men's Rugby
- Women's Rugby
- Riding Club
- Mixed Lacrosse (*not competed at Dick Day*)
- Taekwondo (*not competed at Dick Day*)
- Muay Thai (*not competed at Dick Day*)
- Weightlifting (*not competed at Dick Day*)
- BVM\$ (Dance) Crew (*not competed at Dick Day*)

Your Sports Reps,  
Elliot & Rory



# Sports

Take a peak at some of the teams you can join!



# Important Affiliations

**Staying connected to the profession, locally, nationally, and internationally!**

## **SRC: Students' Representative Council**

The Glasgow University Students' Representative Council is there to support students and ensure their time is as enjoyable, safe and interesting as possible! Students on the SRC range from class representatives, through to council and executive members who ensure that the interests and views of Glasgow's diverse student body are addressed at all levels throughout the university, and externally at the government level.

There is a huge range of services provided by the SRC, including Flatshare, Jobshop, Secondhand bookshop, nightline, and opportunities for all the affiliated clubs and societies on campus. You will be able to explore everything the university has to offer at Freshers Week 2020 in September, but for now see everything they have to offer here: <https://www.glasgowstudent.net/>



## **AVS: Association of Veterinary Students**

The Association of Veterinary Students seeks to represent, support and engage veterinary students throughout the UK & Ireland. It is a student-run organisation FOR students, to promote well-being and provide an opportunity for students at all vet schools, and providing a voice for vet students.

You will most likely hear about AVS Weekend once you get on campus... it is a weekend-long sporting and drinking affair where the vet schools gather at that year's hosts city for games, pub-crawls and general horsing about in themed fancy dress.

Be quick, tickets go fast!

Find out more information at: <http://www.avsukireland.co.uk/>





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## **Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA)**

On a national level, SAVMA represents student interests to the AVMA and US government while also promoting cooperation and partnerships between all AVMA accredited vet schools in the world. As an example, SAVMA was integral in securing professional mental health support as a requirement for accredited vet schools! Locally, we host wetlabs and practicals to brush up on clinical skills you're learning in lab, or introduce interesting skills you won't get in class, like Artificial Insemination and Farrier skills!

Our goal is to support you in every aspect of vet school, by providing professional development and social events, as well as, provide scholarships to cover traveling for EMS placements, or attending veterinary conferences. Also providing the opportunity to network with SAVMA members in the UK, Canada, United States and more!

Membership for the entirety of your veterinary school career will make you eligible for £500 worth of scholarships from our chapter, and \$30,000 worth of scholarships awarded by the national SAVMA each year! SAVMA membership also provides free liability insurance if you're undertaking EMS placements in the US, as well as countless other resources! There are plenty of post-graduate benefits you will get from the AVMA as well. That is membership that more than 60% of Glasgow Uni Vets are already a part of!

If you needed an excuse to travel, your SAVMA membership gets you membership to the IVSA (International Veterinary Student Association) that has yearly conferences and congresses across the globe, where veterinary students from every corner of the earth meet to discuss One Health, Veterinary Education, Conservation, and so much more!

So why not join us today? We're here to help you!  
Ask our committee question at the Freshers Fayre!

Find us on...

Instagram @savma.glasgow

Facebook @glasgowunisavma



*Welcome to Glasgow!*

Your UofG SAVMA Committee



# Clubs and Societies

There are plenty to get involved in!

## British Small Animal Veterinary Association

The BSAVA is a national organization that hosts CPD (Continued Professional Development) events, a huge annual Congress, and creates lots of small animal content for Vets and Students alike! You will become a fan of the BSAVA Manuals in the Library very quickly.

We also plan a Congress just for YOU each year at Glasgow! It is full of lectures and labs that previous students really enjoy.

We can't wait to meet you!

Your BSAVA Congress Committee



## Clinical Club

Welcome to Glasgow Vet School! Let me introduce you to Clinical Club!

Clinical Club is the longest running provider of extra-curricular lectures at Glasgow Vet School. We bring in guest speakers to give fantastic talks on areas of small animal medicine that will help broaden your knowledge.

The talks are completely free to attend and there are a couple of talks each term. Afterwards, we hold a wee social gathering which is a great opportunity to meet other students and chat to the guest speakers and as always, we have FREE pizza! We're still in the process of lining up talks for the semester. Keep an eye out for us at the Freshers Fayre and we'll also send out emails before talks to keep you updated. We look forward to meeting you, and hope you enjoy your time at vet school.

Clinical Club,

Emily Cheadle & Demi Leigh Zybilowicz



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## Canadian Veterinary Medical Association

Oh hey, wait a second!

Before you glance over this and think to yourself, “I’m not Canadian so why would this club be for me?” Let me quickly tell you about the 2018/2019 Uni of Glasgow Vet School Club of the Year.

“But I’m not Canadian?” Doesn’t matter!



Much like the Great White North we are an entirely inclusive club boasting members from all over the globe. We host talks, webinars and labs from veterinary professionals around the world. Our talks span topics such as women in business, sports therapy for dogs, one health and so much more. Our topics are purposely made to have an international scope to give our members the most immersive and complete education possible, no matter where you decide to practice.

Never fear though, as Canadians we know how to throw back some maple syrup shots and go pucks deep on a night out. As a good measure of work-life balance, we host a wide array of socials from our coveted Barn Dance, legendary Christmas Karaoke bar crawl, Ice hockey nights and plenty more. We also like to give back to the community and help those in need by organising our annual Charity Ball Hockey tournament, because we wouldn’t be truly Canadian if we didn’t lend a helping hand.

If you are still unsure about us here are some reviews:

“I really enjoy the talks and socials” - my pal

“Canada club is truly a club for everyone” - Justin Trudeau

“Raaaaaaawwwwr” - a Grizzly Bear

So come on over and find us at the Freshers Fayre, we will be the ones with the smiles and toques.

We can’t wait to meet you!



## Glasgow Ecological & Conservation Health Organization

Glasgow Ecological and Conservation Health Organization, has something for everyone. We organize bird watching walks, bat walk and talks, lectures, documentary nights and other events revolving around ecology and conservation. We also do field trips and social nights, as well as maintain the vet school garden for all to enjoy!

Membership is FREE so be sure to check us out at Freshers Fayre and find us on Facebook!

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### Glasgow Equine Veterinary Society

Glasgow Equine Veterinary Society is for anyone remotely interested in equine medicine - whether you want to be the next BEVA president, have your sights set on mixed practice, or just want to be a bit more clued up before you meet a horse on EMS. GEVS events are open to everyone, with no membership required, and the majority of our talks and events are free to attend. As a society, we have loads of things coming up over the next year, including talks from top equine vets, practical sessions and day workshops to get you up to scratch on those all important day one competencies, as well as the return of our very popular and successful charity race night - all fueled by lots of free pizza!



We also have a really good network system with the other UK vet school's equine veterinary societies, with an annual Student Equine Veterinary Association symposium weekend in January which is open to all vet students and features 2 days of talks, practicals and a Saturday night ball (which was held at Aintree last year) making it a weekend to get on your calendar! We also have strong links with the British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA), who kindly sponsor some of our talks and send us some of the best vets in the business as well as giving us an opportunity to sign up for a reduced student membership.

This year there's a group of Glasgow students who will be heading to steward at the 4 day long BEVA congress, an event attended by vets from all across the globe, so this is another area that you can get involved in through GEVS. We also have lots of new and exciting ideas in the pipeline for the upcoming year, so be sure to join our Facebook group and look out for posts from your GEVS year rep. Freshers, we'll be looking to recruit one of you to our fun committee as the GEVS first year rep, so make sure you come to our stand at the Freshers Fayre to find out about how to apply! We will also be selling our popular GEVS polo shirts and fleeces throughout the year which are perfect for EMS, so keep a look out for details on those too.

Hope to see you all at a GEVS event soon, remember to join the GEVS Facebook group to keep you up to date!

### Glasgow Farm Animal Veterinary Society



GFAVS is Glasgows Farm Animal Veterinary Society. We aim to provide additional teaching and information for students who want to go into farm practice to complement material taught in lectures. This is achieved through various talks, trips and practicals, which are held throughout the year.

Previous talks have covered topics such as pneumonia, anthelmintics, and calving cows, as we try to cover the common and important issues faced in farm animal practice. All of our events will be promoted on our facebook page and via email.

FAVS Congress is an event held in February each year and is a brilliant weekend for socialising with farm animal enthusiasts from other vet schools. It consists of lectures and practicals during the day with a dinner dance on the Saturday night. GFAVS welcomes everyone with an interest in farm animals and we look forward to meeting all the new freshers at the Fayre!



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## Glasgow University Veterinary Business Alliance

Originally founded as a Chapter of the USA based Veterinary Business Management Association (VBMA), we are now a part of the European based Veterinary Business Alliance, which seeks to advance veterinary student knowledge in such areas as finance, management, and personal career development.

We also intend to promote professionalism and networking skills and help students work towards earning certificates in Veterinary Business. We hold talks given by mostly external speakers and hope to hold another Symposium so you can finish an entire certificate in a jam-packed weekend!

Like our Facebook page @VBA Glasgow Chapter for more information on our upcoming events.



## Glasgow University Veterinary Zoological Society

GUVZS is a club that organizes guest lecturers and practicals related to zoo, exotic and wildlife veterinary medicine. At our talks there is always wine, cheese and other snacks! We also provide information about many different EMS opportunities in these areas. If you would like the opportunity to learn more about zoo, exotic and wildlife medicine then please join GUVZS!

Remember to join the GUVSZ-Glasgow University Veterinary Zoological Society Facebook page to keep up to date on upcoming events and information!



## International Veterinary Student Association

IVSA is the International Veterinary Students' Association. The mission of IVSA Global is "To benefit the animals and people of the world by harnessing the potential and dedication of veterinary students to promote the international application of veterinary skills, education and knowledge." IVSA is newly established in Glasgow, so we are actively expanding and looking for new ways to engage as many students as possible.

We hold exchanges with other IVSA chapters across the world, allowing students to travel, experience different cultures and network with vet students from different parts of the world. IVSA Glasgow also holds fundraising events for our exchanges, ranging from bake sales, to pet photoshoots. There are lots of opportunities to get involved with IVSA out with exchanges.

In the past we have held a Cultural Food Festival, encouraging students and staff to share foods from their cultures, celebrating the diversity within our vet school community. We also plan to hold more events in 2020, including a Clinical Skills Olympics.

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### One Health Club

Thanks for your interest in the One Health Club! We are very passionate about promoting the One Health mission and cross-sector collaboration! Whether you are interested in veterinary medicine's role in climate change, zoonotic disease, or mental health, this group is for you!

Each year we host a One Health week in the autumn and a One Health student conference in the spring. During One Health week we hold photo and poster competitions, host film screening, and plan other events to promote and educate on one health. If any, or all of this appeals to you, please join us! We would love to have you and welcome new ideas to get the One Health message out there.



### Pathology Club

Do you enjoy looking at specimens from cadavers?  
Are you curious to get to the bottom of unsolved cases?  
Can't resist the satisfaction of lancing open an abscess?

Whether you have a burning passion for all of the above, or just want to try something new, pathology club is the club for you!

### Vet Ski

VetSki is a truly amazing experience that is open to anyone, whether you're a master of cutting up the piste or have never worn a pair of skis in your life. This year we're excited to be heading to Les Deux Alpes over Hogmanay - exact dates to be determined. We partnered with NUCO, the awesome and reliable ski company we have utilised for past few years now.



To get to the Alps, we take a coach from Glasgow through England, stopping to pick students up from Birmingham and London along the way, before travelling by boat from Dover to Calais. From there the coach takes us all the way through France to our final destination in the French Alps. Upon arrival the NUCO Reps help settle us into our accommodation and guide us to their associated ski rental shops. Then we hit the slopes! If you are a beginner, then fear not, there are ski lessons available at cut price through our travel company that will get you slaloming like a pro down black runs in a jiffy. When the day of skiing is done you can knock off your skis and boogie with your buds at some of the fantastic "apres ski" (after skiing) pubs. After this, we generally meet up for a meal before partying the night away in various venues across the town.

Trust me when I say that there is no better way to bring in the new year than by spending time with your pals after a long day on the slopes. Come along and introduce yourself at the VetSki table at freshers Fayre! We'll answer any of your questions and hopefully persuade you to join us on a trip of a lifetime.

Stay gnarly!



# Charities and Non Profits

## Helping the animals and humans of our community!

### GUVMA Shop

Though the GUVMA Shop is best known for overseeing the summer pre-order of PPE, we're actually open yearround! We keep a regular stock of PPE you need, from waterproof to scrubs, so you can purchase, exchange or return items at any time. We also sell used PPE, as well as other student items like binders and various school supplies. We've also got a massive textbook collection - new and used, all being sold cheaper than you'd find online! Perhaps most importantly - we keep a supply of snacks for purchase, and often have free candy.

We are completely student run and are an integral part of the university. Proceeds from our various PPE sales are all given back to different year groups so that they can prepare for events like Halfway Ball and Final Year Dinner. We are usually open at lunch and post our opening times on our Facebook page @gvmashop

We are located near the printers and vending machines in the Mary Stewart Building, so pop by to say hello sometime or even volunteer during shop opening hours, we'd love to have you on board!

*Your shop managers,*

Sally Poole & Morgan Bass



### Rodeo

The GUVMA Rodeo is an annual family event run entirely by a committee of vet students. It attracts between 3000-5000 visitors annually, mostly from the Glasgow area! Many of the visitors bring along their pets to take part in events which run throughout the day. This is a day of entertainment and education! It allows interaction and communication between veterinary students, faculty, commercial businesses, charities and families from the Glasgow area.

The Rodeo raises much needed funds for charities and promotes public awareness of animal welfare. Some of the attractions at Rodeo include pony rides, a falconry display, farrier demos, dog shows, sled dog demos, and more. Day of, students from every year group are generous enough to donate time to help us set-up equipment, take entrance fees, assist exhibition stalls, and many other jobs to ensure a successful event.

Throughout the year we'll keep everyone posted on Rodeo's progress and advise on volunteering as we get closer! We also put on fundraising events throughout the year, including our Rodeo hoodie sale in the autumn! If you want to get involved on committee or volunteering on the day, feel free to get in touch!

Your Rodeo Committee!

# Charities and Non Profits

Helping the animals and humans of our local community!

## The Trusty Paws Clinic

Trusty Paws is a clinical for dogs belonging to the homeless of Glasgow. These clinics are run by veterinary students in partnership with Simon Community Scotland, a local homeless charity.

We provide services such as vaccinations, microchipping, flea/worming, clinical examinations and general dog supplies at our monthly pop-up clinics. Our aim is to ensure the health and well-being of homeless hound by providing preventative veterinary care, support the homeless, and protect the human-animal bond.



We run outreach events to spread awareness of the organisation within the homeless and vulnerable community. Our goal is to support them and get them off the streets, and to raise awareness.

The committee is made up of fourth year students, but we would love more students to get involved in running events, monthly clinics and spreading the word about our awesome cause!



## Students for Animals in Need (SAIN)



SAIN is a charity run by veterinary students who work together to provide funding for animals urgently requiring veterinary attention. Through our fundraising efforts we assist people facing financial dilemmas in acquiring the treatment or surgery necessary to maintain their animal companion's health.

With many of our cases, we are the last option for people before facing the very difficult decision to say goodbye to their companion. We pride ourselves on offering assistance to improving animal health and welfare, and maintaining the incredible bond people have with their pets. SAIN is extremely thankful to Glasgow Vets, the GUVMA committee, university faculty, private donors, and especially Rodeo for their ongoing support - it truly does save lives!

Do you want to get involved? Here's how!

1. Class representatives - each academic year, the SAIN committee seeks out 2 students from the BVMS1 class to join our team. Class reps liaise between SAIN and their year group for the entirety of their veterinary degree. Responsibilities vary, but include fundraising efforts and deciding on cases where SAIN is able to assist.
2. Student member - if class rep isn't for you but you want to get involved, signing up to be a member means we'll contact you to help with fundraising efforts.
3. Fundraising - just join us in all of our events throughout the year, such as bake sales and our Vet Ball raffle!

Visit: [www.glasgowsain.com](http://www.glasgowsain.com) or email us as [GlasgowSAIN@gmail.com](mailto:GlasgowSAIN@gmail.com) and visit our facebook page @StudentsforAnimalsInNeed

We look forward to meeting you, and best of luck with your new scholastic journey!



# Charities and Non Profits

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### Vets Without Borders

Our society works with international animal societies to promote veterinary involvement by organising talks, fundraisers and events for various charities, as well as, connecting vet students and charities for placements at home and abroad.

We host talks which aim to educate students on the different work charities do, the vet role in animal welfare and the ways that students can get involved and help charities of their interest.

Our fundraisers and events give students the opportunity to raise money for various charities and support the charities that come out to us for talks or get involved on our EMS database.



### Women's Veterinary Leadership Development Initiative



**Women's Veterinary**  
Leadership Development Initiative

WVLDI what?

WVLDI (wuh-val-di) is the Women in Veterinary Leadership Development Initiative. First established in the US in 2013, WVLDI's Mission is to support women in seeking and achieving leadership, policy, and decision-making positions within all areas of professional veterinary activity. WVLDI's Vision is to develop leaders for the benefit of the profession and to deliver on the promise of veterinary medicine to society.

Veterinary student chapters followed shortly after the creation of WVLDI. Created in February 2020, our very own Glasgow WVLDI chapter is the first and only student chapter outside of the US! Our events range from yoga to guest lectures, and any and all students of the vet school are welcome to join. Joining is free, and you can follow us on Facebook at @WVLDIglasgow or email us at WVLDIglasgow@gmail.com.

For more information on WVLDI as a whole, visit their website at [www.wvldi.org](http://www.wvldi.org).  
Happy freshers and welcome to Glasgow!

### Veterinary Glasgow Evidence-based Medicine Society



Veterinary Glasgow Evidence-based Medicine Society is a student-run society supported by the INSPIRE scheme which aims to bring research into the spotlight as a career opportunity to veterinary and Bioveterinary students. VetGEMS is for everyone: clinicians, academics, lecturers, and researchers.

We put on a variety of events: weekly and monthly journal clubs, citation help sessions, and forums. We are currently planning virtual activities and collaborations with our medic and dentist counterparts for the upcoming year, so stay tuned for that!

Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date with us! @VetGEMS Feel free to contact us at [vetgems@gmail.com](mailto:vetgems@gmail.com) We are recruiting: a BVMS 1 Year Representative and BioVet Representatives. Our society is also open to everyone as ordinary members!

# Student Support

## When you need a little help along the way!

### Big Vet Wee Vet

Starting a new chapter of your life in a foreign city can be an intimidating experience and I am sure there is lots on your mind.

Where will I live?

Will I have trouble making new friends?

Where is the sun?

What is buckfast (bucky), and why is everything deep fried?

That's where your big vet comes in!

Big Vet Wee Vet is a student-run mentorship program that pairs you with a like minded "Big" who was in your shoes just a year or two ago. They have successfully navigated the potential pitfalls of adjusting to a difficult program and a new city; they are there to help you do the same! Not only will your big vet be a source of vet school wisdom, they'll be a new friend and will be sure to buy you your first pint (if you're so inclined). We pair our big vets with incoming freshers based on our short survey to make sure you'll have a compatible mentor who has a similar lived experience and will understand any specific difficulties you may have during the first few months. Who better to show a Wee Vet around than a Big Vet that has already been there, done that?

Feel free to ask them questions about everything from recommendations for textbooks, where the best pubs and restaurants are, and basically any aspect of surviving the hectic life of a vet student! They will be able to offer firsthand experience and show you the ropes as you begin this adventure!

**When do we meet our Bigs?** As acceptances roll out throughout the summer, the BVWV coordinators will be matching you up with your Bigs so you can get in touch by email. Next, you'll get to meet up during freshers week events. We also have a pub crawl through the West End, where you'll be faced by various challenges to complete with your big, and the winners receive a prize!

Lastly, congratulations on making it this far! Glasgow Vets are known for working hard and playing harder. The journey towards realizing your dream starts here and we can't wait to meet you all!

*Your Big Vet Wee Vet Coordinators*



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### Glasgow Vet School Peer Support

Peer Support is a student-run programme which aims to listen to any problems our fellow students might have and help them find a solution. The vet school was the first at Glasgow University to have its own team of Peer Supporters; which is an example now followed by the Business School, School of Medicine and the School of Social Sciences.



Peer Supporters go through 30 hours of training led by qualified counselors from the University's counselling service so they are prepared to deal with a wide range of problems from homesickness, work stress, and a variety of serious issues. We are also equipped with a tool belt of resources to point you towards if we cannot help you ourselves. We are a group of Vet and BioVet students in our third through fifth year, so we are well versed in many aspects of vet school life. We offer a confidential listening service, and a wide range of events throughout the year. We host movie nights, bake sales, free tea and coffee days, professional massages, 'dogs and distress' sessions and fun talks from lecturers and guest speakers. Students and staff have provided great feedback from these events!

You can spot us around the vet school by our hoodies, keep informed on our events and training through our Facebook page. We are always here to help!

No problem is too big or too small!

### Glasgow Academic Student Peer Support (GASPS)

GASPS is a group that provides help and support, particularly to first years, with the academic demands of vet school. We come in at various key points during the year to give short talks which look to pass on advice and tips from upper year students about exams, assignments, and vet school in general. We also run tea and cake sessions where we invite a handful of older students to come and have an informal chat with first years to allow space for you to ask any questions you may have,



Two years ago we set up our Peer Tutoring Program, where first years who said they were struggling with a certain module or topic could be matched with an older student who was happy to take some time and go over it with them.

Lastly, we also have a Facebook page where students can ask questions about EMS placements, final year timetables, exam studying, or really anything! There are always lots of people that provide answers! GASPS is here to make first year a bit less daunting and provide tea and cake where possible.



# Welcome to Glasgow!

We can't wait to meet you

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