



Association of Charity Vets

## Conference Programme 2020

### Saturday 1st February

- 9 – 9.30am      **Arrival and registration**
- 9.30 – 10.15am      **Lecture 1: Surgical Neutering - Lessons from the USA**  
Brittany Watson, University of Pennsylvania
- 10.15 – 11.15am      **Panel discussion: Neutering - Controversies & Consensus**  
Chair: Ian Futter  
Panelists: Brittany Watson, Richard Saunders, Helen Zulch, Rosa Leedham
- 11:15 – 11.35am      **Coffee and voting for committee**
- 11.35 – 12.35pm      **Workshops: Session 1 (choose one)**  
Well-being: Bouncing back from mistakes (Penny Barker)  
Containing infectious disease (Bree Merritt & Jenny Stavisky)  
Research in shelter & charity practice part 2: collecting data (Jocelyn Toner & Rachel Dean)  
*Rachel Radwell Nursing Workshop*  
Transfusions in Charities (Helen Rooney)
- 12.35 – 1.15pm      **Lunch**
- 13.15 – 1.35pm      **AGM for members**
- 1.35 – 2.20pm      **Lecture 2: Neurology on a shoestring**  
Mike Targett
- 2.20 -- 3.20pm      **Workshops: Session 2**  
(choose another from the list above)
- 3.20 – 3.40pm      **Tea break**
- 3.40 – 4.15pm      **What's new in charity and shelter medicine?**  
Chair: Jocelyn Toner
- 4.15 – 5pm      **Lecture 3: Pragmatic Care of Reptiles**  
Sonya Miles
- 5pm      **Drinks Reception**

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## Sunday 2nd February

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| 9.30-10.00  | Coffee & croissants   |
| 10.00-10.15 | Introduction to the day<br>Chair: Caroline Allen  |
| 10.15-11.00 | Workshop: cased-based welfare assessment<br>In small groups explore the application of a method of assessing welfare factor(s).<br>Followed by a discussion of these assessment tools led by the ACV committee. |
| 11.00-11.15 | Tea/coffee break  |
| 11.15-13.00 | Open forum: breaking down the boundaries of euthanasia<br>An open discussion about the challenges of euthanasia decisions; from a personal, animal and organisational perspective.                              |
| 13.00       | Lunch and close   |

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# Conference Presenters 2020

**Brittany Watson VMD PhD BS/MS**

Diplomate, College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine

Clinical Assistant Professor, Shelter Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine

Director, Shelter Animal Medicine, Shelter Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine

**Richard Saunders BSc (Hons) BVSc FRSB CBiol DZooMed (Mammalian) DipECZM(ZHM) MRCVS**

RCVS Specialist in Zoo and Wildlife Medicine (Mammalian)

European Specialist in Zoological Medicine (ZHM)

**Helen Zulch BVSc (Hons) Dip ECAWBM(BM) CCAB MRCVS**

RCVS and European Specialist in Veterinary Behavioural Medicine

Head of Professional Development in Canine Behaviour at Dogs Trust

**Rosa Leedham BVM BVS MRCVS**

RSPCA Greater Manchester Animal Hospital

**Penny Barker BVetMed BSc MRCVS Dip Coaching**

Training Consultant

VDS Training

**Bree Merritt BSc BVMS PGDipCABC AFHEA MRCVS**

Lead Vet at Wood Green Godmanchester for RVC Shelter Medicine Programme

**Jenny Stavisky MRCVS BVM&S PhD FHEA**

Assistant Professor in Shelter Medicine, University of Nottingham

**Jocelyn Toner BVSc MRCVS**

RSPCA Putney Animal Hospital

**Rachel Dean BVMS PhD MSc(EBHC) DSAM(fel) SFHEA MRCVS**

Director of Clinical Research and Excellence in Practice, VetPartners Ltd

**Helen Rooney BSc (Hons) CVN, Cert Ed, Dip AVN (Medical), Cert ECCVN, RVN**

Pet Blood Bank UK Training and Induction Manager

**Mike Targett MA VetMB PhD DipECVN SFHEA MRCVS**

RCVS and European recognised Specialist in Veterinary Neurology

Clinical Associate Professor in Veterinary Neurology, University of Nottingham

**Sonya Miles BVSc CertAVP (ZM) MRCVS**

RCVS Recognised Advanced Practitioner in Zoological Medicine

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