



Liverpool University Veterinary Society

'Welcome' from the Liverpool University Veterinary Society (LUVS) 2025-2026

Biovet Freshers 2025,

Congratulations on securing your place to study Bioveterinary Science at the University of Liverpool! This achievement is no mean feat and is something that you should all be extremely proud of. It will be hard work and testing at times but, most of all, it will be a whole lot of fun – we can't wait to welcome you all to Liverpool!

Firstly, we would like to introduce ourselves and explain what LUVS is. LUVS is run by students for students and is especially for those studying on veterinary, bioveterinary and veterinary science foundation year courses. It is a separate body within the vet school that aims to ensure your time at university is the best it can possibly be and provides many opportunities and activities exclusively for students within the Faculty of Veterinary Science. From providing classy black-tie balls and wild themed parties to practical days and enrichment talks about the veterinary profession LUVS really has it all. It is an incredibly important part of the biovet/vet students support network and unites the whole vet community bringing it closer together. A big part of LUVS are the sport clubs and sub-socs that are run within the society. We have a wide array of clinical and social sub-socs which provide specialist talks and fun practical days involving the species they support. Our six sports teams welcome all abilities and players can attend either for the social or competitive element. We highly recommend that you try out as many things as possible to begin with, especially things that you may not have done before - it is a great way of getting to know each other. You can find out more information about each sub-soc using the links on the Welcome Week Page through the University of Liverpool School of Veterinary Science webpage. LUVS is run by a committee formed of current biovet/vet students who hold the position for 12 months with annual elections taking place at the end of each academic year. We are Sam and Harry and are your LUVS co-presidents this year. We are both now in our fourth year of study after having lived in Liverpool for the past three years.

"My name is Sam and I live in Shropshire. I have loved my time at Liverpool so far and have really enjoyed being a part of LUVS. I have made lifelong friends through the society and have really enjoyed the experiences and opportunities that the farm animal sub-society, LFAVS, has provided. I would definitely recommend becoming a member of LUVS and am looking forward to meeting you all during welcome week."

"Hi, I'm Harry and I am from Epsom in Surrey. LUVS is at the centre of the veterinary community here at Liverpool and something that loads of vet students are a part of. It provides students with a great base to meet new people and get involved in a huge range of activities that many university students don't get. I have been involved in many aspects of the society from the rugby team to LFAVS and can't recommend it enough to new students joining us in September!"

We would also now like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the LUVS biovet reps for this year who will be your point of contact within the society. They are Amy and Emma and will be

able to answer all sorts of questions whilst helping you make the most of what LUVS has to offer you over your next three years here at Liverpool.

“Hi, we’re Amy and Emma, your Biovet Reps for this year. We’re incredibly happy to welcome you to LUVS and the University of Liverpool! We joined LUVS last year as freshers, which was slightly scary at first, but after getting stuck in we felt very welcomed by the older years, especially through the buddy programme, which we definitely encourage you to join. LUVS also has lots of sub societies on offer, ranging from sport to wellbeing, and even interest specific sub-socs. Through LUVS societies and clubs you’ll have the chance to meet fellow LUVS members, develop your skills and have lots of fun along the way! Don’t worry if these aren’t your thing though, LUVS also has lots of great socials all year round which are always memorable and a good way to meet other biovet students. Most of our highlights from first year have been at LUVS socials such as the welcome party, bar crawls and the buddy meal. Hopefully you will have as much fun in LUVS as we do and we can’t wait to see you all at this year’s socials!”

Just to finish off, we’d all like to say another massive congratulations. Liverpool is an amazing city and we’re a very friendly community here at the vet school. Hopefully, this letter has given you a better idea of what LUVS can offer you and we’re looking forward to meeting you all very soon! If you have any questions or queries, please don’t hesitate to contact us on luvs-pres@liverpool.ac.uk. You will find below four pages with important information for your first few weeks at university as LUVS members. Please read this information so you are aware of what is to come! Finally, remember: work hard, play hard - the rest will take care of itself. For the meantime, on behalf of ourselves, Ellie (Leahurst VP), Lottie (Liverpool VP), Charlotte (Secretary), Tom (Treasurer) and the rest of the committee, we’d like to say well done and we shall see you all very soon!

Sam and Harry

LUVS Co-presidents 2025-26



1. Welcome Week 2025 (w/c 15/09)

As part of your Welcome Week and in addition activities organised by the Vet School itself, LUVS also has some exciting events planned. The first date to remember is Wednesday 17th when we will be hosting our Freshers Fair. This is held in the Foresight Centre foyer on campus and is where LUVS sub-socs such as Liverpool Small Animal Veterinary Society, Liverpool LGBTQ+ Society and all our sports teams, as well as some other student representatives from organisations such as Peer Support, will be present to talk to you about what they do and inspire you to join. This will run between 14 00 and 16 00 and we would love to see as many of you there as possible.

On Friday 19th we are hosting a casual social rounders afternoon in Sefton Park. We will have more details on the exact location within the park and timings at a later date - keep an eye on the freshers Facebook page! You do not need to be an avid sportsperson at all, this is a fun occasion to meet fellow freshers in your year and get outdoors in Liverpool's beautiful and biggest park. We will also have students from older years there as well to answer any questions you may have.

2. LUVS Freshers Week 2025 (commences 21/09)

To properly welcome you into LUVS, from day one we have created the perfect opportunity for you to let your hair down and get a taste of life within the vet school with our very own 'Vet Freshers Week' during week one of term. We are the only society to do this and it is one of the highlights of the year. All the events are completely FREE for LUVS members and provide a great opportunity for you to meet new people and make some incredible memories - another great incentive to join the society! The events and dates you can look forward to include:

- Sunday 21st September - Meet the buddy
- Monday 22nd September - Quiz night
- Tuesday 23rd September - Liverpool bar crawl
- Wednesday 24th September - Cake and coffee chat afternoon
- Thursday 25th September - Buddy meal
- *Friday 26th September - Night off*
- Saturday 27th September - Welcome party

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3. Membership

It is not compulsory to join LUVS as a biovet student but we strongly recommend that you do, like so many others each year, as your time here will not be the same without it! Payment to sign up to LUVS is a one-off fee of £40 - remember, this equates to just over £13 per year spread over your whole time at university! Membership not only gives you access to a lifetime of support, but also so many fantastic opportunities while you're here at Liverpool. These include things such as:

- Free ticket and transport to the LUVS Welcome Party at Leahurst campus
- Free access to all freshers events in first semester
- Free Vet Freshers Week t-shirt
- Free freshers 'welcome pack'
- Free entry to LUVS talks
- Discounted entry to LUVS events throughout all five years
- Eligibility to join the LUVS committee and have your say on how the society and vet school operate
- Eligibility to join any of the sub societies and sports teams the vet school has to offer
- Access to the LUVS clothing shop that sells LUVS branded clothing that can be worn on placement or around campus
- A 'buddy' to guide you through your time at Liverpool
- Lifelong membership through entry into the Alumni Association upon graduating as well as free and discounted access to Alumni events as a student LUVS member
- Drinks deals
- Access to JAVS journals, bursaries and competitions
- Free Vet times subscription - follow the link to find their sign up form <https://vettimes2.typeform.com/to/YdqXTcw4>

Securing a LUVS membership really is a great thing to do to kick start your time here at Liverpool. We highly recommend it!

If we've managed to tempt you, please follow these steps:

1. Please make a bank transfer of £40 online to **Liverpool University Veterinary Society**

Account number: 20590223

Sort code: 20-51-43

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME (forename and surname) AS THE REFERENCE so that we can keep track of your payment and of our new members.

2. When you have made the payment, please fill out this google doc, confirming you have made the payment.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdO2n2vbFNS_2iyCGteIGf5dZZupiEJ6BassLV5QbnYnrVv9g/viewform?usp=share_link&ouid=111283806929532577143

3. Please make this payment by 01/09/2025 so that we can ensure everything is in place and ready for when you arrive later in September!

4. Website and social media links

Once you have paid your membership you can add yourself to 'Liverpool University Veterinary Society (LUVS) 2025-2026', which is our members only Facebook page for this year. In the meantime, especially for your cohort, we have set up the Facebook page 'Liverpool Vets, Biovets and Foundation Year entry 2025'. This will have information regarding the welcome week activities and will be used for communication until you become a member of LUVS and are accepted into the main 'LUVS 2025-2026' Facebook page. The links to these and our other social media outlets can be found below.

President email: luvspres@liverpool.ac.uk

Website: www.luvs.org.uk

'Liverpool Veterinary Society (LUVS) 2025-2026' members only Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/253004918232338/>

'Liverpool Vets, Biovets & Foundation year 2025' incoming freshers Facebook page (lots of useful info will be posted on here):

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1CTdG5LVYa/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

'PRELUVED' Facebook page (for Liverpool vet students to buy and sell second hand items, great for textbooks, waterproofs, vet school clothing etc.):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/607941139361779>

Instagram: @livunivets

