Hello 2020 Vet Freshers!

It must firstly be said, a big congratulations on earning a place here at Liverpool! You’ve chosen to study at the best vet school in the friendliest city around - and we hope you are looking forward to your time here as much as we are meeting you!

This year will no doubt prove a little challenging, with freshers undoubtedly different to any that came before, but all the vet societies within Liverpool are committed to making it a great experience where long lasting friendships are formed. We at Liverpool Farm Animal Veterinary Society (LFAVS) have lots of great plans for you guys across the upcoming year and hope you’ll join us in making this year one of the societies best, irrespective of COVID.

At FAVS we’re passionate about all areas of farm animal production and practice. We run a wide range of talks, practicals, farm walks & laboratory tours to ensure our students have the best possible understanding of farm medicine. Over the past year we have had trips to genetics companies, one of the largest dairy farms in Cheshire, talks from both those in practice and at the cutting edge of research and practicals including calf post-mortems, clinical exams and simple surgical practice. This upcoming year we plan to build on the solid foundations of last to make the FAVS experience better than ever before. As well as maintaining the diversity of talks and practicals we plan to produce guides which will help on farm EMS placements, ensuring you get the most out of your time on farm.

Unlike many other societies, whilst a sub-society of LUVS we also have a national student body - National FAVS. Becoming a member of LFAVS automatically grants you membership of National FAVS, who we work closely with to bring you the best possible experience. Annually there is a FAVS congress where students across the country attend a weekend of talks and practicals, along with a formal and plenty of partying, at one of the UK vet schools. This year our hosts are Edinburgh! - Congress is an amazing time to make contacts with vet students from other unis & vet practices leading to excellent placements and beyond.

Membership of LFAVS is £15, which lasts the duration of your time studying at Liverpool. This fee allows us to cover the cost of events and practical sessions (which as a member are free to attend). As a national member, included within this fee, you gain access to their EMS database, job listings and of course congress! Upon confirmation of membership you will be added to our private Facebook group. You can follow our public Facebook page and Instagram for more information about the society.

Congratulations once more on embarking your veterinary career at Liverpool, to join FAVS please email FAVSLiverpool@gmail.com. If you have any further questions, please also feel free to contact us - I hope your time at Liverpool is the best it can be!

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