Hello Veterinary Freshers of 2019!

Firstly, huge congratulations on achieving your place here at Liverpool! You are about to be welcomed into the UK’s friendliest city and into the university’s best family – the vets!
You should all be extremely proud of yourselves and excited!

Your first week can be a little overwhelming when joining the many new societies that the vet school and university have to offer, so let’s make this simple… We are the Liverpool Farm Animal Veterinary Society (LFAVS), and we focus on all things farm animal and production!

Each year our society goes from strength to strength and last year we held a record 21 amazingly successful events. These include some great talks from organisations such as MSD, NFU Mutual, North Wales Police Rural Crime Team, DEFRA and the Veterinary Defence Society discussing issues such as livestock worrying, the Shepherd’s calendar, Bovine TB management beyond testing, mental health, bovine endoscopy applications and many more!

In 2018-19, we also held our annual practical days over at Leahurst (Dairy Day and Beef and Sheep Day) allowing students to become engaged and hands on with our institute’s livestock. A Poultry Health Workshop was organised at the Liverpool Campus allowing students to further their understanding of the poultry industry, perform chicken and turkey dissections and develop their sampling techniques. We also run a couple of farm walks each year at external independent farms.

This year we plan to uphold last year’s success by organising some great events for you all and we aim to continue with our mission to be more inclusive of other farmed species, including South American Camelids, Deer, Game, fish etc., all alongside our key farmed species. Come have a chat with us at the Fresher’s Fair to find out what we have planned for the forthcoming year!

We are a sub-division of both LUVS and the national FAVS society. Each year we have a FAVS congress where students across the country attend a weekend of talks, practicals and a formal at one of the vet schools and this year’s host is Nottingham! A great weekend always enjoyed by all!

A £15 membership fee covers you for the duration of your course. This fee helps us at LFAVS to cover the cost of events/practical sessions. It also covers your national FAVS membership allowing access to all the wonderful benefits they also offer, such as EMS database, job listings, fact sheets etc. Win–win!

This fee can be paid at the LUVS freshers fair or by bank transfer to:

Name: Liverpool Farm Animal Veterinary Society
Sort code: 09-01-29
Account number: 28279121

Please make the reference ‘LFAVS’ followed by your name.

Please take a screenshot of your payment and send it (and your details) to Chris Deakins at: hlcdeaki@liverpool.ac.uk
You can always sign up throughout the year if you are still unsure 😊

Again, congratulations on getting in! If you are at all confused or have any further question, please do not hesitate to contact Sam by email (hlsrich6@liverpool.ac.uk), or come have a chat at the Freshers Fair!

From everyone on the LFAVS Committee, we are looking forward to meeting you all.

Oh, and give us a follow on Instagram: @LiverpoolFAVS