Hello Veterinary Freshers of 2018!

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 and excited!

Your first week can be a little overwhelming when joining new societies – 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!

Last year the society held many successful talks including New Zealand dairy systems, antibiotic awareness, mega-dairies and CV workshops for farm practice AND some amazing practical days based at Leahurst (Dairy Day and Sheep Day) involving handling and specialist guest speakers.

This year is exciting as the society is aiming to continue with our key species but also be more inclusive of others and we are keen to organise more events exploring unusual aspects of farming, including the ever-popular South American Camelids, Deer, Game birds, fish farming and honey farming – yes, even bees! All these alongside our beloved cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, and poultry! This will be of huge advantage to our members because where certain aspects of these species can be sparse in the veterinary curriculum we can provide opportunities to learn from experts in the various fields. All talks are open to all members and we will be highlighting when a talk may be of benefit to a particular year group(s) due to complementing their curriculum content. Come have a chat with us at the Freshers Fayre to find our what we have planned for the forthcoming year!

We liaise with LUVS, but also have the fantastic benefit of being a sub-division of the national society between all vet schools (FAVS). For all the fantastic benefits from the national team, please see the attached letter from Rose Charnley.

A £15 membership fee covers you for the duration of your course. This fee helps us at LFAVS to cover the costs of events/practical sessions. It also covers your national FAVS membership allowing access to all the wonderful benefits they also offer. Win-win!
This membership fee can be paid at the LUVS freshers’ fayre or by bank transfer to:

Liverpool Farm Animal Veterinary Society
Sort code: 77-27-27
Account number: 18989568
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 (treasurer) 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 questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me by email or come have a chat at the freshers’ fayre!!

Looking forward to meeting you all.

Sam Richardson
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Dear student,

We at the National Farm Animal Veterinary Society are aiming to provide you with opportunities for furthering your career as a Farm Animal Veterinary Surgeon. We will do this through extensive EMS and Externship programs to CPD courses such as foot trimming which are only available to those students who are members of FAVS.

Your University FAVS membership covers your national membership which gives you access to your own personal page on the FAVS website.

This includes the EMS database for Farm Specific EMS from the genuine mixed farm practice covering sheep and beef to the competitive dairy only practices. With this, you will be able to get good quality EMS specific in the areas of your choice. The plan is to have this running alongside the Preclinical EMS database log which will hopefully be up and running later in the year which allows you to find EMS on all manner of farms. We all know how difficult this can be with transport etc., so this will also target places that are willing to include accommodation as part of the package.

Also included in the page is job and internship advertisements, which will allow you to apply for jobs that might not advertise in the Vet Record or VetJob site. These will be specifically dairy farm or mixed farm jobs both in the UK and abroad.

We will also be offering other deals such as CPD courses and BCVA (British Cattle Veterinary Association) discounts.

So, it is worth signing up to your university’s FAVS not only because of the opportunities they will supply you with, but also those you will gain from being part of this amazing organisation!

Good luck with your course!

Rose Charnley

*National FAVS President*