Welcome Liverpool Vet and Biovet Freshers 2017!!!

Don’t miss out on the opportunity to join over 500 members of the Liverpool University Veterinary Zoological Society (LUVZS)! LUVZS is an extremely active student-run society within the Vet School with a different independent focus to that of the Liverpool University Veterinary Society, offering exciting practical experiences of a diverse range of species to its members.

We provide many opportunities for Liverpool Vets and Biovets to experience practical zoological and wildlife medicine first hand through weekend trips, exotic species handling sessions and specialist talks & practicals. Each year the society supports a charity, and this year we will be focusing our efforts on the international wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and conservation through The Born Free Foundation.

We have a massive contacts database consisting of: European and RCVS Specialists in Zoological Medicine, Fellows of the Zoological Society of London, Knowsley Safari Park & Chester Zoo Head Keepers and Rangers, Kenyan Elephant Rangers, British Divers Marine Life Rescue Service Operation Managers, Director of the Giant Panda Project at Edinburgh Zoo, the British Veterinary Zoological Society council, our own Liverpool Vet School Veterinary Professionals and many more exciting people such as the Worldwide Veterinary Service’s Founder Luke Gamble from the TV Show "Vet Adventures"… and the best thing of all is that all contacts are freely shared with members!

To give you a flavour of what we do, here is a small selection of the events we have hosted over the past 2 years:

- A specialist talk from James Robins, a primatologist who works in orangutan conservation & rehabilitation in Borneo
- Previous LUVZS Freshers Trips to Knowsley Safari Park, Welsh Mountain Zoo and Edinburgh Zoo to see the pandas
- An amazing talk from Dr William Fowlds, an exotics vet based in Africa, about his fascinating work with rhinos and other wild animals
- Exotics handling sessions, with creatures ranging from bearded dragons to pythons to parrots and more
- The first LUVZS’s day, a day in Liverpool with numerous talks from specialists in the area and hands on experience with animals from fennec foxes to binturongs
- The Northern Zoological Symposium took place this year full of exciting talks, practicals and marine necropsies all weekend long
- A specialist talk from Iain Valentine, Director of the Giant Panda Project at Edinburgh Zoo
- A talk from Jen Quayle, a Knowsley Safari Park vet, on veterinary work in safari parks vs in zoos

Our membership rates are just £7 per year, £18 for 3 years or £25 for 5 years; so why not join for 5, it’s a bargain! This year we are also offering members discounted Fresher tickets for a trip to the Chester Zoo on Saturday 14th October, which will allow you and your friends to meet other like-minded students from all years and members of the committee, as well as exclusive talks and experiences at the zoo. Keep your eyes peeled on the Fresher and LUVS page for ticket release in the upcoming months as places will go quickly.

To pay for your membership, please transfer the money online (with your name as the reference) to the following details: account number 80167193, sort code 20-51-01. Once you have transferred the money, please send an e-mail confirming the amount, how many years of membership you have paid for and of course your name to our treasurer Victoria King (V.L.King@student.liverpool.ac.uk).
(Please note: - Membership gives you discounts off future events e.g. £4 difference in ticket prices for trips, therefore you pay off your membership after 2 LUVZS events!).

We have many more talks and practicals following the Chester Zoo trip such as LUVZS 2 in term 2. Most excitingly this year we are taking LUVZS members on the society's first ever trip abroad to Copenhagen Zoo to see the polar bears! Just after the January exams, this promises to be a fun filled adventure and a well-deserved break after all the hard work of semester one.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to send us an email or join the Facebook group ‘Liverpool University Veterinary Zoological Society - LUVZS’.

We look forward to welcoming you into our society soon!

All the best,

Tayer Maggs and your LUVZS Committee 2017/2018

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