

INSPIRE Public Engagement Event at the Liverpool Horse Show



On 28-31st December 2018 staff and veterinary undergraduate students from the University of Liverpool Veterinary School attended the Liverpool International Horse Show at the Echo Arena to undertake public engagement activities. The stand was funded by the Academy of Medical Sciences INSPIRE <https://acmedsci.ac.uk/grants-and-schemes/mentoring-and-other-schemes/INSPIRE> call to engage veterinary undergraduates with research <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/veterinary-science/research/inspire/>

Veterinary undergraduates and their activities were Harriet Boulding and Andre Brenn (laminitis); Rowan Wright and Amelia Rashid (equine surgery); Owen Fletcher (obesity); Lucinda Giles and Rebecca Clark (Cushing's Million Pound Drop Game); Zoe Pimlott and Tess Goodwin (colic.)

There was interest from all ages of the public throughout the four days with the Cushing's Million Pound Drop game a real success. The props kindly leant by the Leahurst Equine Museum were a real hit attracting the public to the stand! In addition we had a lot interest from teenagers regarding the entry requirements for our veterinary medicine undergraduate course. One of the students Zoe Pimlott commented 'It was a fantastic opportunity to directly reach the public who are particularly passionate about horses and their horse's health. This also meant that every person who came to speak to us were very engaged and interested in what we had to say. Not only were we able to share information about current equine research and other aspects of equine health, but we also attracted a large number of younger individuals interested in perusing a career in veterinary science which gave a unique opportunity to tell them about the fantastic course at Liverpool University'.

University of Liverpool Vet School INSPIRE are hoping to undertake a similar event at Bolesworth Castle International Horse Show in the summer.