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CPD PROGRAM ON ULTRASOUND SCANNING IN SMALL RUMINANTS

A full day CPD program on Ultra Sound Scanning in small ruminants for Central Province veterinary surgeons was held at the University of Peradeniya, on 11th March 2022. Twenty (20) government veterinarians from DAPH participated in the workshop. The resource person was Dr. Dammika Perera, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science (FVMAS). The

lectures were held at the Veterinary Teaching Farm, Department of Farm Animal Production and Health of the FVMAS, while the practical sessions were held at the Livestock Field Station, Department of Animal Science of the Faculty of Agriculture. The SLVA would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the resource person and also to both these institutions. cont.page 2

CPD Programme for Central Province Veterinary Surgeons

Practical points at the detection of pregnancy, uterine pathology and abdominal anomalies under US scanning in small ruminants

Will discuss

- Assessment of NP uterus
- Early, mid and late visible changes of the gravid uterus
- Changes of amniotic fluid
- Examination of ovarian conditions
- Age determination of pregnancy
- Factors that can lead to false negative results at PD.
- Appearance of different uterine pathological conditions
- Appearance of important abdominal changes

Dr. Dammika Perera
B.V.Sc., M.Phil., F.S.L.C.V.S.
Senior Lecturer,
Department of Farm Animal Production and Health,
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science,
University of Peradeniya

Tuesday
11th March 2022

SL Time
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Venue
Peradeniya

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PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

A residential camp was held on preparation of the annual action plan at the NLDB Mahaberiya-thenna Farm on 22nd and 23rd January 2022. Members of the executive committee actively participated in

this and a tentative event calendar and a financial forecast were drafted after a brain-storming and critical analyzing session.contd. page 2



Ex-Co Meetings

- 2nd : 22nd Jan, 2022, NLDB Mahaberiya-thenna Farm
- 3rd : 25th Feb, 2022, OPA, Colombo 07
- 4th : 27th March, 2022, Zoom

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This is the first of the series of provincial workshops planned by the SLVA for the year, and the participants gathered immense knowledge and skills on detection of pregnancy, uterine pathology and abdominal anomalies using US scanning. Prof. Anil Pushpakumara, Dean, FVMAS and Dr. Kumudinie Rajanayake, Provincial Director, Central Province also graced the occasion.

**PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN***contd. from page 1*

The second Ex-Co meeting of the 74th Committee was also held at the same venue. This residential event was financed fully by the individual members of the executive committee.



CLINICAL WEBINAR SERIES: WORLD VETERINARY DAY 2022

The SLVA organized a virtual webinar series on clinical aspects of veterinary medicine in an international scale, to commemorate the world veterinary day 2022, which falls on

30th April. The experience gathered from the last year program was helpful to organize this in an even more effective manner. The schedule of the webinar is as follows.



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WEBINAR

LIVE

SLVA International Webinar Series 2022

Date	Webinar - Topic	Resource Person
08 th May 2022	Behavioral Disorders in Pet Animals	Dr. Eranda Rajapaksha
13 th May 2022	An Introduction to Veterinary Dentistry	Dr. Chandika Wickramasinghe
15 th May 2022	Feline Clinic and Problem Based Approach	Dr. Yushika Dharmasuriya
20 th May 2022	Canine Parvo Viral Diarrhea	Prof. D. R. Anuruddhika Dissanayake
22 nd May 2022	Health and Reproductive Management of Large Scale Dairies in Sri Lanka	Dr. Arundi Renapana
27 th May 2022	Prevention and Management of Common Swine Diseases in Sri Lanka	Dr. Sameera Premarathne
29 th May 2022	Current Challenges in Poultry Nutrition	Dr. Elir Jones
03 rd Jun 2022	Modern Challenges in Commercial Poultry Health	Dr. Haida and Dr. Dilan Satharasinghe
05 th Jun 2022	Antimicrobials and Veterinary Practice, Challenges and Opportunities	Dr. Dynethra Subasinghe
10 th Jun 2022	Veterinary Intervention on Distressed and Nuisance Wildlife	Dr. Vijitha Perera
12 th Jun 2022	Minimally Invasive Plate Osteosynthesis	Dr. Suranji Wijekoon
17 th Jun 2022	Surgical Intervention for Congenital Malformations in Calves Under Welfare Perspective	Dr. Dammika Perera
19 th Jun 2022	Equine Lameness	Dr. Dammika Perera
24 th Jun 2022	Medical and Surgical Approach to Blocked Cat	Dr. Vipuli Kulasekara
26 th Jun 2022	Fish Diseases Diagnosis and Management	Dr. Samanthika Jagoda
01 st Jul 2022	How to Overcome Infertility Problems in Cows	Prof. Basil Alexander

**SL Time**
All webinars start at 1.00 pm

**Venue**
Connect to all webinars online via Zoom & YouTube

**Please register for the webinar series @**
<https://forms.gle/YN4CWimgZ5subvC27>



WEBINAR SERIES ON SCIENTIFIC WRITING FOR VETERINARIANS

The SLVA, going by the regular practice, plans to conduct the annual scientific session this year too where a platform to publish the research findings of its members is provided. As part of professional assistance to veterinarians who present abstracts for this session, a webinar series is organized in order to uplift the knowledge of them, resulting in good quality publications.

The first of this series on “How to write an abstract?” was held virtually on 22nd February 2022, and the resource person was Prof. Kalana Maduwage, an MBBS doctor attached to the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya.



WEBINAR
Scientific Writing for Veterinarians - Webinar Series 1
How to Write an Abstract?

Prof. Kalana Maduwage
MBBS, M.Phil (SL), PhD (Aust.), FRSPH (UK)
Professor, Department of Biochemistry,
Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya.
2016 CVCD Excellence Award of Most Outstanding Young Researcher in Medicine,
Dental sciences, Veterinary Sciences and Other Allied Health Sciences.

Tuesday
22nd February 2022

SL Time
6.00 pm

Join us through this zoom link to participate in this important discussion,
<https://learn.zoom.us/j/68440601047?pwd=dTJwaHJBTyt0eGx4RGUrS3BncFl1dz09>

Meeting ID: 684 4060 1047 Passcode: #J+J4R&

Hosted by the Dept. of Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

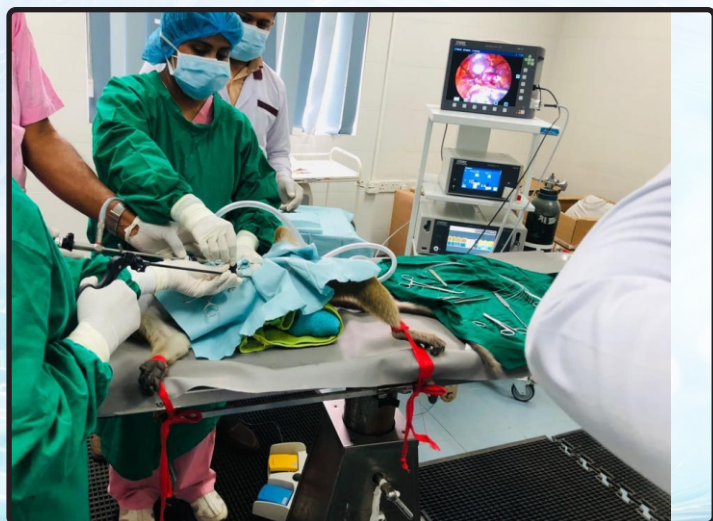
Macaque Sterilization Program

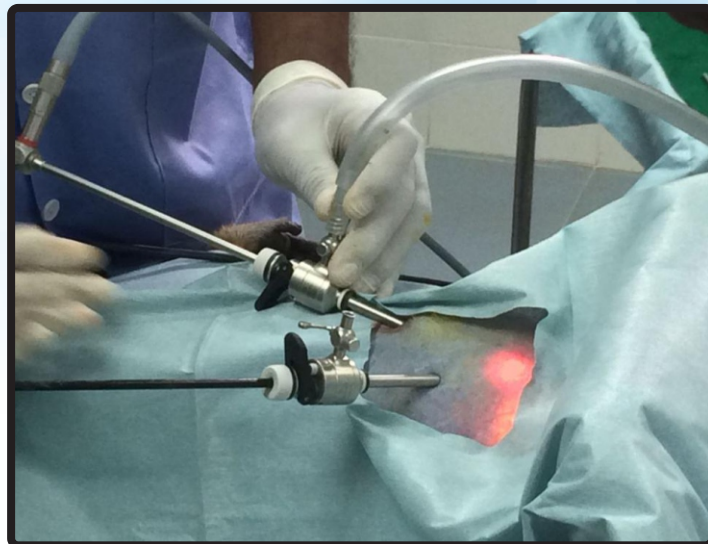
Toque monkey (macaque) which is an endemic species to Sri Lanka has become a serious issue for the University of Peradeniya. Undergraduates, especially at girls' hostels, face many difficulties due to their destructive actions. One way of curbing this issue is population control by sterilization.

A pilot project to train wildlife veterinarians and vets attached to the veterinary teaching hospital (VTH) on laparoscopic fimbriectomy was organized by Prof. Asoka Dangolla, professor in veterinary clinical sciences, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science (FVMAS), on the request of the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya and the Dean, FVMAS. Blood, feces and urine samples were

also taken to look for dengue, Covid-19, leptospirosis, hemoparasites and GI parasites.

This program was conducted as collaborative work of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (SLVA), Department of Wildlife Conservation and the University of Peradeniya. It was held in stages, at the VTH, during the month of January, 2022. The SLVA funded the workshop. One health approach was also evident in this training program, as the resource person to train the laparoscopy technique to veterinarians was Dr. Gifrey Nawaz, consultant gynecologist and obstetrician, with his team with registrars and house officers, of the Peradeniya Teaching Hospital.






Dr. S.B. Dhanapala Fund

The applications were called for research proposals from field veterinarians to award research funds to carry out research at field level, under Dr. S.B. Dhanapala fund. This competitive research grant of Rs. 50,000/= each was awarded to Dr.

B.A.M.P. Siriwardena, VS-Lankapura and Dr. E.M. Udeni Dissanayake, VS-Mawanella, after processing of applications.



CALLING APPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS: DR. S. B. DHANAPALA FUND

74th Executive Committee of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association has decided to call Applications for Research Proposals from the Field Veterinary Surgeons to award research funds to carryout research at field level.

This Competitive Research Grant is expected to facilitate and support basic scientific research for the advancement of knowledge and to encourage publication of research papers for the benefit of the livestock sector and poultry sector.

Eligibility Criteria and Conditions:

1. Should be a field Veterinary Surgeon.
2. Research area should be related to Livestock / Poultry sector.
3. Research needs to be carried out under a supervisor whom should be an experienced researcher. (Academic or Non-Academic Researcher.)
4. Maximum Research Grant is Rs. 50,000.00 per candidate.
5. Research Grant cannot be utilized to purchase laboratory equipment.
6. At the end of the research the researcher must present/publish the findings in 74th SLVA scientific sessions 2022 or issues released by SLVJ in 2022.
7. Number of grants available is two (2) for year 2022 and the maximum period to conduct the research is 6 months.
8. The applicant must be a life member / ordinary member of the SLVA.

How to Apply:

The applicant needs to submit one page concept note of the proposed research with a comprehensive budget and the consent of the Supervisor. Please send the concept note and the details using the following link.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1R07ukrUWQDCPbEoZYBLFsV98Nor5MzNVCJVJICOGdkM/edit?usp=sharing>

Closing Date: 21-01-2022

The decision of the Executive Committee of the SLVA is final.



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Workshop on Applications of "Cell Cultures" and "MIQE" compliance Real-Time PCR (qPCR) Assay

This workshop was organized by Sri Lanka Association for Laboratory Animal Science (SLALAS) in collaboration with Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (SLVA), held at the Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of

Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya, from 14th to 20th January, 2022. This included both lectures and practical sessions. It was a novel experience to all participants.



Webinar on Livestock Vaccine Potency

Webinar on “Changing the landscape of Measuring Livestock Vaccine Potency in Developing Countries and Challenges Involved”, by Dr. Viskam Wijewardena, a veterinarian from the University of Peradeniya, who is attached to the IAEA now. This was held virtually on 27th February, 2022

WEBINAR
Changing the Landscape of Measuring Livestock Vaccine Potency in Developing Countries and Challenges Involved

Dr. Viskam Wijewardena
 B.V.Sc., Ph.D.
 Program Leader on Livestock Immunology and Vaccine Development at International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Sunday
 27th February 2022

SL Time
 5.00 pm

Join us through this zoom link to participate in this important discussion,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89063710765?pwd=NG9jVlV3MFp0OVZQR0Zxb0lLRG1lQT09>

Meeting ID: 890 6371 0765 Passcode: 467787

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AP	Ashani Palkumbura		Video Off	Audio Off	>
AM	Athula Mahagamage		Video Off	Audio Off	>
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Dr. Vijitha Perera Honored Internationally

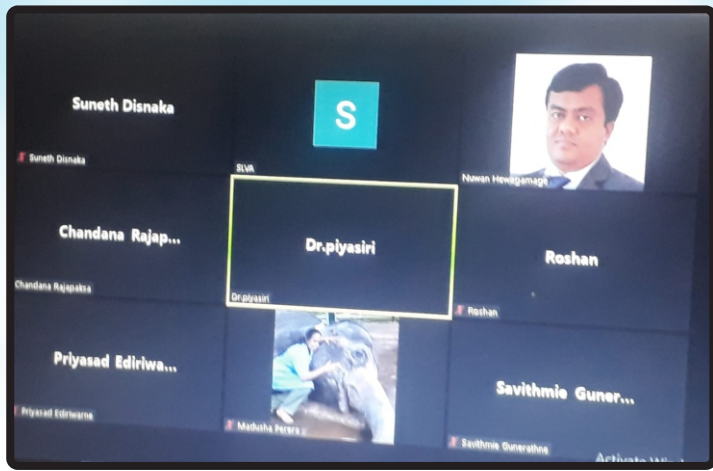
The SLVA is happy to announce that one of our members, Dr. Vijitha Perera attached to the Department of Wildlife Conservation has brought honor to the motherland and our profession by being the winner of the prestigious “Global Animal Welfare Award 2021”, presented by the World Veterinary Association (WVA). The Sri Lanka Veterinary Association, as a member of WVA, was instrumental in recommending and helping him to win this award. The official award ceremony was held during the 37th WVA congress in Abu Dhabi, UAE on 29-03-2022 and Dr. Vijitha Perera was among the six veterinarians selected for this award from around the world



SLVA Intervention on the Issues in the Zoological Gardens

A zoom meeting with the representatives of the State Veterinary Surgeons' Association (SVSA) was held on 22nd Jan 2022. The prevalent administrative issues and the unrest situation at the national zoological gardens were discussed in detail. It was revealed that the director general of the zoological gardens is supportive of the veterinarians, but

some workers are against her as well as the veterinarians, and that there is no ideal environment for the veterinarians to carry out professional work effectively and without influence. The SLVA released a statement on the matter, explaining its professional stance on this, with copies to all the relevant stake holders.



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