

## **RVC Farm Animal Clinical Club (FACC)**

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Since the society was set up in September 07 we have held many successful events and have laid down very clear targets for the future including the 'Farm to Fork' scheme. With the aid of much needed funding this scheme will begin in September 08 aiming at helping students gain extra farm work experience. Professor Brian Aldridge is involved in the scheme and has clear aspirations to make this successful.

### **This years events so far:**

Bluetongue Question Time  
Mastering Mastitis talk  
Academy of Rural Veterinarians talk  
XL Vets talk  
Weekly clinical rounds  
Kentish Town City Farm (KTCF) open day

### **Events coming up:**

The 'Farm to Fork' scheme at KTCF will be starting in September of this year and so we need funding as soon as possible. Clare Pitchford is communication officer and is in the process of writing a draft letter to send to a list of companies and people.

Potentials include:

- drug companies
- agricultural magazines
- local businesses, mags and ads
- veterinary financial advisors (Godfrey and Pearson)
- BCVA
- RCVS 'Blue Sky'
- supermarkets (Matt Dobbs – Tesco vet)
- meat livestock (BPEX – Christopher Wathes often contacts them)
- Herts and Camden councils (mag, ads, funding)
- The One Show
- BBC London News
- Camden companies (sponsor animals)
- ULU mag
- Jimmy's Farm
- Jamie Oliver

Aside from the KTCF 'Farm to Fork' scheme we are planning clinical workshops for hoof trimming, lambing and general procedures (for this a cull cow would be needed and is £500), a newsletter, membership cards and further talks.

### **Other fundraising ideas:**

- Farming week – 'smallholders day' having farmers in for a day of workshops, good chance for drug companies to sponsor, £20 for the day, another KTCF open day plus on farm activities, seminars, talks and workshops

for students and farmers, and some fun activities like competitions and raffles – a great idea for next year

- SU
- Charging non-members for talks
- Car wash
- Selling produce from 'Farm to Fork'
- Sponsor a farm animal, to provide food, bedding and vet bills

We have £1900 in the account - £900 from subs (£5 each) and £1000 from the SU  
- we have no sponsorship.

**We are looking for £6000 for the academic year 08/09,** and so if the ACT or Alumni could help in anyway then I would very much look forward to hearing from you. Please let me know if you would like anymore information regarding the 'Farm to Fork' scheme, the club or its future plans.

Thank you and best regards,

Chris Felstead  
President RVC FACC