



RVC

**Animal
Care Trust**

Royal Veterinary College

Paws & Hooves

Autumn 2017

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We hope you enjoy reading the wide range of stories from across the ACT in this edition of Paws and Hooves.

Welcome to Paws & Hooves

It's been a really busy year again at the ACT so once again, a bumper issue of Paws & Hooves to show you just how far your generous donations have reached this year, from homeless pets with life-threatening injuries, to exotic pets and beyond!

A lot of work has been going on behind the scenes at the ACT to ensure that we are online and available to our supporters and to ensure that information is safe and secure. We have updated our privacy policy in line with the new data protection laws that are coming into place next year.

Whichever way you choose to stay in touch and support the ACT, this year and in the future, THANK YOU- we couldn't do it without you.

The ACT Team



Did you know?...

We have 120 canine donors and 45 feline donors registered to give blood at the QMHA, facilitating almost 600 transfusions per year!



Another year of incredible support:

- Our CT scanner appeal raised over £630,000 by the end of last year. We are now looking to fund a special sedation room for this scanner which will make the scanning process quicker and less stressful for patients.
- We were able to buy new cardiac software for the MRI at our Queen Mother Hospital for animals which improves imaging for our cardiac cases
- We funded new cutting-edge equine gait equipment for our equine hospital
- New electro-chemotherapy equipment for sarcoids in horses has also been funded by the ACT.

THANK YOU!

We are so grateful for all that you do for us, from spare change to marathons and everything in between. We look forward to a very successful 2018!

Ike lurches back to life!

Earlier this summer, Ike was brought into the RVC's out of hours emergency service by a member of the public. He was in a dreadful state with an awful injury to his lower back leg which, though bandaged, was in need of immediate care.

On first examination, the emergency team thought the leg would need to be amputated but at such a young age- approx. 16 months- they decided to investigate further and see if there were any other options. One of the huge advantages here at the RVC, is our multi-disciplinary team, who are able to work closely together, drawing on all their specialist skills for the best outcome for each and every patient we see.

Our specialist surgical team took Ike into theatre where they managed to repair the wound through a complex skin graft from his chest to his paw. Now, after the success of surgery and with regular bandage changes and physiotherapy, Ike is beginning to bounce back.

But the story, doesn't end here...

Anna, an intern here at the RVC, was working in the ER the day Ike was brought in. She mentioned the adorable stray to her fiancé Thom who was due on the nightshift that day and by morning their minds were both set! Having remained unclaimed via the council, Thom and Anna made the decision to adopt Ike and, in June, official ownership was transferred.

Clearly organising a wedding as well as managing their internship here at the RVC wasn't quite enough, and



bride-to-be Anna Frykfors and her groom Thom Watton are delighted to have Ike at home with them!

'It all happened very quickly! As soon as we realised it was feasible we were delighted and went about officially adopting him. In terms of his name, it was something that we had set aside for our dream dog – namely a shaggy sighthound- so we felt that it suited him perfectly! The whole process just felt very serendipitous, but we would never have managed it without the support of the college and clinical staff.' Anna

It's great to be able to celebrate a happy ending to an otherwise tragic story for this gorgeous wire-haired lurcher.

If you would like to support animals like Ike, you can support our fundraising via our website at: www.rvc.ac.uk/act

Every donation really makes a difference.



Did you know?...
In 2016 our supporters raised more than £2 million through their fabulous fundraising events, legacies, donations and challenges



Follow us **online** via our website and social media for the very latest news, stories and events.

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Something out of the ordinary...

From the age of 8, Dr Jo Hedley knew she wanted to be a vet and her only other profession of choice at that time was a zoo keeper so she was pretty much destined to have a career with animals no matter what!

After joining general practice following her graduation, Jo found herself drawn to exotics. "There's so much we don't know about these animals which makes for a very interesting career- they're just fascinating!"

Jo is based at the RVC's Beaumont Sainsbury Animal Hospital in north London where, she says, there is no such thing as an average day.

"Literally anything could walk through the door. This week we have spayed a snake and treated a snail with a damaged shell."

"The main problem with exotics is that it's so hard for owners to realise there is anything wrong- someone can come in with a 'slightly sick' bird, who is actually critically ill and many of these animals have such fast metabolisms that just missing one or two meals can be the equivalent of our average pets not eating for days."

Small mammals and exotics rarely show signs of disease until problems are advanced at which time they generally need critical care. We are fortunate enough to have received funding from The Barry Green Memorial Fund to purchase an ISTAT- this equipment will mean that we can tailor our care to the exotic patient immediately, rather than waiting 1-2 days for lab results, when the patient is already deteriorating. Instant adjustments to treatments can be made, giving the patients a much better chance of recovery.

Jo has exotic pets of her own, a snake called Marble as well as two lovebirds and a tortoise. Life is never dull! I asked Jo what she would advise anyone looking at getting an exotic pet and the key thing was information based on science and not opinion. Making sure that you do your research ahead of making any commitment and



seeking advice from a specialist vet is critical. Are you the right owner for the pet that you have your heart set on?

"They say a dog is for life and not just for Christmas but tortoises can live to 120 yrs old so do you know how they will be looked after when you're gone? Are you prepared to recreate the Mediterranean in your house so that they are living in the right conditions? Do you know what to feed them so they remain fit and healthy?"

Choosing a pet is often the easiest part of the process, gathering the information you need to decide whether you can cope with that pet is absolutely vital.

The RVC's Beaumont Sainsbury Animal Hospital is based at our Camden Campus. The hospital's Exotics Team put on regular, free information evenings for owners of exotic pets, so keep an eye on their website or like their Facebook page for further information:

rvc.ac.uk/beaumont-sainsbury-animal-hospital

facebook.com/BSAH.RVC

Leaving a lasting gift

The **Beaumont Sainsbury Animal Hospital** is currently undergoing a major facelift, largely thanks to two significant legacies left to the hospital.

The refurbishment includes a new prep room for surgical induction, three surgical theatres and an x-ray room. The theatres will be equipped with modern fixtures, state-of-the-art surgical equipment (including laparoscopic surgical kit for keyhole operations) and of course all of the specific requirements that come with being a fully RCVS- accredited veterinary hospital such as controlled air flow for sterility and continuous electrical resources.

'This refurbishment ensures our hospital is fit for the future of veterinary care and education, so the legacies we received really will have a lasting impact on our care and our patients.'

Ann Richings, Hospital Director

Would you consider a gift to the RVC in your will?

The RVC treats more than 20,000 sick and injured animals each year and the gifts we receive from our supporters' wills play a major role in how we are able to help them. These gifts have enabled us to build hospitals, buy the latest pioneering equipment to help us help your pets and ensure our student vets, nurses and scientists qualify as the best they can possibly be for the future welfare of animals all over the world.

There are all sorts of ways your gift could help us advance veterinary medicine and help more animals:

- funding our hospitals - we need the very best equipment in our hospitals to provide the best possible care to our patients and the best possible education to our students
- supporting our research into the diseases which affect our pets; finding cures and new treatments
- ensuring our students have the best education possible; investing in the future of the veterinary profession

For further information please contact Nadja Hale on tel: 01707 667024 or nhale@rvc.ac.uk and we look forward to working together to ensure your legacy makes a vital, lasting impact on the lives of animals.



Mia bounces back after brain surgery

Mia was 10 years old when she was referred to the RVC, having not been herself in months. She came in as an emergency referral after she deteriorated to the point where she could not stand unaided. After an MRI revealed a large mass, consistent with a tumour, surgeons from our Neurology and Neurosurgery Service operated that day.



She was able to return home just five days after the operation and over the next few weeks gradually returned to her normal self.

Mia's owner, Rosalind, stays in touch with the RVC, *"Three years on, I am pleased to say that Mia continues to do well. Her mobility and coordination are good and there is no evidence of the illness and symptoms she once had. She is still able to jump up on the radiator for a warm windowsill to look out across the Elham valley! I will never forget the incredible team effort in terms of Mia's care, from all at the RVC."*

"Mia's case is a great example of the fantastic results that can be obtained for pets with this condition if they receive prompt referral. We were delighted with the progress she made in the days following, and now years since, the operation."

Dr Joe Fenn, RVC

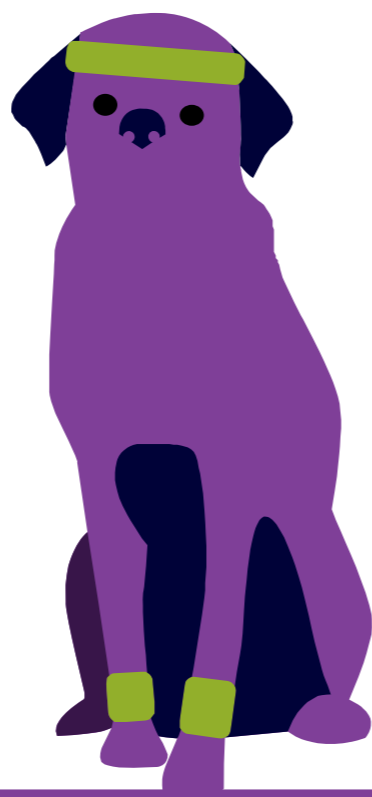
Mucky Pup Fun Run Oct 2017 - Hatfield House

We are so looking forward to our first ever Mucky Pup Fun Run and with so many of you coming along, we know it's going to be a whole heap of fun and a brilliant contribution to our fundraising. If you haven't already signed up what's stopping you? This is a great, fun, gentle run through the beautiful grounds of Hatfield House suitable for all ages and levels of fitness (dogs and humans!).

We'll not only have a fabulous 2-mile run for you to enjoy, with or without your dog, in the glorious grounds of Hatfield House, but there are stalls, instant prizes and delicious food to enjoy too!

Huge thanks to Flexadin Advanced who have kindly sponsored this event, ensuring that all your fantastic fundraising goes directly to the ACT and its specialist care for animals. For more information or to enter online please visit www.rvc.ac.uk/muckypup or you can call us on 01707 666237. We look forward to seeing you there!

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What would you do with £1,000?

We're sure if it was up to our furry friends we'd be purchasing tennis ball machines and mountains of biscuits! Our sights are set on other treats though, especially as we're heading towards the festive season. The great news about the ACT raffle is that every ticket sold will help us to help your favourite furries. In 2016, our raffle raised more than £20,000, which made a huge contribution to our CT scanner appeal.



To support this year's raffle and put yourself in the running for £1,000 as well as the runner up cash prizes, please complete and return your enclosed raffle tickets before Dec 1st! Good luck!

In great company

Local businesses have been making a real difference here at the ACT through their financial support, expertise and generous gifts.

Our corporate partnerships have provided specialist equipment for our hospitals, financial assistance for student projects, awareness of our work via staff incentives or events and incredible gifts such as these amazing beds for our retiring Blood Donor dogs and cats from Petface UK.



"It was our pleasure to support such a great charity and the fantastic work they do. We were delighted we could help the wonderful Blood donor dogs and cats and make them feel more comfortable by supplying them with our Petface cosy beds. We very much hope they enjoy snuggling up in them." Laura Walker, Petface UK

We love working with companies creating mutually beneficial partnerships. It is a rewarding experience for their staff and customers and has a tremendous impact on the Animal Care Trust.

If you would like to discuss us working with your company or employer please call Jenny Collins on 01707 666045 or email her at jcollins@rvc.ac.uk

Thank you so much to all our loyal corporate supporters...



Life-changing challenges!

Have you ever wandered outside of your comfort zone to see how it felt? Do you have an urge to challenge yourself to something brand new and exciting? We have a whole range of incredible challenges for you. Here are some recent ACT heroes!

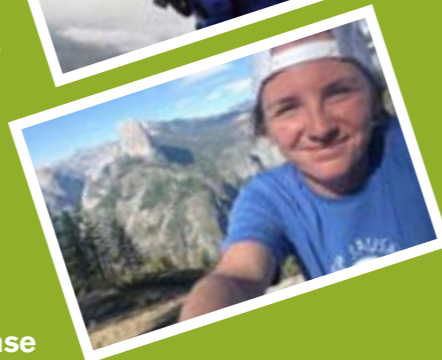
'It has been on my bucket list to run a half marathon once in my life and I decided to stop putting it off. I am so excited to be running for the ACT as it is something that I am incredibly passionate about. This year has been full of emotional challenges and this is my opportunity to prove to myself that I can do anything if I put my mind to it.'

Rebecca Brooks, RVC student, Royal Parks Half Marathon runner

Sue decided to jump from a plane at 12,000 feet to support us after her beloved dog Dave was treated by the RVC. 'You will never get such a different perspective on the world, and I'll certainly never see Salisbury cathedral the same way again! I thoroughly recommend it to anyone who wants a challenge - you won't regret it!' Sue, skydiver!

'I am excited and nervous in equal measure about this, but I'm comforted knowing we'll have a whole team to work with throughout the course. I can't wait to get muddy with team Filthy Fifty!' Mary, Tough Mudder 2017 team member

If you're feeling inspired and are ready to take a leap of faith then please contact Claire Reynolds today on tel 01707 666039 or email clareynolds@rvc.ac.uk



ACT Christmas Shop 2017

Everything must go!

Welcome to our Christmas Shop for 2017!
A small sample of our Christmas cards, gifts and RVC merchandise follow on these pages.

This will be our last Christmas catalogue so all our cards are **ON SALE at just £2.99** per pack of 10 with envelopes unless otherwise stated! The message inside all cards reads **"Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year"**. **Please note we have limited stock so please order early to avoid disappointment (and bag a bargain!).**

To view the **full** range of products and to place an order just visit our online shop rvc.ac.uk/act/shop or return the enclosed form in the envelope provided.

THANK YOU for shopping with us this year!



RVC Christmas Card Competition Winner

The Cattle are Lowing £3.99 (10 per pack)

Code XMCC

Size: 12.5cm x 17cm

Congratulations to RVC Research Technician Natalie Chancellor who works with our Animal Welfare Team for this beautiful watercolour of some of our RVC Farm cows. We think you'll agree that the 'Cattle are Lowing' is a beautiful work of art and a worthy winner of our first ever Christmas Card competition!

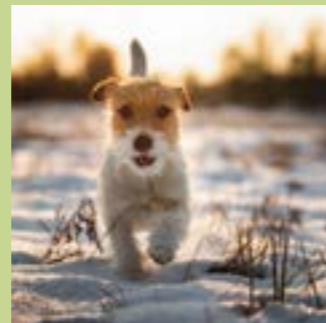
Pet gifts



Cat with Bauble £2.99
Code XMCB
Size: 12.6cm x 12.6cm



Birds on a Wire £2.99
Code XMBW
Size: 12.6cm x 12.6cm



Winter Walkies £2.99
Code XMWW
Size: 12.7cm x 12.7cm



Christmas Cats £2.99
Code XMCC
Size: 13.7cm x 13.7cm



Pet Christmas stocking £3.99

Dog: ANDS

Cat: ANCS

This felt applique stocking with hanging loop is the perfect place for your pet's presents!
Length: 24cm



Santa's Beard £2.99

Code ANSB

Latex toy in the shape of Santa's beard with a squeaky handle for your dog to hold, squeak and retrieve.
Length: 13cm



Roxy reindeer £4.99

Code ANRR

Cute plush toy with a fun festive design and different fabrics and textures your dog will love!
Height: 34cm



Christmas at the Stable £2.99

Code XMCS

Size: 13cm x 9.8cm



Last Post £2.99

Code XMLP

Size: 9.8cm x 13cm



Christmas Post £2.99

Code XMCP

Size: 11.4cm x 16cm



Reindeer 4 pack treats £3.99

Code ANRT

These tasty rawhide festive shapes are just the thing to keep your canine chum happy at Christmas.

Composition: Beefhide, Rice Starch, Artificial Colorants



Resting by the fire £2.99

Code XMRF

Size: 16cm x 11.4cm



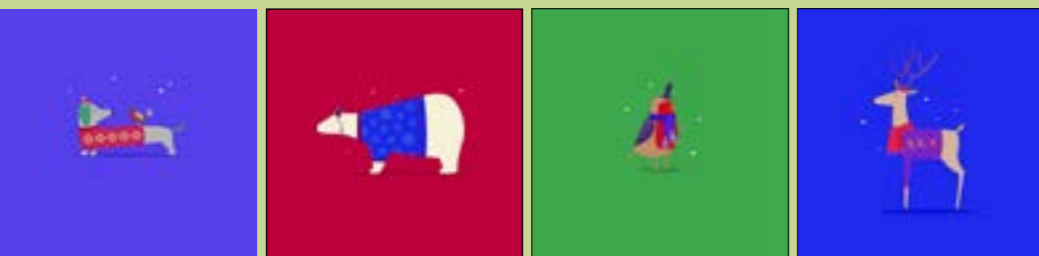
4 course meal treats for cats £2.99

Code ANCT

4 delicious servings of salmon, turkey, cheese & chocolate treats.

Weight: 80g

Composition: Cereals, Meat and derivatives of vegetable origin, Oils and fats (0.5% salmon oil), Vegetable protein extracts, Fish and Fish derivatives (4% salmon meal), Derivatives of vegetable origin.



Christmas animals

16 cards (4 x 4 designs) **£3.99**

Code XMCA

Size: 13.5cm x 13.5cm



Declan Donkey £4.99

Code ANDD

Cuddly toy with a soft body for cuddling and long legs for tugging
Height: 34cm

For our full range please visit rvc.ac.uk/act/shop

RVC Gifts and Clothing



RVC keyring £6.99
Code HUEK
Chrome & satin finish keyring engraved with RVC crest in a gift box
Keyfob size: 2cm x 4cm

RVC car sticker £1.99
Code HUCS
Self-cling repositionable car sticker

RVC Rufus the dog £12.99
Code RRTD
Cute plush toy, named by you and sporting an RVC jumper! Height sitting 20cm.

RVC navy baseball cap £12.99
Code CLBC
"ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE" on the back. One size adjustable strap. 100% cotton.

RVC notebook £5.99
Code HUNB
A5, black, soft-feel PU cover, printed crest, lined pages, ribbon marker, elastic nylon band for closing.



RVC mug £9.99
Code HUEM
Boxed earthenware mug, ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE on back.

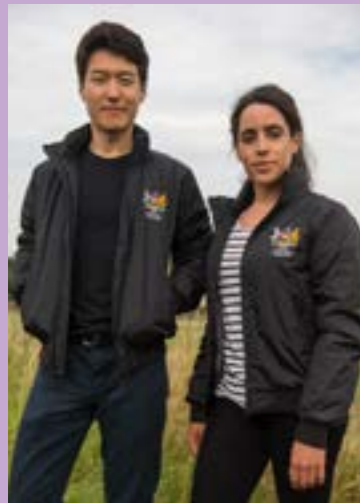
RVC pin badge £1.99
Code HUPB
Purple enameled badge with crest - butterfly back
Diameter: 2cm

RVC cufflinks £19.99
Code HUPB
Silver-plated cufflinks featuring crest in chrome box.

RVC tankard mug £19.99
Code HUCT
Beautiful gold-edged tankard with Crest and satin-lined, padded gift box. Height 8.5cm

RVC welly bag £19.99
Navy: HUBBN
Green: HUBBG
With carry handle and ventilation window. H47cm, W36cm, D25cm

See the full range at rvc.ac.uk/act/shop



RVC black bomber jacket £44.99
Ladies: 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16 Code CLBJL
Mens: S, M, L, XL Code CLBJM
Padded waterproof bomber jacket, concealed hood, grey lining, heavy rib cuffs and hem. Mens' version is a looser fit. Embroidered with RVC crest. 100% polyester.



RVC quilted gilet £44.99
Ladies: 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16 Code CLQWL
Mens: S, M, L, XL Code CLQWM
In black or navy - please specify
Water-repellent, two lower patch pockets, back vents with stud fastenings, Thermoguard insulation. Men's version is looser fit. 100% polyester.



RVC unisex two tone hoody £29.99
Sizes: XS (34") S (36") M (40") L (44") XL (48")
Burgundy/charcoal: CLHYBC
Jet black/purple: CLHYBP
Two tone hoody, front pouch pocket & opening for earphone cord. 80% cotton, 20% polyester. *NB: hoodies now feature a white printed crest with ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE on the back.



RVC navy parka jacket £44.99
Ladies: 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16 Code CLPJL
Mens: S, M, L, XL Code CLPJM
Padded waterproof & windproof jacket with a fleece lined collar, concealed hood and a drawcord. Embroidered with the RVC crest. 100% polyester.

2017 order form

Remember you can help us save vital funds by ordering online
www.rvc.ac.uk/act/shop

Title: First name: Surname:

Billing & delivery address:
.....Postcode:

Tel no:

Email address:

Please continue on a separate piece of paper if necessary

We would like to stay in touch with you about our work improving animal health and care at the RVC's hospitals, as well as ACT events and fundraising opportunities. If you agree to being contacted in this way, please tick this box If you are also happy for us to stay in touch via email then please tick here The Animal Care Trust values your support and respects your privacy. We will never disclose or share your information with anyone else for any purpose. For further information on how we protect your information, please read our full privacy policy at www.rvc.ac.uk/act/resources

Full item code	Product name (& any personalisation)	Quantity	Size (please specify if mens or ladies)	Colour/design	Price per item	Total Price
e.g. CLQWL	Quilted bodywarmer	1	Ladies M	Black	£34.99	£34.99
Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.						

Gift Aid Declaration

I would like The Royal Veterinary College Animal Care Trust* to treat as Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Cost of goods	£
Donation	£

*I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given. Please notify us if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

I enclose payment of £: _____ (please do not send cash)

I would like to pay by cheque (payable to RVC ACT) or postal order

I would like to pay by credit/debit card Visa Maestro Mastercard (we are unable to accept American

Card No (The 16 digit number on the front of your card)

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