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Better Together



SUMMER 2015



Dexter the Maine Coon with Hydrotherapist Amie Slade in the pool following two Total Hip Replacements at Fitzpatrick Referrals

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From small beginnings come great things

Welcome to the 10th Anniversary Summer Special of the Friends Newsletter!

It seems an age ago that I was working out of Hunters Lodge veterinary practice in Guildford and the idea of a large referral centre, offering a choice to you, veterinary practitioners and the clients and their pets we care for was just a dream.

We started small and even though Fitzpatrick Referrals now employs in excess of 150 staff we have kept our values that started the journey and now we are able to offer more specialist services. Along with orthopaedics and neurology we now have oncology and soft tissue surgery in our fantastic new centre opening in September 2015.

I couldn't have made it to this anniversary without your support and the support of my Fitz Family within the practice.

Thank you and I hope you enjoy this special edition.

Noel



ABOVE: Noel at the new Oncology and Soft Tissue Centre.



Professor Stuart Carmichael
"The new facility sets the perfect stage for our new mission to provide more options and hope for animals and their families".

Countdown to the future Welcome to the best facilities in Europe

The new Fitzpatrick Referrals Oncology and Soft Tissue Centre based in the Surrey Research Park, Guildford is nearing completion and will be opened officially on the 2nd September. We are so excited about this new venture which will offer you and your clients the best facilities in Europe for cancer care in small animals.

BELOW LEFT: A 3D visual of the prep area.
BELOW RIGHT: The unique reception area with separate waiting pods for the pets and their owners.



Hydrotherapy for Cats Our cover star Dexter

Hydrotherapy for cats may sound surprising but in fact we have had a lot of success in rehabilitating cats using both the hydrotherapy pool and the underwater treadmill. Some of our patients become very adept swimmers!

A good example of this is Dexter the Maine Coon. He needed to have both of his hips replaced and was subsequently referred to the hydrotherapy department to improve his muscle mass and mobility as part of his recovery from surgery.

He had weekly sessions and his treatment consisted of a mixture of swimming and water based physiotherapy exercises on the pods. The swimming allowed free movement without impact on his joints and the pods enabled us to do weight bearing and strengthening exercises with extra support provided by the water.



Fitzpatrick Referrals

ABOVE: Bilateral Total Hip Replacement for Dexter.



In the Spotlight

Here is where we take some time to get to know more about the people behind the referral! In this edition we meet Emma Saunders, who is the Joint Proprietor of Castle Vets in Farnham and Grazeley Vets in Farnborough with her husband Chris.

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| Name | Emma Saunders |
| Age | 39 |
| University: | Bristol Vet School |
| First job: | Mildmay Vets – A mixed animal practice in Winchester |
| Current job: | Joint proprietors of Castle and Grazeley Vets with husband Chris, who is an equine vet. |

Why are you a vet?
I wanted to do something that was interesting every day. I didn't want to work in an office or have long commutes to and from work.

Best part of your job?
Apart from working and making friends with great colleagues, I love interacting with the clients.

Three words that describe you?
Scatty, Calm and Positive.

Who is your Hero?
The Queen - as she's still running the country even though she's 90 years old!

Most unusual animal you treated?
When I was on holiday with my husband in Crete, the entertainment guy brought his horse to the hotel so we could treat it.

Your passion?
My work and my three horses.

What keeps you awake at night?
Thankfully nothing! I'm lucky to be a very calm and relaxed person on the whole.

If you could be granted a wish, what would it be?
Very cheesy... but I'd wish everyone I know could be happy – winning the lottery would be pretty good of course!

What words would inspire a child to become a vet?
It's important to do a job that you feel is worthwhile - and that you take pride in knowing that the work you do directly benefits others. You must have job satisfaction personally and being a vet gives you that totally.

What dog breed would you be?
A friendly Jack Russell. Emma's staff said, 'She goes for something and keeps going! She is also small and very energetic'!

What would you be if not a vet?
A hairdresser...or a professional event rider.

Do you need to love animals to be a great vet?
I think you could be great clinically and know what you need to know - but you have to really care how they are to be really great.

Where is your happy place?
On my horse.

Your dream destination?
Empty, white, sandy beach – but not for too long as I'd get bored!

10 Years of Fitzpatrick Referrals

Our world renowned state-of-the-art specialist practice in Eashing is the result of a decade of dedication and vision by Professor Noel Fitzpatrick and the team to create an unparalleled centre of expertise in small animal neuro-orthopaedics in the South East of England. To mark this exciting year, we have outlined some key moments on our journey:

1st
BIONIC
DOG

After extensive demolishing the build starts to take shape



Fitzpatrick Referrals goes bionic. Noel with Storm the first Bionic dog



A new identity and a new home. The Fitzpatrick Referrals team moves to Eashing

1st



Coal receives the 1st generation osseointegrated amputation prosthesis

The Bionic Vet airs on BBC One June 30th 2010



**FITZPATRICK
LEARNING ACADEMY**

The Fitzpatrick Learning Academy is launched to offer veterinary professionals a new spectrum of cutting edge learning, training and CPD opportunities



1st
NEW GENERATION
PROSTHESIS-PerFITS

Papagena is the first recipient a new generation prosthesis - PerFITS



New expanded and refurbished patient wards opened by Michael Ball



Professor Stuart Carmichael comes on board to help develop the Fitzpatrick Referrals business model



Clare Rusbridge joins the team as Chief of Neurology. Clare has been recognised globally for her work on Chiari-like Malformation and Syringomyelia. She was awarded the JA Wright Memorial Award in 2011



The first DogFest event is held at Fitzpatrick Referrals to celebrate the bond between people and their animals



Nick Bacon joined us as Clinical Director of Oncology and Soft Tissue. Nick is the only surgeon in the UK to have completed a Fellowship in Surgical Oncology



The Fitzpatrick Referrals Oncology and Soft Tissue Centre on Surrey Research Park, Guildford, opens in September



1st The inaugural VET Festival Conference in September setting a new standard in education



The original farm buildings before construction commences at Eashing



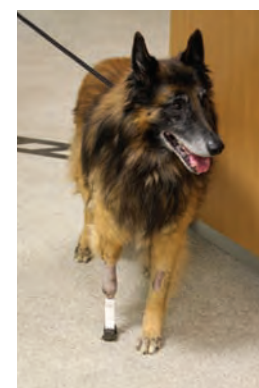
Laying foundations for the future



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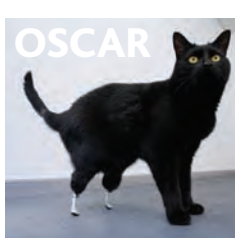
The Hydrotherapy Pool



The CT scanner arrives to enhance the Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Suite



2010 saw our first Vetfest at Fitzpatrick Referrals Eashing



1st
BIONIC CAT

Bionic feet for amputee cat



A new lecture program begins for our referring vets and nurses in the Fitzpatrick Referrals purpose built lecture theatre



1st
CUSTOM LUMBAR
SPINAL FUSION

First Lumbar Fusion system using FITS (Fitz Intervertebral Traction Screw) and Fitzateur fixation



BSAVA 2012 Fitzpatrick Referrals presents more papers than any other practice, demonstrating our commitment to the sharing of experience and knowledge

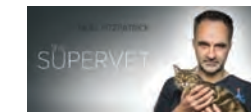
1st
CUSTOM CERVICAL
SPINAL FUSION



Mojo - First Cervical Fusion system using FITS and Fitzateur fixation



Fitzpatrick Referrals wins a Daily Mirror and RSPCA Animal Hero Award in the innovative business category



The Supervet airs on Channel 4, 7th May 2014



Work begins on Fitzpatrick Referrals Oncology and Soft Tissue Centre

1st
ONE LIVE



The first ONE LIVE Music Festival held to raise awareness for One Life One Medicine



Performing - Mike & the Mechanics & The Hoosiers, among others... in support of The Humanimal Trust



THE HUMANIMAL TRUST
Animal and human healthcare moving forward together

Small but mighty

Coco the Shih Tzu gets back on her feet



ABOVE: 3D-CISS MRI of Coco's Spine.

Coco is a beautiful seven year old Shih Tzu who lives with the Foulkes family. They took Coco to see their Primary Care Vet, Steve Brawley at Vets4Pets in Woking when she became unsteady on her hindlimbs.

Upon clinical examination, Steve detected hindlimb paresis and ataxia and suspected spinal disease. He referred Coco to see Colin Driver, Senior Surgeon within the Fitzpatrick Referrals Neurology Team.

Coco's history indicated that she had non-painful and slow progressive pelvic limb ataxia and paraparesis which had been developing over the previous few months (Grade 2 Spinal Cord Disease). On examination Colin found her postural reactions were delayed on the pelvic limbs and significantly worse on the left side. Her segmental spinal reflexes were normal and there was no spinal pain detected.

Colin's initial assessment suggested a myelopathy at T3-L3 spinal cord segments. Based on her clinical presentation and signalment, aetiologies such as degenerative, malformative and anomalous were considered. An MRI of the spine was undertaken in the Advanced Imaging Suite at Fitzpatrick Referrals which revealed a left lateral (from the one o'clock to the five o'clock position) intra-dural, extramedullary lesion with secondary myelopathy at the level of the T9 vertebrae. The lesion was poorly demarcated and hyper-intense on T2-weighted images. A three-dimensional constructive interference in steady state (3D-CISS) MRI sequence was performed and confirmed the presence of a spinal arachnoid

diverticulum (SAD) i.e. accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), resulting in spinal cord compression. Another SAD was present at the dorsal aspect of C2-C3 vertebrae, however this was causing a minimal spinal cord compression and therefore it was not considered clinically significant.

The diagnosis was a T9 arachnoid diverticulum (cyst).

Although medical treatment with corticosteroids may reduce the myelopathy secondary to the spinal cord compression, laminectomy with durotomy and diverticulum marsupialisation is the cornerstone of the treatment for SAD. Colin explained in detail the various treatment options with Mr and Mrs Foulkes.

Mr Foulkes appreciated that surgery would be the best option to prevent further neurological deterioration of Coco's condition, but also understood that it might not be possible to fully restore neurologic function due to the chronicity of the lesion.

Colin placed Coco on a short course of prednisolone to alleviate the vasogenic spinal cord oedema with the plan to perform a left-sided hemilaminectomy at the level of the T8-T9 vertebrae with durotomy and diverticulum marsupialisation.

On the day of the surgery the spinal cord was grossly abnormal with dilation of the arachnoid space cranial to a linear vertical adhesion in the arachnoid. A wide linear durotomy was performed and the dura was marsupialised with 6-0 Vicryl™.

On the morning following surgery she was ambulatory and slightly ataxic (grade II spinal cord disease). Coco was assessed by Emily Ni Mhuilleoir, one of the Fitzpatrick Referrals dedicated inpatient ACPAT Chartered Physiotherapists. Her rehabilitation aims and treatment plan was formulated to improve pelvic limb strength and function plus independence with mobility.

On day two Coco was walking well with only mild ataxia; she was voluntarily urinating and was comfortable upon spinal palpation.

Colin was happy for her to be discharged to the care of her family with return assessments from Steve at Vets4Pets. Additional visits to the rehabilitation department were organised at Fitzpatrick Referrals to further monitor her progress.

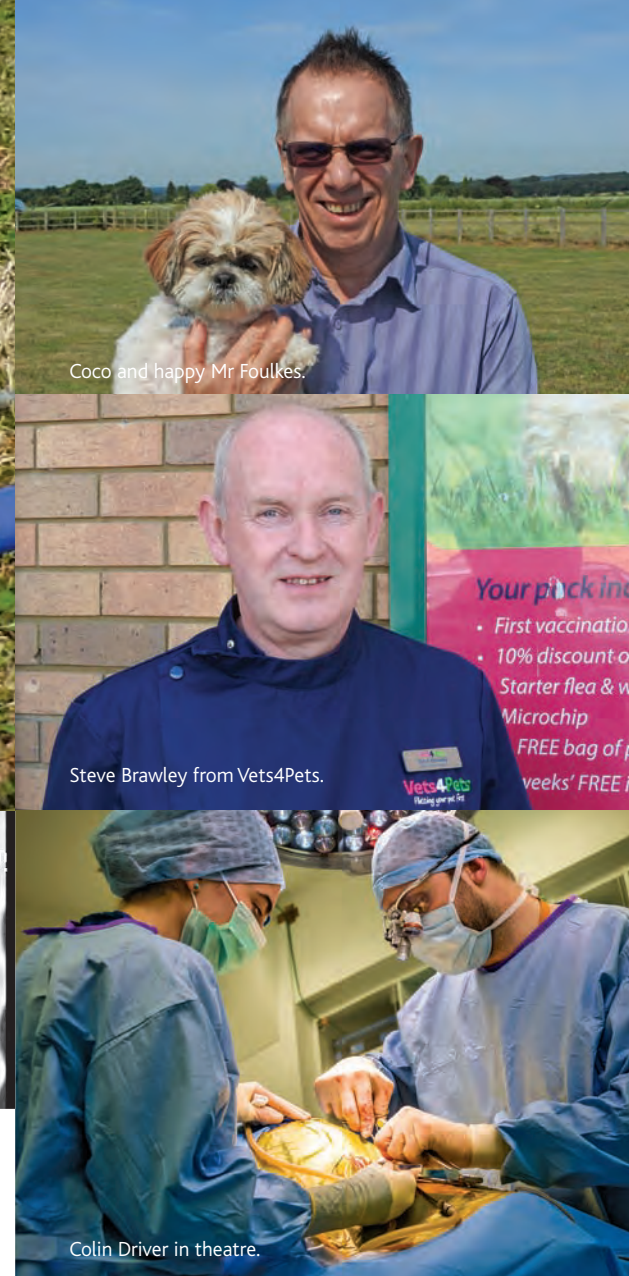
Prior to discharge, Emily assessed Coco and she was pleased to find her to be slightly stronger on her pelvic limbs. She discussed with Mr and Mrs Foulkes Coco's home exercise programme, demonstrating the

techniques required and ensuring they were happy to continue with her rehabilitation.

A few days later Mr Foulkes brought Coco as an outpatient to see Sam Gates, another of Fitzpatrick Referrals rehabilitation physiotherapist's for assessment and treatment. Coco received laser therapy to the affected area with the aim to reduce inflammation and aid the healing process. Sam was impressed with the progress the family had made with Coco's home plan.

"Coco has come on leaps and bounds since her surgery and we have all been very impressed with the progress she has made in just a few weeks. Mr and Mrs Foulkes have been great at continuing her rehabilitation which is so essential to aid her full recovery. Coco is very determined to be up and about - It proves to us that size is no measurement of strength!"
Sam Gates

Coco has made wonderful progress since her surgery; her pelvic limb strength has improved and she has become increasingly mobile every day. She will continue to have close monitoring by Steve at Vets4Pets Woking and will be assessed by Sam on a weekly basis.



Coco and happy Mr Foulkes.

Steve Brawley from Vets4Pets.

Colin Driver in theatre.

WHAT'S ON

September



2nd
Fitzpatrick Referrals Oncology and Soft Tissue Centre in Guildford opens



5-6th
The VET Festival CPD Event conceived by Noel takes place at the University of Surrey
To book: visit www.vetfestival.co.uk



5th
ONE LIVE Music Festival
Headlining Mike & The Mechanics in support of The Humanimal Trust, at the University of Surrey



15th
Partners in Care Lecture
"The Case of the Skipping Dog
Is surgery always necessary?"
By Sarah Girling Bsc BVSc Cert SAS
DECVS MRCVS Senior Orthopaedic Surgeon. Held at the Conference Centre, Fitzpatrick Referrals, Easing

October



9th-11th
BVNA Congress
(British Veterinary Nursing Association Annual Congress)
International Centre, Telford



21st-24th
American College of Veterinary Surgeons Annual Congress



November
7th-8th
National Pet Show Birmingham



19th-20th
London Vet Show Olympia



INTERVIEW WITH RICHARD DUNWOODY MBE

Over the last few months Richard Dunwoody has been working on a photographic project to capture 'The Patient Journey' at Fitzpatrick Referrals. Richard took a moment to be interviewed by the team to find out more about him.

WHY CHOOSE TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER?

I really enjoyed photography at school, I have a lot of friends in the business and I have always loved travelling so felt I would like to attempt something that really interested me and would also pay for the airfares!

HOW MUCH OF A CHALLENGE DO YOU FIND IT?

It's a big challenge, harder work than anyone would give it credit for. It's not just about taking photos, there can be a lot of preparation and editing and there can be a great deal of pressure to get the right shots within a certain time frame.

WHICH PHOTOGRAPHER DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?

There are several: Steve McCurry, an American editorial photographer best known for his photograph "Afghan Girl" which originally appeared in National Geographic magazine. Jason P Howe, a war photographer who has worked in Iraq and Colombia.

I met Jason in Kabul and I have huge respect for his work. Stanley Greene another American photojournalist who has documented conflict, violence and human disasters across the world.

WHAT PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE HAS MOST MOVED YOU?

There is no single photo. There are many taken by these photographers that I admire together with many by Sebastiao Salgado, who is another incredible photographer.

DO YOU HAVE A SIGNATURE PHOTO YET? – OR 1 OR 2 OF WHICH YOU ARE MOST PROUD?

Perhaps the ones of the Buzkashi in Afghanistan, the grey horse jumping the rail and ditch at Auteuil in France, the working donkey walking through the slums in India and the eight year old rag and bone boy with his blind pony from Guatemala.

TOP: Monks practising the Black Hat Dance at a monastery near Chamkar, Bhutan, 15th Nov 2014

BELOW: A boy and his blind pony in the countryside near Chimaltenango, Guatemala, February 2013. The boy's father was the local rag and bone man and with the boy riding the pony, they helped to pull his cart.

TO DATE WHICH PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSIGNMENT HAS BEEN THE MOST INTERESTING AND WHY?

Possibly the Brooke, the equine charity where I was asked to cover the plight of working horses in some of the poorer parts of the world. We travelled to some very interesting places and at times witnessed some pretty rough stuff for example in the slate mines in Northern India and the brick kilns in Cairo.

WHY DID YOU AGREE TO UNDERTAKE THE PATIENT JOURNEY FOR FITZPATRICK REFERRALS?

I thought it would be really interesting and a challenge.

WHAT WAS THE MOST CHALLENGING ASPECT OF THE BRIEF?

The main challenge was trying to get decent shots only because you are dealing with specialist vets and nurses who are under pressure and are treating sick animals. At times some of pets are very poorly and you want to do the photographic brief justice. It's hard not to impose, you are shooting fly on the wall stuff – the whole care team in action doing what they are very good at but it's not easy.

BELOW: Elixir Du Berlais (Ludovic Philipperon) takes the rail and ditch in the Prix du President de la Republique at Auteuil Sunday 22nd April 2012.

WHAT WILL YOU TAKE AWAY FROM THE EXPERIENCE?

My parents wanted me to be a vet at school but I always wanted to be a jockey first. To watch and photograph Noel operating is certainly something I won't forget. The skill and efficiency with which he conducted it, was incredible.

FINALLY, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO ANYONE WISHING TO BECOME A PHOTOGRAPHER?

Don't expect to make a living from it straight away. Some of the best photographers are self taught, but a lot of them are from a time before digital photography. Their framing is so good; to succeed then one couldn't fire off 50 frames in four or five seconds as you can nowadays. I think it is a good idea now to take a course in photography, I couldn't have achieved what I have without attending the photographic institute Speos in Paris.

Richard Dunwoody will be exhibiting the pictures he has taken at Fitzpatrick Referrals at an exhibition soon. Details will follow in a future edition.



ABOVE: A tired working donkey carrying construction materials in a slum in Delhi, December 2012.



© Steve McCurry

BELOW: As exhibited at National Geographic.

A security guard patrols the ruins of the Darulaman Palace, Kabul. October, 2013.



THE CLIENT COLUMN

Supervet Hero Award goes to Louie

By Louie's mum, Jacky Taylor

When our very sweet Yellow Labrador Louie was just eight months old it became apparent to us that he was in pain. Radiographs taken by our vet at Blackberry Vet Clinic in Surrey revealed that Louie had bilateral hip dysplasia. The radiographs were sent to Fitzpatrick Referrals for reporting and the initial recommendation was for him to have physiotherapy, hydrotherapy and lead walking for three months to try to improve his overall condition.

When we started rehabilitation sessions in September 2014 we learnt that there are two important sides to Fitzpatrick Referrals – the Rehabilitation side and the Consultation side.

The people we met were so lovely and we were made to feel very welcome and at ease. The dogs were thoroughly fussed over by everyone we met so there was never a problem getting them through the door! Louie loved every minute.

Sadly the rehabilitation work alone didn't make enough of a difference to Louie's condition and we were referred to see Noel. The appointment with him was made for the end of January and

RIGHT: Bilateral biologic ingrowth BFX Total Hip Replacements for Louie. These implants become part of his body for his entire life as they bond with his bone.

in the meantime we kept up the weekly hydrotherapy sessions to make sure Louie was as strong as possible before his potential surgery. We had been pre-warned that Louie could be admitted that same day if Noel decided his hips needed replacing.

When the appointment on the consultation side came, the staff were amazing. Some we'd already met while receiving rehabilitation, and some were new to us. But equally the overall feeling that they really care was, and still is, quite incredible.

The appointment with Noel was very detailed and left us in no doubt that Louie needed surgery on both of his hips. We left it to Noel to decide which one to do first and said an emotional goodbye to a confused Louie, but comforted that he was in the best possible hands.

Noel rang late that night to say surgery had gone well and we'd talk again in the morning. His right hand vet, Erica, rang to say Louie was doing well and we

should plan to collect him the next day. Once home, Fitzpatrick Referrals were on hand every step of the way with advice and support as needed which was quite a lot in the first few days!

Louie's right hip was replaced seven weeks after his left and his recovery from surgery was even quicker. Again, the support from Fitzpatrick Referrals was excellent. Louie's treatment is almost over, we're continuing to take him to hydrotherapy each week, mainly as our other younger Lab, Finn, has ended up having surgery on his left elbow. This involved treatment for humeral intracondylar fissure with a transcondylar screw and a dynamic proximal ulnar osteotomy.

His recovery has been somewhat slower but we are working through it confident that Fitzpatrick Referrals are there to support and advise us every step of the way.

Fitzpatrick Referrals has become our second home. We are so grateful they are there and for all they have done for our family!



Louie wearing his Supervet Hero Award



Eyal Taylor with Louie

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VET FESTIVAL 2015

A NEW CPD FESTIVAL FOR VETS AND NURSES

5TH & 6TH SEPTEMBER 2015
UNIVERSITY OF SURREY

WE ARE HOSTING A UNIQUE CPD FESTIVAL OF LEARNING, FOR VETS AND VETERINARY NURSES WHO SPECIALISE IN COMPANION ANIMALS.

This two day landmark event will take place in marquees in the university grounds with 20 world-renowned speakers, and a rock concert featuring Mike and the Mechanics, plus two other support bands.

In The Veterinary Times
Noels says

"I want attendees to get everything they want to know in one place and have fun on the journey."

"I want to remind vets everywhere we started this journey wanting, yearning, dreaming and caring for the animals, and we should finish it the same way."

Check out the article for more information, and book your place at www.vetfestival.co.uk

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Times
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VET Festival aims for 'max impact, no filler' CPD

ONE of Britain's highest profile vets has outlined his aim to radically reform traditional CPD teaching methods in the UK.

Noel Fitzpatrick, managing director of Fitzpatrick Referrals, has organised a new CPD conference for companion animal vets and vet nurses.

Organisers claim The VET (Veterinary Medicine for Tomorrow) Festival on September 5 and 6 at the University of Surrey, Guildford will be unlike any CPD conference before and will offer "the best value CPD in the UK".

VET Festival will take place in marquees in the university grounds and feature 20 world-renowned speakers, food and a rock concert featuring Mike and the Mechanics, plus three other support bands.

Prof Fitzpatrick, who fronts Channel 4 programme *The Supervet*, told *Veterinary Times* he had been to some excellent veterinary conferences, but he'd also attended many "quite boring" events.

At VET Festival he wanted to inspire, entertain and educate the audience at a "practically relevant level" with a packed schedule of world-class speakers while, at the same time, making it fun.

Above all, he wanted the audience to remember why they'd become vets in the first place. He said: "Vets have very little time for CPD so, for me, you must make it fun with max-

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imum impact and no fillers. If you were in a movie such as *Avatar* there are no fillers. Every sequence and every phase of the movie has been carefully thought out.

"That's what I want at VET Festival. I want every single moment to have impact because you only have those two days in your whole year. I want attendees to get everything they want to know in one place and have fun on the journey."

Practical thinking

Prof Fitzpatrick, a neuro-orthopaedic surgeon, has hand-picked the speakers, including a conference keynote from primatologist Jane Goodall, acknowledged as the world's foremost expert on chimpanzees and founder of the Jane Goodall Institute.

Prof Fitzpatrick said he'd asked speakers to deliver something the audience couldn't get from books.

"I don't want people putting up slides saying this reference and that reference. That's just boring. I told them I wanted to know exactly what they were thinking on a practical level."

He added: "I want to remind vets everywhere we started

this journey wanting, yearning, dreaming and caring for the animals, and we should finish it the same way."

Prof Fitzpatrick said he thought vet nurses sometimes had a raw deal at CPD conferences with speakers coming for the vets and treating nurses as an afterthought, even though he described them as "the cohesive glue that holds together every practice in the country."

Dreams into reality

He has organised 12 one-hour lectures, from 12 different speakers intended for nurses.

Prof Fitzpatrick also promised good food. He said he'd often eaten "crap in a cardboard box" at conferences and promised attendees would get "a bloody good sandwich" at lunchtime in a relaxing atmosphere.

Prof Fitzpatrick also added VET Festival was not about making money.

He said: "It's not about finances. If I have to take a hit this year, I will. The purpose is to create change and create a vehicle where people within the profession remember why they became vets."

Prof Fitzpatrick said he was hoping for 1,000 people to attend the launch of VET Festival, but only "a few hundred tickets" had been sold so far.

He said: "With great change comes great risk and responsibility. Bear in mind Fitzpatrick Referrals and the vet school were only dreams in my head, the same way this is a dream in my head, but it only takes a few hundred people to change everything forever."

"It's not about finances. If I have to take a hit this year, I will. The purpose is to create change."

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Fitz & Pieces



Fitzpatrick Pub Hubs

We all had a lovely time at the George and Dragon near Sevenoaks on the 18th June. Colleagues from local veterinary practices joined us in the beamed room of this lovely 400 year old pub for a Fitzpatrick Referrals CPD lecture entitled:

"Surgeon v Cancer – Clash of the Titans" delivered by Senior Clinician of Oncology and Soft Tissue Doctor Laurent Findji.

On the 16th July we also held a team tumour talk at Princess Royal Runfold in Farnham with Noel Fitzpatrick, Nick Bacon and Laurent Findji. This was our largest Pub Hub event to date and it was great to see so many practitioners having a good time!

To find out about the next event near you - contact Josey:

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Outpatient Imaging Service temporarily suspended until mid October

Due to programmed improvements within our Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Department involving installation of brand new state-of-the-art scanners, we are currently unable to offer our Outpatient Imaging Service.

We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause you and your clients but this upgrade is essential for us to continue to provide the best patient care for you in the future. We will return to normal with an improved service in October.

Thank you for your understanding and support!



Book your tickets for the ONE LIVE Music Festival Featuring Mike and the Mechanics, The Hoosiers and Hunter and the Bear!

As part of The VET Festival, an evening concert entitled ONE LIVE will be taking place on Saturday 5th September. The music concert will celebrate One Life One Medicine in support of The Humanimal Trust.

Book your tickets today before they disappear!
Visit www.onelivefestival.co.uk

BVNA

Veterinary Nurse Awareness Month

Head Nurse Lucy Montague and Senior Nurse Jess Barnes set out to mark BVNA's annual Veterinary Nurse Awareness month and document the variety of roles Veterinary Nursing offers.

Lucy and Jess caught up with a few of the Fitzpatrick Referrals Nursing Team to discuss their qualifying routes, their previous roles and training available to the aspiring Veterinary Nurse.

Read more on our website: www.fitzpatrickreferrals.co.uk/news/2015/05/veterinary-nurse-awareness-month-may-2015/

We want to hear from you!

Would you like to share some of your thoughts or experiences working in the profession and with Fitzpatrick Referrals or contribute to our Newsletter?

Please get in touch with Josey at JoseyK@fitzpatrickreferrals.co.uk



Our Rehab Team have been busy

Fiona Doubleday and Charlotte Baldwin, two of our in-house ACPAT (Cat A) Chartered Physiotherapists gave a talk at Battersea Cats and Dogs Home for The Central CPD Group on the 25th June on Care and Rehabilitation of the Orthopaedic and Neurological Patient. The talk was delivered to a mixed group of Veterinary Nurses, Surgeons and Physiotherapists all

of whom recognise the importance of rehabilitation in the healing journey.

In further news,

Sam Gates and Emily Ni Mhuilleoir, the most recent Physiotherapists to join our team have now completed their MSc in Veterinary Physiotherapy.

Well done to both of them!



Our contact details



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