

Animal Welfare Science Centre Seminar

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DOGS



Using what we've learned
about genetic and experiential effects to
improve dog welfare

Thursday 11 February 2010

10am-4pm Lunch provided

South 1 Theatre (Building 64)

Monash University Wellington Rd Clayton

Attendance at this seminar is free.

Featuring presentations by:

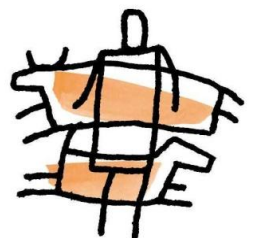
Pauleen Bennett (Monash University)

Mike Goddard (University of Melbourne)

Paul McGreevy (University of Sydney)

Kate Schoeffel (AAPDB)

and students of the
Animal Welfare Science Centre



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Paul McGreevy: Breeding for quality of life

Associate Professor Paul McGreevy graduated from Bristol University Veterinary School in 1987. He worked as a general veterinary practitioner in Australia and England before returning to Bristol to take a PhD in animal behaviour. Since 1996, Paul has been teaching, researching and consulting at the University of Sydney's Faculty of Veterinary Science. He is recognised by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons as a specialist in Veterinary Behavioural Medicine. Paul's research focuses on the behaviour and welfare of dogs and horses. He is the author of six books and over 80 peer-reviewed articles on animal behaviour. Paul has received many awards for his pioneering work, including the British Society for Animal Science RSPCA Award for Innovative Developments in Animal Welfare, the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists Ian Clunies Ross Memorial Award and Universities Federation for Animal Welfare Companion Animal Welfare Award.



Mike Goddard: Genetics of dog behaviour and breeding programs to improve canine welfare

Michael Goddard is Professorial Fellow in Animal Genetics at University of Melbourne and Victorian Department of Primary Industries (DPI). He graduated in veterinary science and did his PhD at University of Melbourne on the topic of 'A breeding program for guide dogs for the blind' in conjunction with the Royal Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Since then he has worked at James Cook University in Townsville, DPI in Victoria and University of New England in Armidale where, as well as teaching, his research has been on the genetic improvement of livestock. He was recently awarded an honorary doctorate from the Life Sciences University of Norway for his contributions to livestock genetics. In 2010 he will be a keynote speaker at the World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production in Leipzig, Germany.

Kate Schoeffel: A model for an association of professional pet dog breeders

Katharine Schoeffel studied genetics and received the D M Myers university medal for Biology at Latrobe University before studying veterinary science at Melbourne University. In 1984 she moved to Condobolin with her husband and fellow veterinarian Bruce Watt. There they ran a mixed veterinary practice, operated a cropping and livestock enterprise and raised four daughters. In the early 1990s they became interested in the notion of applying modern principles of animal breeding to breed purpose bred pet dogs. In 1993 Kate became the first breeder in the world to breed "Miniature Labradoodles" – crossing Toy and Miniature Poodles with Labradors. With the growth and success of "designer dogs" it has become clear that there is a need to rationalise and regulate this industry, for the benefit of breeding dogs, pet dogs and their owners. To this end Kate has been involved in the formation of the Australian Association of Pet Dog Breeders.



Pauleen Bennett: Why behaviour is as important as conformation when selecting breeding dogs

Pauleen has always worked and lived with animals and has completed advanced studies in behavioural neuroscience and psychology. While studying she began breeding and training dogs and became interested in the complex roles that companion animals play in our lives. She subsequently established the Anthrozoology Research Group at Monash University, which is part of the Animal Welfare Science Centre. Working with an extremely talented and enthusiastic bunch of graduate students, Pauleen has investigated many aspects of human-companion animal relationships, focusing mostly on dogs. Much of the work has been conducted in shelters, trying to figure out why some relationships fail and what can be done to prevent this. The group also works in the community, looking closely at companion animal management and exploring the efficacy of animal assisted interventions for a range of community groups. Pauleen also led development of Australia's first course in animal welfare and an 'Animals in Society' course which she teaches each year at The Ohio State University, USA.

When Pauleen is not working, she chills out on the family farm with a very large pack of companion dogs.



Student presentations:



Kate Mornement – ARG, Monash University
Community attitudes towards shelter dogs

Lisa Tomkins – University of Sydney
The Sensory Jump Test: a measure of sensory laterality in dogs

Mia Cobb – ARG, Monash University
The experience of young dogs transitioning from the home environment into a kennel facility

Tammie King – ARG, Monash University
Identifying 'ideal' companion dogs for Australia

Vanessa Rohlf – ARG, Monash University
What makes people responsible owners?

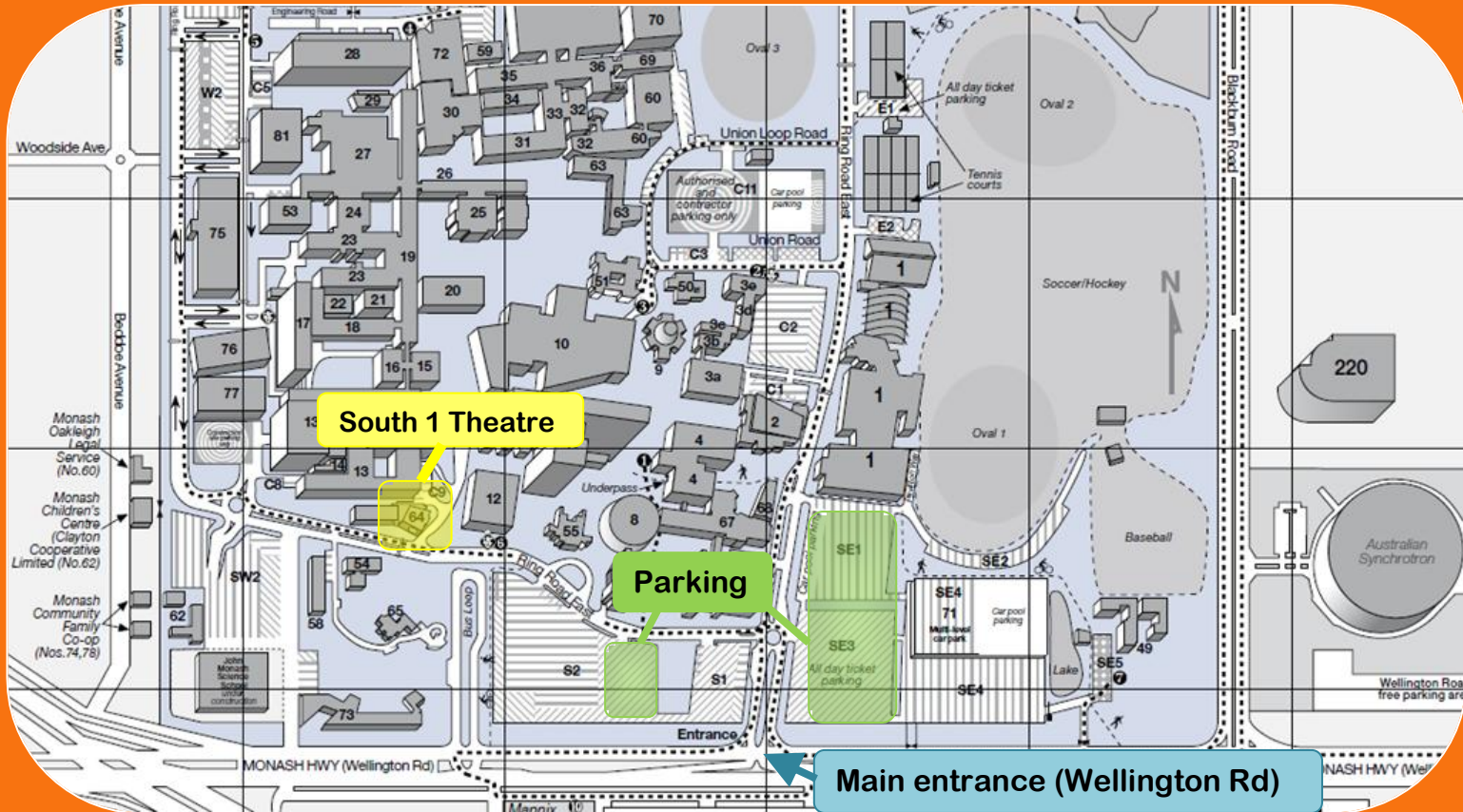
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Registration, tea and coffee available from 9.30am

Monash University Clayton Campus Map

Melways reference 70 G10; Google maps [click here](#)



Public transport information available [click here](#)

Accommodation close to Monash University [click here](#)

Attendance at this seminar is free.

Lunch will be provided,
please advise of any special dietary requirements

Please register your intention to attend by 05 February

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