



# Vetnostics Newsletter

November 2021

## A big warm welcome to our new and returning faces at Vetnostics!



### Dr Katherine (Kath) Briscoe

*BVSc (Hons 1), MVetStud (Small Animal Clinical Studies), FANZCVS (Feline Medicine)*

Kath graduated from the University of Sydney in 2003. She worked in private small animal practice in Sydney and the UK before completing an internship and residency at the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Sydney. In 2008, Kath attained membership of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in feline medicine. In 2012 she attained Fellowship of the same college. During her residency, Kath completed a research project on the pathology of feline low-grade alimentary lymphoma and IBD.

Kath has a keen interest in all aspects of small animal medicine and is also passionate about providing continuing education for veterinary practitioners. Kath has worked in both university and private referral practice but has recently made a sea-change and is now working in primary accession practice on the Mid-North Coast of NSW. Years of referral practice have given her unique insights into the ways in which a primary accession clinic might improve the health of small animal patients and provide superior services to their owners.

Dr Briscoe is also keen to ensure general practitioners are well versed in what can be achieved in their own clinics and at what stage one should consider referral. Kath is looking forward to being able to discuss case management and interpretation of pathology profiles with general practitioners so that they can feel supported in the evaluation and treatment of their patients. Kath joins Dr Sue Foster and Dr Jody Braddock on our veterinary medical consultant team.

### Dr Jemma Bergfeld

*BVSc, MSc, PhD, MANZCVSc, DACVP*

Jemma graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2002 and worked in small animal practice in Townsville before moving to Tasmania to work on the Tasmanian Devil Facial Tumour Disease (DFTD). Her interest in pathology was sparked whilst researching DFTD and she returned to Victoria to undertake further training in anatomic pathology at the Department of Primary Industries. Following this she has held positions at Charles Sturt University, Melbourne Zoo, The University of Melbourne and CSIRO's Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness and has completed her memberships in pathology, a MSc in International Animal Health and a PhD.



Jemma is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists in Anatomic Pathology. She has expertise in infectious diseases, ancillary diagnostics (IHC, ISH, PCR) and wildlife health and has provided training in the pathology of infectious diseases to veterinarians throughout Australia and Asia.

Jemma enjoys discussing cases with clinicians and loves getting to the bottom of challenging diagnostic submissions. When she's not at a microscope, Jemma can be found running after her energetic Koolie x JRT at the beach.



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### Dr Lucy Woolford

*BSc, BVMS (Hons), PhD, MANZCVS (Pathobiology), Dip ACVP*

Lucy Woolford is a specialist veterinary pathologist at the University of Adelaide. A graduate of Murdoch University, 2002, Lucy started in mixed veterinary practice in the Mid North of South

Australia. After a few years in mixed and small animal practice, she returned to Western Australia to undertake a PhD examining a debilitating viral-associated skin cancer in the endangered Western Barred Bandicoot. Following the PhD, Lucy undertook a residency in veterinary Anatomic Pathology at the Royal Veterinary College, London, and the Animal Health Trust in Newmarket, England. Funded by the Horse Trust, the residency enabled a focus on the health and diseases of horses.

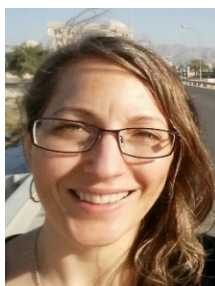
Lucy completed the Pathobiology Membership examinations of the Australian and New Zealand College in 2009 and certifying board examinations of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists in 2010.

Between 2012 and 2018 Lucy served as head and assistant pathology examiner for the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists. Her interests include equine and small animal pathology, and wildlife pathology and conservation.

### Welcome our new Vetnostics Operations Support Officer Dr Briony Starer

*BSc BVMS*

Briony graduated from Murdoch University in 2016 and worked in small animal practice in NSW for several years before joining Vetnostics. Briony



has experience in the veterinary, veterinary education and finance industries. She brings her clinical experience along with a passion for providing high-level customer service and a compassionate, solutions-oriented mindset to her new role as our Veterinary Operations Support Officer. If you have any questions regarding any operational aspect of our service or account enquiries, please contact Briony.

### Welcome back!

#### Dr Kristen Todhunter

Kristen has returned. She will be working part-time as a veterinary pathologist for Vetnostics and we're delighted to have her back!

#### Dr Margie Roser

We're also pleased to announce that Dr Margie Roser has returned from maternity leave. Congratulations Margie and welcome back!

### A Fond Farewell...

A fond farewell to **Dr Angela Begg, Prof Rolfe Howlett, Dr Stephen Yeomans & Dr Hannah Bender.**

We'll miss you and we wish you all the very best with your new path.

### Congratulations to Dr Sue Foster

In 2020, Dr Sue Foster was awarded the *David Bayvel Memorial Award for Excellence in Animal Welfare* by the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists, Animal Welfare Chapter. Sue has dedicated countless hours of her own time over many years to help improve the lives of millions of animals. There has never been a more deserving recipient of this award.



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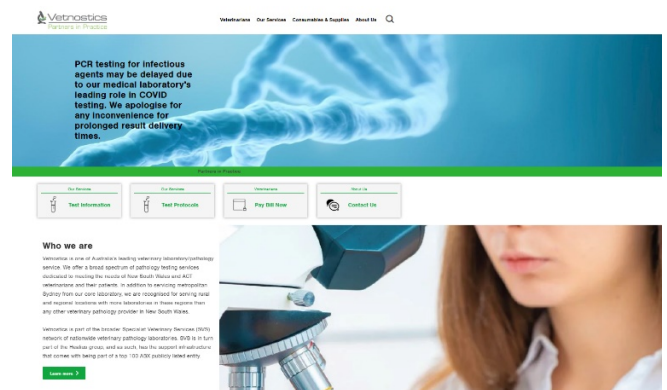
### Blood samples made easy with our Order of Draw Information Sheet

If you're collecting a blood sample from a patient, do you know the correct order of drawing blood to ensure the best quality samples are collected? Well we have great news - we've produced our *Order of Draw* guidelines which you can display in your hospital treatment area. The guidelines cover which blood tubes to collect the sample into and the tests they can be used for. This handy guide is available for download from our website. Alternatively, you can email our veterinary liaison team to request a laminated copy ([enquiries@vetnostics.com.au](mailto:enquiries@vetnostics.com.au))



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The website is an excellent source of information for:  
→ Online results → Test protocols  
→ Tests and profiles offered → Contact details  
→ Supply requisition forms



## 17 November Free Webinar!

SVS Pathology Network 2021 Webinar Series

### Oncology insights - pathology and treatment of Mast Cell Tumours

WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

**Dr Jessica Finlay**  
BVSc (Hons), MVS, FANZCVS.  
Perth Veterinary Specialists.

ASAP Vetnostics TMLVetnostics Vetnostics Vetpath Laboratory

Register now for our upcoming webinar *Oncology insights - pathology and treatment of Mast Cell Tumours*, on Wed 17 November, presented by veterinary oncology specialist Dr **Jessica Finlay BVSc MVS FANZCVS**.

Mast cell tumours are a complex group of cancers and the research is rapidly evolving. High grade? Low grade? Grade 1, 2, 3? Ki-67? AgNOR? KIT? If you're unsure about all of this terminology and want to know what all these things mean for your patient, then this webinar is for you.

Incorporating case examples, this webinar will cover the latest research on mast cell tumours and provide a clinical oncologist view on mast cell tumour pathology and what it actually means for your patients.

For free registration, use voucher code:

**"Oncologist"** now: [Oncology Insights - Pathology and Treatment of Mast Cell Tumours | VET WEBINAR \(vet-webinar.com\)](https://www.vet-webinar.com)

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