

What is the role of veterinary science?

The use of interactive online learning platforms to improve resources for working equine veterinary education in low income countries



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Why were the Brooke online resources developed?

- Equine veterinary education and evidence-based veterinary resources are limited in the countries where Brooke operates
- To overcome this lack of evidence-based knowledge the Brooke developed interactive online working equid specific resources
- Despite working in remote locations Brooke vets are part of an online community, sharing resources and experience across continents

There are limited veterinary resources available on working equids

50%

of Brooke vets had no or little equine veterinary education before joining the organisation



Brooke vets completed a survey about their veterinary education experiences

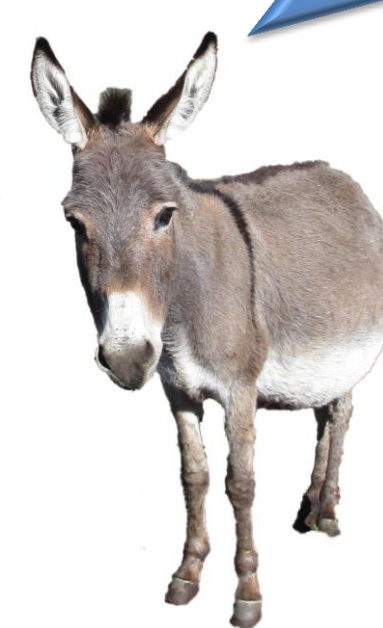
The Brooke developed online learning platforms

Working Equid Vet Wiki

The Brooke *Working Equid Vet Wiki* is an online database that allows people to add or modify content. Brooke vets across our programmes have developed the content by editing the text and also by submitting photographs and case studies. This has been supported by technical checking and evidence-based referencing to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the information. The wiki is used as a reference for the direct treatment of working equids. It continues to evolve online and next year we aim to make this valuable resource open access.

10,612 pages viewed 2012–2013

14,398 views in 6 months



The Brooke veterinary discussion forum provides vets with an interactive environment for peer learning. Brooke vets discuss cases, treatment protocols, recent research and ethical dilemmas. A monthly competition for a book prize stimulates active participation, and a monthly e-newsletter summarises discussion forum content. The site is moderated by UK-based veterinary advisors. Content from the discussion forum is imported into the vet wiki for future reference.

Veterinary Discussion Forum

The Brooke online community provides support and motivation

Interaction online is motivating for isolated vets

Much of Brooke's work aims to develop the capacity of local service providers and Brooke vets have an important role in this training.

Now Brooke vets can share training tips and teaching aids across the world.



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An online community can provide support for inexperienced vets

A suspected Glanders case study was posted by a Brooke vet in Nepal. Within three hours colleagues from Pakistan and Jordan had responded with advice regarding diagnosis and isolation procedures.

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