

# InfoMania



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*Newsletter of the Academic Information Service. Service Unit:  
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## **FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR :**

Spring is in the air! Mind you, a cool first spring day it was! Followed by a few freezing days in weather as well as world politics. Our sincere condolences to our American colleagues.

In this new edition e-greetings! News of new e-journals and happenings on [Tyds@Tuks](mailto:Tyds@Tuks) and e-thesis development! There is news of new and exciting websites to visit. For the traditionalists we have news of new books.

Read more about our new goat information webpage.

The humor, courtesy of RMM, is focused on the typical life of a Vet. Enjoy!

Tertia Coetsee (Editor)



## EXCITING NEW WEBSITES TO VISIT !

### **Contemporary English Usage Guide**

at: <http://www.bartleby.com/64/>

With a detailed look at grammar, style, diction, word formation, gender, social groups and scientific forms, this site is ideal for students, writers, academicians and anybody concerned about proper writing style.

### **HowStuffWorks.com - Learn How Everything Works!**

<http://www.howstuffworks.com/hsw.php?s=98>

### **Indispensable Writing Resources**

at: <http://www.quintcareers.com/writing/>

You'll find everything on and off the Net that you could possibly need in writing or researching a paper, including links to all sorts of reference material, links to writing labs, links to Web search engines, and links to writing-related Web sites.

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# Do you need articles or books not in the Veterinary Science Library ?

Antoinette Lourens

This can now be done from the comfort of your own office, clinic or home. No longer any need to rush to the library and fill in lots of forms. No need to be bound by library hours or the availability of library personnel.

This service is available to all staff and students of the University of Pretoria on condition that you are also registered as an **Interlibrary Loan User**. This can be done by sending your personal information eg. Title, Surname, Telephone number, e-mail address and personnel number to [alourens@op.up.ac.za](mailto:alourens@op.up.ac.za). I shall then register you on the Sabinet network and the next day you will receive an e-mail with your **User-id** and **Password**.

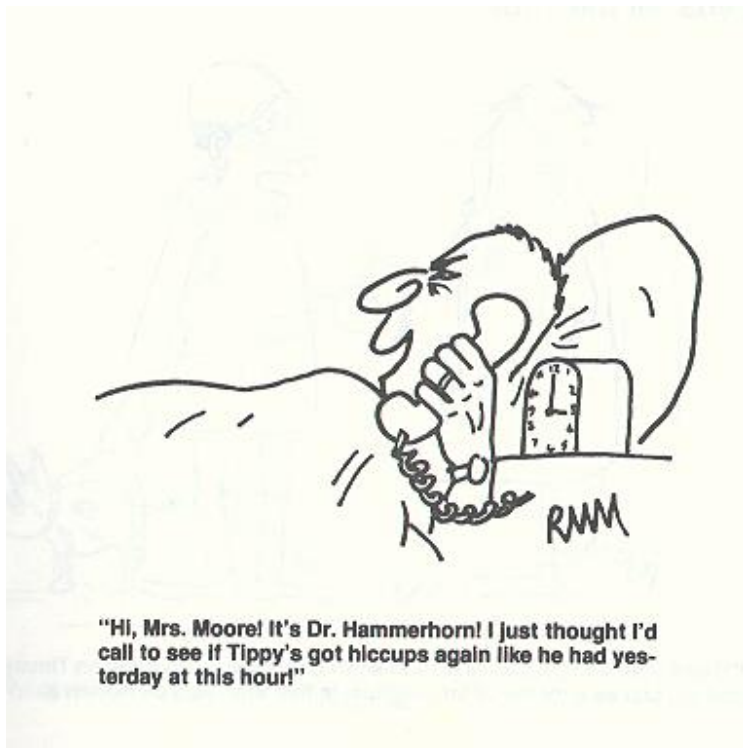
Follow these easy steps to submit your requests for articles or books.

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- Click on **Academic and Library Division**
- Click on **IP Authorisation** if on UP campus
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- Choose **SACat** ( see blue part of menu-middle/bottom ).
- Start searching for journal or book title
- Click on the correct title (in blue).
- The Bibliographic information and holdings will appear on a new screen .
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  - and Password **2843**+.....
  - (supplied to you by [alourens@op.up.ac.za](mailto:alourens@op.up.ac.za) or X8008 after you have sent your personal information).
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- Click on **Submit Request**.
- Number of request will appear at top of page.
- Click on **New Search** (top menu) to continue with next request
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There you are - your first request has been sent . Not too difficult I think.

If you need any assistance or information, please feel free to contact me at X8008 or via e-mail.



## GOAT INFORMATION WEBPAGE

**Amelia Breytenbach**

Looking for a one-stop information page on goat information? Visit the Webpage African Goats: Information on goats and goat production systems in Africa at the following URL:

<http://www.up.ac.za/asservices/ais/vet/goatweb.html>.

This project started about a year ago as a goat bibliography and grew into a webpage with the aim to compile all relevant information about goats. The information includes past and future conferences, unpublished conference papers, useful links to other goat information webpages, goat newsletters and information on the SADC-Small Ruminant Network.

The main aim of this webpage is to list the expertise on all aspects of goats and Prof Donkin of the Dept. Veterinary Production and Ethology is our most important source in achieving this goal. Through his knowledge and the community of practice on goat health, production and breeding that he has already established throughout Africa, we were able to collect some "grey" material to put on this webpage.

Future plans for the webpage include a listserv or infoportal for the goat community of practice in Africa, the completion of the goat bibliography with access through the web and a photo gallery of African goat breeds. Any commentary, input or information to put on the webpage will be most welcome and highly appreciated.

Please e-mail Amelia Breytenbach at [abreyten@op.up.ac.za](mailto:abreyten@op.up.ac.za) with your contribution to the African goat community of practice.

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## **NEW MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTS !!!**

*Further info on the CD-ROM series CANIS  
FELIS EQUUS*

Erica van der Westhuizen

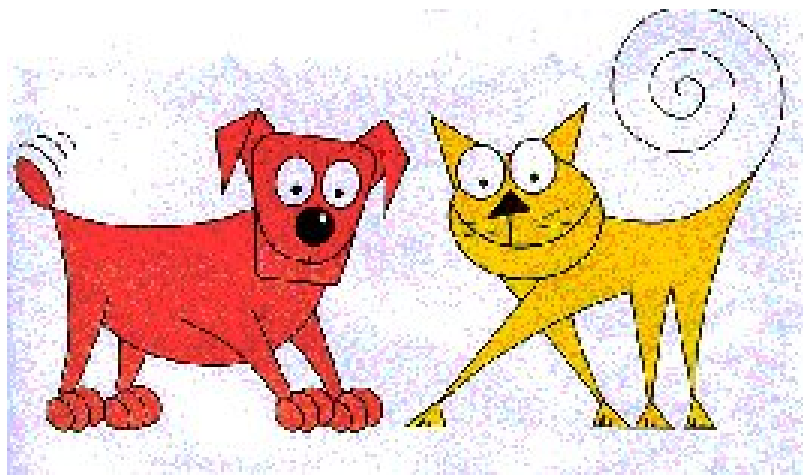
We subscribe to this series of CD-ROMs and there are 2 copies in the Academic Information Centre and one in the Department of Companion Animal Clinical Studies.



There is a keyword search tool in each which enables you to rapidly identify information. It will also direct you to related information on a subject and, by typing in a clinical sign, it can produce a list of possible diagnoses.

EQUUS now shows a fully updated list of meetings and courses by accessing the BEVA info pages on the CD-ROM.

Bayer have provided CANIS subscribers with results and information from 2 new studies into the use of the flea remedy *Advantage*.



## BOOK AND CD-ROM REVIEW

*Amelia Breytenbach*

### CD-ROM: CATLAB

AUTHOR           Kinnear, Judith.  
TITLE             CATLAB [computer file] / Judith Kinnear.  
ADD TITLE       EME CATLAB [computer file]  
EDITION          3rd ed.  
PUBLISHER       Stuart, FL : EME Corporation, c1998.  
PHYS DESCR     1 computer laser optical disk : col. ; 4 3/4 in.  
+ 1 loose-leaf  
                  teacher's guide.

Vet Audiov Collection     VETOV 1042

A genetics simulation program on the mating of cats selected by color, pattern and tail presence. The program teaches how to plan genetic crosses, predict their outcomes and interpret experimental results. Students recognize genetic ratios, probability and the importance of sample size as offspring are generated. CATLAB gives students the opportunity to formulate genetic models, control variables, then test and revise hypotheses. It is specifically designed to help students understand and use the processes of scientific reasoning. Phenotypes are displayed with actual cat photos. Includes statistical analysis option and multilevel student activities.

**BOOK: WHERE THERE IS NO VET**

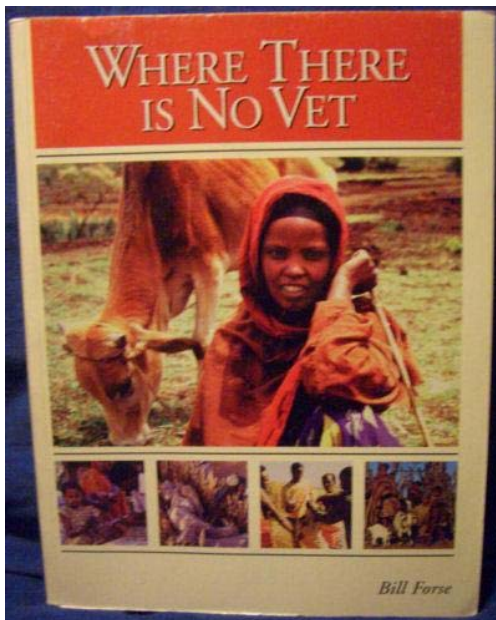
AUTHOR                Forse, Bill.  
TITLE                 Where there is no vet / Bill Forse.  
PUBLISHER           London : MacMillan Press, 1999.  
PHYS DESCR         x, 380 p. : ill. ; 25 cm.  
ISBN                  0855984090 (pbk.)

Vet Study Collection      VET 636.089 FORSE

Where there is no vet aims to help people keep their animals healthy. It covers a wide range of topics that affect the health of livestock, from diarrhoea to rinderpest, from helpful traditional remedies to the uses of modern medicines and vaccines. By describing the signs of disease to look for, it helps readers to work out what is wrong with an animal and then tells them what to do about it. Emphasis is placed on preventing and controlling diseases and it also helps people to recognize which problems need assistance from experienced vets or skilled workers. The book covers animals like cattle, buffaloes, goats, sheep, pigs, horses, donkeys and camels. It also describes some important problems of dogs, rabbits and poultry. The book is of great value for anyone who keeps animals and for people who run outreach programs, advise or teach others who keep animals.

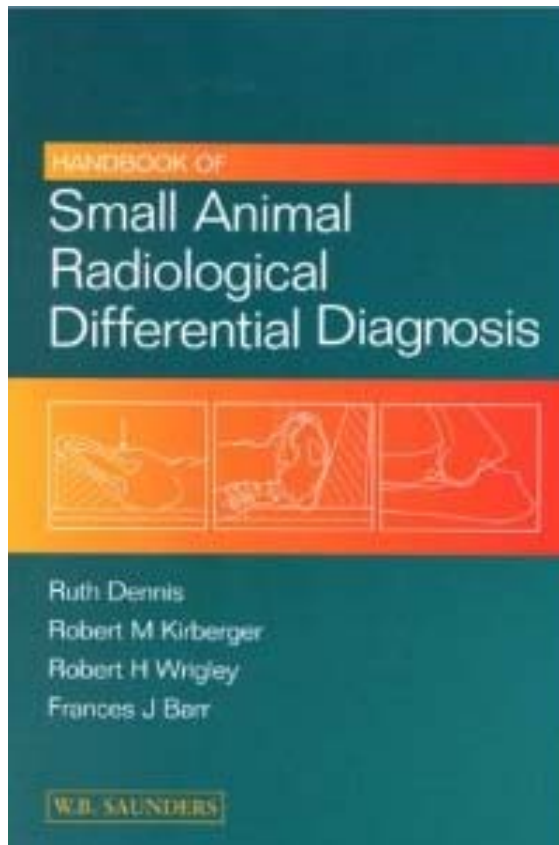
Some of the interesting sections of the book are:

The first section explains how to look things up in the book and about the basic equipment. The section 'Sharing your knowledge' tells you how to teach others what you know. 'Signs of disease' will help you to work out which disease an animal might have and also tells you which pages to turn to for more details in Section 7: 'Diseases and problems and what to do about'. One disease often has many names even in the same language! This book always uses the same name for each disease but gives another common name for it if there is one. Section 8: 'Medicines' tells you how to use medicines properly. It gives details about many common useful medicines. Section 9: 'Where to get more help' gives a guide to some books and organizations that may help you.



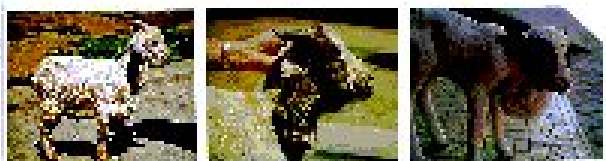
**RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY PERSONNEL OF THE FACULTY**

**Handbook of Small Animal Radiological Differential Diagnosis,**  
Dennis Ruth, Kirberger Robert M, Wrigley Robert H, Barr Frances J.



## Sheep and Goat Diseases

Gareth Bath and Jan de Wet



In the next issue of *Infomania* some more publications will be announced

**TYDS@TUKS** and



## NEWS

**Marguerite Nel**

By this time, you have become so conversant with the electronic journal collection, that you cannot imagine your life without it ! If you experienced any problems using it, or have not had the courage to start experimenting with all the possibilities that [Tyds@Tuks](#) offers you, it's now the time to make an appointment for a training session on this magnificent product!

In this issue I want to discuss some new offerings on **Next Generation ScienceDirect**, introduce you to **Animal Health Research Reviews: online**, and tell you about **International Veterinary Information Service**, which can provide you with wonderful, up-to-date veterinary information.

**Next Generation ScienceDirect**

Most of us know about **Science Direct**, the electronic database platform, that hosts an excellent collection of journals in the field of science. But, nowadays, to be competitive, you must improve your services. That is exactly what **Science Direct** did by introducing **Next Generation ScienceDirect**. **Next Generation ScienceDirect** offers you:

- More information on the Backfiles program.
- Open linking to the world's science literature
- Search the Web with **Scirus**, a search engine specifically designed for finding highly relevant scientific information.
- Cited By - keep track of citations

But, I'm not going to say anything more. Go to <http://www.sciencedirect.com> directly, or through the [Tyds@Tuks](#) website, and work through the demo, to make sure you're informed on all the features.

### **Animal Health Research Reviews: online**

One of the new electronic journals that the Academic Information Service subscribes to, is **Animal Health Research Reviews: online**. This journal is available at:

<http://www.cabi.org/Publishing/Products/Journals/Primary/AHRR/Index.asp>



Animal Health Research Reviews provides an international vehicle for the publication of reviews and commentaries on all aspects of animal health. The journal covers both infectious and non-infectious diseases in domestic and wild animals. Articles include in-depth reviews of a specific aspect of a disease or pathogen, and reviews covering all aspects of a disease with new findings, concepts and hypotheses. The journal publishes both solicited and unsolicited articles.

The username and password are available at the library.

### **International Veterinary Information Service**

The IVIS website has been on-line since August 2000 and has enjoyed a remarkable success. The readership has increased continuously over the past year.

The IVIS is a not-for-profit organization created to provide clinically relevant, up-to-date information to veterinary practitioners, students, clinicians and researchers. The IVIS website provides free access to original, electronic reviews, updates, and other books on a wide variety of veterinary topics. IVIS publications aspire to the same high quality standards as academic textbooks. Editors of e-books are carefully selected and all publications are original contributions written

specifically for the IVIS website by contributing authors and reviewed by the editor(s) of the book.

The IVIS library includes the IVIS Recent Advances in Veterinary Medicine Series, IVIS Veterinary Monographs and Classic Texts , Proceedings of Veterinary Organizations and IVIS Continuing Education .

In the IVIS Recent Advances Series, each contribution reviews the clinical advances in a specific area of veterinary practice.

The IVIS Veterinary Monographs and Classic Texts consist of textbooks covering many aspects of veterinary medicine and classic textbooks otherwise unavailable but of historic and/or academic interest.

The IVIS Proceedings Section offers a place to a growing number of professional veterinary organizations to publish proceedings of annual meetings and special symposia on the Internet.

The IVIS Continuing Education Section offers manuals of past or future shortcourses and workshops, and links to educational and interactive websites.

The IVIS editors and authors are veterinary clinicians and scientists recognized internationally in their areas of speciality and are selected with the advice of the IVIS Editorial Board.

The web address for this exciting website is:  
<http://www.ivis.org>

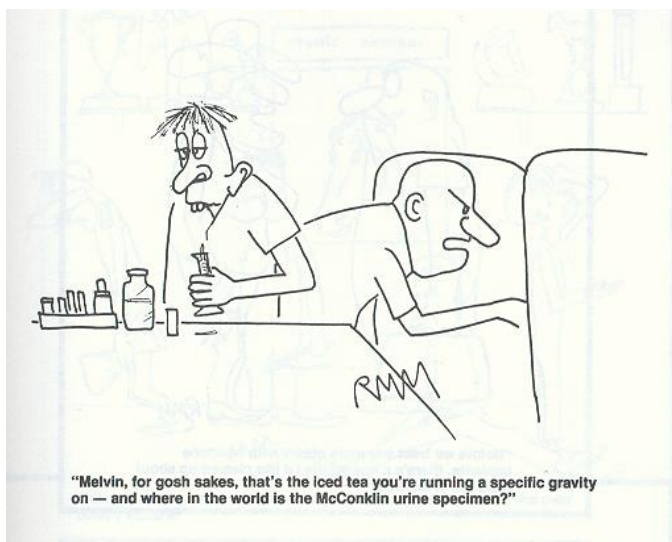
Please register and make use of this service that's designed especially for veterinarians.

As you can see, things are moving on the electronic side! Please make use of it. Remember that the Academic Information Service strives towards a paper-less, virtual library...

*For more information or assistance in the using of [Tyds@tuks](mailto:Tyds@tuks), please contact:*

*Marguerite Nel at the Service Unit : Veterinary Science*

*Tel: 012 529 8009 or e-mail: [mnel@op.up.ac.za](mailto:mnel@op.up.ac.za)*



## ELECTRONIC THESES/DISSERTATIONS AT UP

Erica van der Westhuizen

The project Electronic Theses at UP (UpeTD) is making steady progress. Ms Monica Hammes of the Academic Information Service leads the team and she will visit the Faculty soon to demonstrate how it works. At present there are 3 faculties directly involved, namely Natural and Agricultural Sciences, Engineering, the Built Environment and Information Technology, and Education.

Students from other faculties are welcome to submit electronically, but have to obtain permission from their supervisors and faculty administration before doing so.




Ms Hammes can be contacted at tel. 420-2845. Email: [Monica.Hammes@ais.up.ac.za](mailto:Monica.Hammes@ais.up.ac.za)



The image shows a blue header bar for the UPeTD website. On the left, the text "UPeTD" is displayed in a large, white, bold font. To the right of the text is the University of Pretoria crest. Below the crest, the words "create", "publish", and "support" are written in a smaller, white font. On the far right, there is a vertical navigation menu with three buttons: "Contact", "About", and "Home", all in white text on a blue background.

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By using the Workspace facility, you will be able to form online Communities of Practice (people working in the same subject or research field, or sharing the same interests). You can send messages to your postgraduate students from here, and place documents for them to use, in this work area.

Come and visit our demo at the Academic Information Service stand on Faculty Day!

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## HOW TO RENEW YOUR LIBRARY ITEMS.

Marguerite Nel

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  7. Click on the blue words eg. "**15 Items currently checked out**"
  8. Now you can select some items, and renew them, or you can just click on "**Renew all**".
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