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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR:

Welcome to the first edition of *Infomania* for 2021. We hope you'll find the newsletter informative.

In this edition interesting news about Impact factor abandoned by Utrecht University in hiring and promotion decisions, the Veterinary History Society and how to join them, Mandela Day 2021.

We share information on how to stay current in your field of interest. Also an interesting contribution of a unique booklet donated to our library.

There are also the latest statistics about UP's Research Data Repository, called Figshare.

We hope you will enjoy this issue of *Infomania*, keeping you up-to-date on the latest happenings in your information world.

Tertia Coetsee (Editor)

[Join the Veterinary History Society of South Africa](http://www.sava.co.za/2019/11/18/veterinary-history-society-of-south-africa/)

by Susan Marsh

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No-one needs to be convinced of the importance of history in our lives. A great opportunity for veterinarians to learn more about veterinary history in South Africa, is to join the Veterinary History Society of South Africa.

In 1995 the Veterinary History Committee (VHC) of the South African Veterinary Association (SAVA) was established with Dr Basil Pappin as Chair. Dr Basil Pappin was part of the class of 1946 BVSc graduandi at UP. Visit the UP repository UPSpace for a class photo of the 1946 BVSc graduandi.

<https://repository.up.ac.za/handle/2263/79543>

He was succeeded as Chair by Dr Rudolph Bigalke (1996-2008) who also obtained his degree in 1946 and then Dr Daan Verwoerd (2008-2018), part of the class of 1958.

In August 2019 it was decided to replace the VHC with a Not-for-Profit Company, the Veterinary History Society of South Africa (VHS) to include full membership to non-veterinarians. Although the VHS is not a body of the SAVA, it is still working with close links with the SAVA.

During the existence of the VHC, valued contributions were made to the history of veterinary science in South Africa and in 2013 the VHC received a SAVA citation for this.

The creation of the South African National Veterinary Museum at Onderstepoort is part of the VHC legacy.

As part of the Centenary Celebrations for the Veterinary Research Institute (VRI) at Onderstepoort and the University of Pretoria in 2008, a book "Onderstepoort, 1908-2008" on the history of the VRI and the Veterinary Faculty at Onderstepoort has been published.

In 2008 a Pan-African Veterinary Congress was held at Onderstepoort and in 2011 a Veterinary History Session was organised as part of the 2011 World Veterinary Association Congress in Cape Town.

With the assistance of the Jotello F Soga library, veterinary history material is continuously collected and made available through the UP's Institutional Repository, UPSpace. A specific collection of interest, is the collection of brief biographies of deceased South African veterinarians or researchers.

We would like to invite students and staff of the Faculty to consider becoming members of the VHS as this is the only way to secure the preservation of veterinary history in South Africa.

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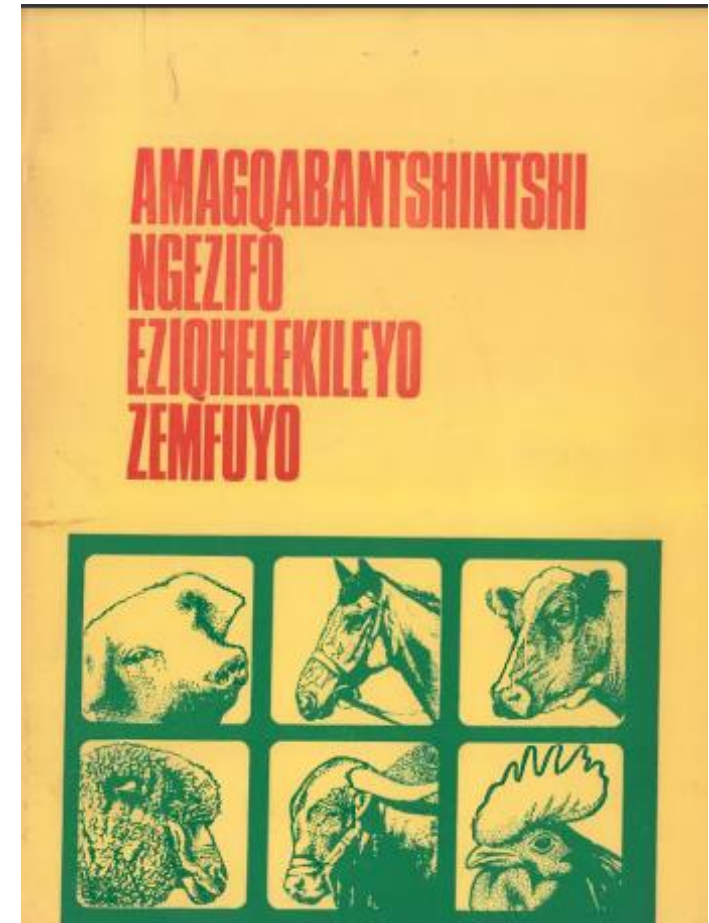
A Unique booklet donated to our library

By Amelia Breytenbach

The library regularly receives donations of books or journals from retired staff or members in the veterinary profession. One of these donations, the H.P.A de Boom donation, included an interesting publication on common veterinary diseases written in isiXhosa.

Mr D.B. Menye wrote the book, Amagqabantshintshi ngezifo eziqhelekileyo zemfuyo, with assistance by the veterinarian Charles Willem Albert Belonje. From written notes on the verso of the title page of the book, Charles Belonje donated this copy to Prof H.P.A de Boom on April 13, 1978. As there is no formal publication date in the book, we estimate the publication date as 1978 according to the notes. Mr Menye holds Diplomas in Business and Animal Health from the Fort Cox Agricultural School in Middledrift. Belonje was the Regional Director of Veterinary Field Services, Eastern Cape in South Africa and a lecturer in veterinary health at agricultural schools in Grootfontein and Fort Cox at the time of publication. Several well-known firms like Milborrow, Bayer Agro-Chem, Shell Chemicals, Coopers (South Africa), Ciba-Geigy, Kynoch Feeds, Mobil and Pfizer sponsored the book.

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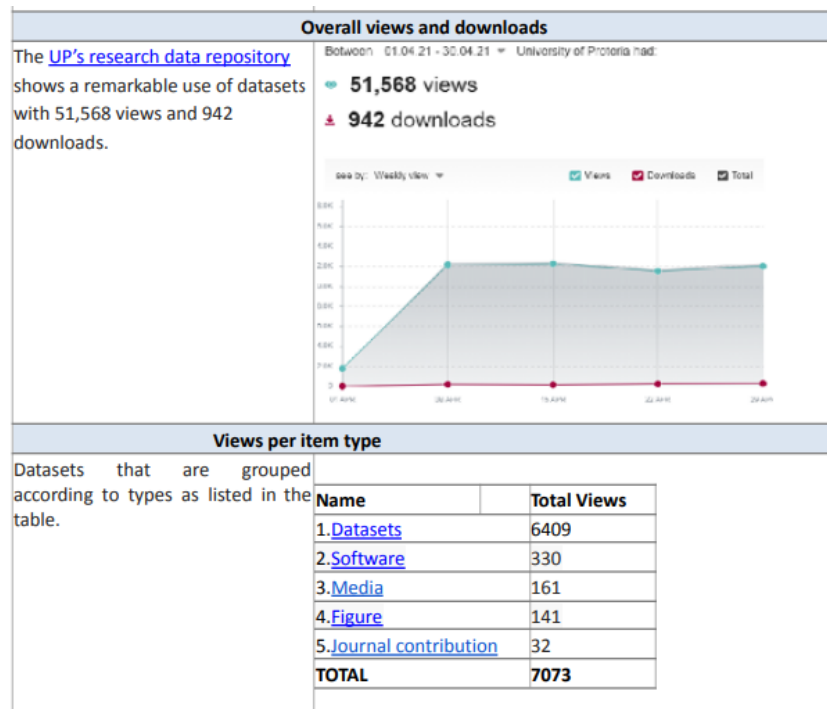


Short descriptions of common veterinary diseases, with the English veterinary name in parenthesis next to the Xhosa, as well as veterinary terms and procedures like dehorning are given. An index of the diseases described with the page references is available at the back of the book. Useful tables like conversion tables, pulse rate, normal temperatures and age of puberty of different animals are also part of the contents. The book consists of 72 pages.

UP's Research Data Repository (Figshare) - 1st Quarter 2021

The UP's Research Data Repository enables researchers to store, share, discover research data. It makes research output available, citable, shareable, and discoverable and provides usage statistics. Researchers can create research profile accounts and share data openly.

Registered users and projects	Format	Number of items
	Registered Users	1558
	Projects	21
	TOTAL	1579
Number of items that are openly available and accessible and items that are permanently embargoed	Format	Number of items
	Open Access	3
	Permanent Embargoed	4
	TOTAL	7



Keeping Current in Your Field: JF. Soga Library Blog Amelia Breytenbach

URL to subscribe: <https://up-za.libguides.com/c.php?g=1085098&p=8205733>

We are excited to share our new blog "Keeping Current in Your Field" with our users. This blog replaces the Jotello F. Soga Library Facebook page that we closed down in December 2020. This communication tool will help us to communicate important information to our users amid the numerous changes and challenges brought to us by the COVID-19 pandemic

We kindly ask our library users to **subscribe to the blog to keep up to date with the latest news and information from the Library.** Just enter your e-mail address in the subscription box, confirm your subscription and then you will receive notifications of new posts by e-mail. A comment when you read our posts will also be welcome from time to time.

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New e-book available on exotic pet medicine
by Amelia Breytenbach on May 24th, 2021 in Veterinary Science | Comments

Handbook of Exotic Pet Medicine by Marie Kubicki (Editor)
Call Number: Online
ISBN: 9781119589534
Publication Date: 2020-08-21

Easy-to-use, comprehensive reference covering the less common species encountered in general veterinary practice Handbook of Exotic Pet Medicine provides easy-to-access, detailed information on a wide variety of exotic species that can be encountered in general veterinary practice. Offering excellent coverage of topics such as basic techniques, preventative health measures, and a formulary for each species, each chapter uses the same easy-to-follow format so that users can find information quickly while working in the clinic. Presented in full colour, with over 400 photographs, the book gives small animal practitioners the confidence to handle and treat more familiar pets such as budgerigars, African grey parrots, bearded dragons, corn snakes, tortoises, pygmy hedgehogs, hamsters and rats. Other species that may be presented less frequently including skunks, marmosets, sugar gliders, koi carp, chameleons and terrapins are also covered in detail to enable clinicians to quickly access relevant information. Provides comprehensive coverage of many exotic pet species that veterinarians may encounter in general practice situations Presents evidence-based discussions of topics including biological parameters, husbandry, clinical evaluation, hospitalization requirements, common medical and surgical conditions, radiographic imaging, and more The Handbook of Exotic Pet Medicine is an ideal one-stop reference for the busy general practitioner seeing the occasional exotic animal, veterinary surgeons with an established exotic animal caseload, veterinary students and veterinary nurses wishing to further their knowledge.

E-books are only accessible for University of Pretoria staff and students

Scholarly Horizons eBulletin May 2021
by Amelia Breytenbach on May 19th, 2021 in Veterinary Science | Comments

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May 2021

The JF Soga Library blog will be updated on a regular basis about the following:

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 - Sharing events
 - Showing photos (Campus life, etc.)
 - Communicating important information (Workshops etc.)
 - General announcements (Downtime of services, Holiday hours, etc.)
 - Sharing interesting veterinary news from our Faculty and veterinary partners
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- Introducing new Library staff and their roles
 - Offering added value by sharing and linking to content and recommended resources from other content creators (Anipedia platform announcements, IVIS, etc.).
 - Competitions (USR Photo Competition, OIE Photo Competition, etc.)

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Veterinary Science	2836	60
Humanities	1776	44

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1. UP Cochlea V1.9	EBIT	1795	3 429		
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3. CODATA-RDA Summer School: Pretoria 2020	EBIT	227	3020		
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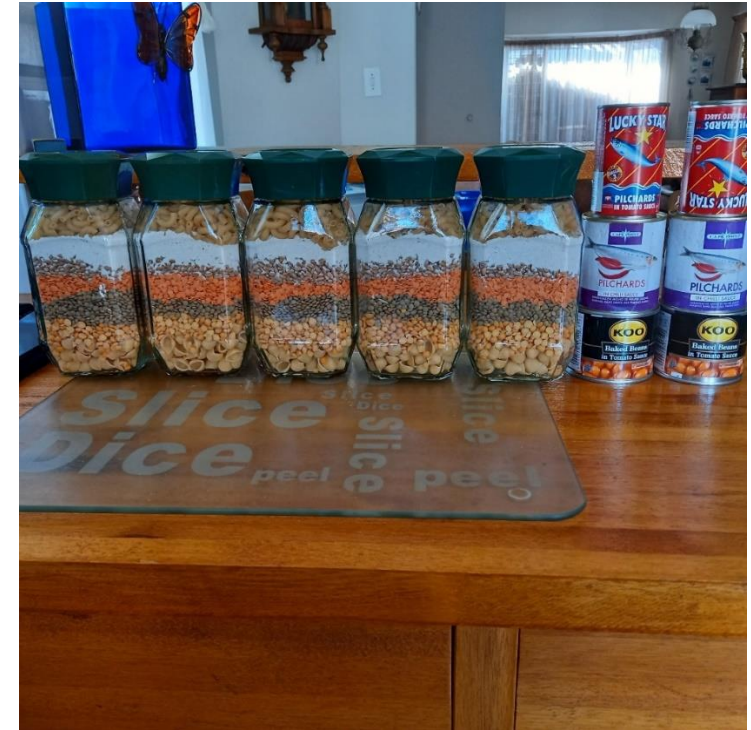
Nelson Mandela International Day

by Mathuloe Moshidi

Nelson Mandela International Day is an annual international day in honour of former South African state president Nelson Mandela, and is celebrated on 18 July, his birthday.

The day was officially declared by the United Nations in November 2009, with the first UN Mandela Day held on 18 July 2010. Each year on this day we honour Mandela's legacy by committing to periods of service for the greater good of our communities.

The Department of library Service annually celebrates Nelson Mandela International Day by giving back to the community. The community forum's team members, decided this year, to embark on a "collect canned food" and "soup in a jar" project. All personnel of the library are invited to contribute to this worthy course. The beneficiaries of the project will be homeless people and the unemployed who stand by the road looking for part-time jobs, due to Covid-19 restrictions. The distribution of food will take place as soon as Covid-19 regulations permits.



Nelson Mandela said: **"There is nothing more important in life than giving"**

