



## New Office

As you may have noticed, IZVG's Head Office has moved premises. We are still in Keighley, but instead of sharing a building we are now in our own premises. The new offices present a much more professional image, and have better storage and delivery facilities for our increasingly popular Zoovet Product range.

Please note that only our Head Office has relocated. IZVG Pathology and our Avian and Exotic Clinic remain at their usual addresses. Please ensure all pathological samples are sent to the lab, and not to our Head Office.

Our address details are as follows:

Head Office: IZVG LLP  
Station House,  
Parkwood Street,  
Keighley, West Yorkshire  
BD21 4NQ  
U.K.

Pathology Lab: IZVG Pathology  
C/o NationWide Laboratory  
Gate Way Drive,  
Yeadon, Leeds  
LS19 7XY  
U.K.

Avian and Exotic Clinic:  
Shearbridge Veterinary Centre  
2 Legrams Lane,  
Bradford,  
BD7 1ND.

Our phone numbers and email addresses have remained the same.

## Staff Changes

We are pleased to announce that we have been joined by three new members of staff. Tania Monreal Pawlowsky and Steve Philp have joined our veterinary team, and Daniela Denk has joined our pathology department.



Tania was veterinary director for the Aspro Ocio Group, and will be principally working with Zoo and Aquarium clients around Europe. She brings energy and a wide expertise in

aquatic animal medicine.

Steve qualified from Cambridge University and trained in South Africa with a Game Capture Team, before working in general practice specialising in exotic pets. He was responsible for veterinary care at Newquay Zoo and a Bird of Prey Centre. He dealt with wildlife cases from the RSPCA and as the local vet also assisted Sue Thornton in work at the Blue Reef Aquarium Newquay.



Daniela has just completed a residency at Liverpool University, and has a specialist interest in neuropathology and dermatopathology. She is an asset to our pathology lab, and has immediately increased the number of cases we process.

We welcome all three of them to the Practice, and hope they enjoy working with us for many years.

## Anti-Venom Information

We have received a letter from DEFRA and the Department of Health, reminding us that zoos which keep venomous species are responsible for setting up and maintaining their own supplies of anti-venom. Although the Department of Health does maintain a stock of anti-venom, this is intended for use in the occasion of a member of the public being bitten in the wild, or by a pet, not for use by organisations.

Up-to-date anti-venom must be held by collections that keep venomous species, and must travel with a bitten or stung patient to the hospital named in a written risk assessment.

If you are concerned about these regulations, please check the [Secretary of State's Standards for Modern Zoo Practice, Appendix 8](#) and the Health and Safety Executive's guidance on [Managing Health and Safety in Zoos](#), or talk to one of our vets.





### ***Mycobacterium marinum* reminder**

There have recently been some confirmed human cases of *Mycobacterium marinum* in the UK. We would like to take the opportunity to remind aquarists to take care when in contact with aquarium water. *Mycobacterium* can cause serious skin infections, and enters the skin through scratches or grazes. Do not mouth syphon tank water, and make sure grazes and scratches are protected. If you are infected do not allow lesions to enter the water. Arm length gloves provide good protection, and are available from us for £15.14 for 100 gloves, or £20.94 for 50 heavy duty gloves. Please email [orders@izvg.co.uk](mailto:orders@izvg.co.uk) or call 01535 692000 to order.

### **New books: Wild Mammals in Captivity**

A new edition of the invaluable *Wild Mammals in Captivity: Principles and Techniques for Zoo Management* has been published by the University of Chicago Press. The new edition has updated more than 75% of the text, and brings together information about husbandry, genetics, captive breeding, behaviour, nutrition, management and welfare of wild mammals in modern zoos.

### **Veterinary Capacity Building, Seychelles**

Earlier this year, Andrew Greenwood visited the Seychelles for our conservation charity, Wildlife Vets International. Having previously worked in the Seychelles on the translocation of the Critically Endangered Paradise Flycatcher, WVI had seen the need to increase veterinary capacity in the islands. Andrew's visit was to talk to the Government and conservation NGOs working in the Seychelles, to assess need and to establish what training is needed for robust wildlife veterinary services in the Seychelles. He met with the Seychelles Agriculture Agency, the Department of the Environment and the main groups responsible for animal conservation on the islands. During Andrew's visit larger wildlife concerns emerged, and it became clear that more than veterinary training was necessary.

We are working with Wildlife Vets International to try and meet these needs, which include: training in wildlife disease surveillance for island birds, reptiles, sea birds and sharks; quarantine surveillance and control of incoming alien wildlife species and the domestic species which potentially threaten indigenous wildlife; the treatment and rehabilitation of wildlife casualties; health screening and disease monitoring in wildlife translocations; and wildlife pathology training.

This is an exciting opportunity to protect critically endangered species and to make a real and tangible difference in wildlife conservation. WVI is waiting for the outcome of a Darwin Initiative Grant application in order to fund this work.

### **Biodiversity Heritage Library**

A fascinating resource has been made available by 12 natural history and botanical libraries. Organisations like the Smithsonian and the Natural History Museum have digitised and published material from the 1800s to the present. There is a treasure trove of zoo annual reports, anatomical monographs, and published proceedings. It is searchable by title, author or species name, and is all free access. It is well worth exploring.

<http://www.biodiversityheritagelibrary.org/>

### **Wildlife Information Network**

The Wildlife Information Network, in association with Twycross Zoo, has made freely available their fantastic digital encyclopaedia, WildPro.

WildPro can be found at <http://wildpro.twycrosszoo.org/> and has detailed information on diseases and management of wildlife including, but not restricted to: waterfowl, great apes, cervidae, elephants, hedgehogs, raccoons, bears, rabbits and ruminants.



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