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President's message

In this first edition of the newsletter under the new administration of ESVCE the first thing I wish to do is to thank the outgoing board members, Petra Mertens, Claude Beata, Gerard Muller, Patrick Pageat, and the outgoing President, Joel Dehase, for all of their hard work over their years in office. ESVCE has grown substantially since its inaugural meeting in Amsterdam in 1994 and we should all be proud of what we have achieved. However, pride should not induce complacency and it is essential that we look to the future and to the work that lies ahead.

The provisional recognition of the European College of Veterinary Behavioural Medicine – Companion Animals in October 2002 gave a green light to the progression of the College and to the formal setting up of committees so that jobs can be allocated and tasks completed. Although the College is independent of ESVCE there can be no doubt that ESVCE played a significant role in its creation and news of the progress of the College will be available through the ESVCE website over the coming months.

During the meeting in Granada in October there was an introduction to the Terminology Project of the ESVCE, which is being co-ordinated by Tiny DeKeuster. This is a major project for ESVCE and one that aims to increase understanding between those involved in veterinary behavioural medicine across Europe and even beyond! Please visit the ESVCE website to obtain more information.

Another important development under the new board has been the appointing of national representatives for ESVCE from the various national veterinary behaviour organisations and it is hoped that this will

dramatically improve communication between various groups (see later in newsletter).

In addition to major developments the new board members have also spent hours sitting quietly at their computers replying to the numerous ESVCE related Emails and also taking part in chat room meetings with other members of the board.

As people working in the field of behaviour we should be well aware that communication is vital to success and therefore I would encourage any of you with any constructive criticism of the ESVCE to date to come forward and contact me so that we can rise to the challenge and hopefully overcome your concerns.

There is much to do, but we now have a three year mandate in which to do it and as a board we promise the members that we will do everything in our power to cherish and nurture the ESVCE and help it to grow as an internationally influential organisation. However, this is your organisation and as members of ESVCE I would urge you to do all you can to contribute to its success. The newsletter is a forum for discussion and for the exchange of information so letters, articles and book reviews from members are actively encouraged and Sabine Schroll, who edits the newsletter, would be delighted to hear from you.

With best wishes to all ESVCE members for Christmas and the New Year!

Sarah Heath BVSc MRCVS

Editor's message

This is my first newsletter for the ESVCE and as all beginnings it was a hard and time consuming job. But the ESVCE should have 2 newsletters per year so there is a quite good chance to achieve a routine in editing informations for all members. Starting with this newsletter all the further will be only distributed in electronic form by email and as download from the ESVCE-Website.

Updating all emailaddresses was a really troublesome work but I think it is worth the time. Costs for copies and shipment

are not necessary today and archiving is much more easier in this format. However this requires that you keep us informed about changings in your email-address otherwise the newsletter will be undeliverable. Since one of the aims of the new board for the future is a better communication and information within Europe we will nominate national contact persons and report about national activities in the different european countries as well as the European College. Beside the newsletter I am working on the ESVCE-Website and with Eva Biosca as moderator for the Yahoo-Group to keep you up to date what is ongoing within the society.

There is a lot of information in the space...

National Representatives for ESVCE

As newly elected President of ESVCE I am very keen to improve communication between the society and the national veterinary organisations in various countries. I feel that improved communication between organisations will help to make membership of ESVCE more valuable for individuals and will also strengthen the field of veterinary behavioural medicine on a European stage.

To this end I have written to a number of national veterinary organisations to ask them to nominate someone to act as the national representative who will act as a contact for ESVCE. The proposal is for these individuals to send a bimonthly report to ESVCE about the activities of their national group so that we can include this in the ESVCE newsletter and to act as the point of contact so that ESVCE can communicate more effectively with its members in various countries. For example if ESVCE sends information to the national representative it would be

possible for them to translate it into the relevant language for distribution to national organisation members or for inclusion in their newsletter and in this way the language barrier becomes less medicine and to have an Email address to make communication as easy as possible.

With better communication between the countries ESVCE will be better of a problem for ESVCE in terms of communicating with the wider membership.

At the moment the following countries and organisations have been approached and the majority have already appointed a representative:

Germany	GTVT
Spain	SECBA
Belgium	VDWE
Italy	SISCA
France	GECAF
France	ZOOPSY
Austria	IG KEVT

Switzerland	STVV
UK	CABTSG
Norway	NAPB
Finland	Do not have a national group yet but keen to have a rep
Denmark	DSVCE
Belgium	GERC

If there are other countries and organisations that I have missed then please can you send an Email to me at heath@vetethol.demon.co.uk and nominate a representative for your group. There are no specific requirements regarding the person that you nominate other than the necessity for them to be a veterinary surgeon working in the field of behavioural able to represent the views of all of its members and hopefully cater more effectively for their needs.

Sarah Heath
President ESVCE





Call for papers ESVCE

2003 Salzburg, Austria

DEADLINE : 1. February 2003

ESVCE MEETING

Salzburg, Austria

Friday September 19, 2003

THEME: THERAPEUTICAL APPROACHES IN BEHAVIOUR MEDICINE

A one day behaviour medicine meeting will be held on Friday 19th of September 2003 in Salzburg (Austria). The theme for the day will be “Therapeutic Approaches in Veterinary Behaviour Medicine” and the morning will consist of three 45 minute presentations by invited speakers. The late morning and afternoon will be divided into three sessions. The first two will be devoted to 30 minute (25+5) presentations on the specific theme of therapeutic approaches and it is hoped that papers will be submitted by those involved in both research and practice within the field of companion animal behaviour medicine. There will be a total of 6 presentations in these sessions. The third session will consist of 20 minute (15+5) free communications relating to any aspect of companion animal behaviour practice or research and there will be a total of 4 presentations in the session. The AGM of ESVCE will be held during an extended lunch break.

If you wish to submit an abstract for consideration for a paper or poster in either the therapeutical approaches for behaviour cases or free communications session please do so according to the following instructions:

- All abstracts **must** be in English.
- All abstracts must be **no longer** than 1 standard manuscript page (A-4 or 8.5 x 11 inches).
- All abstracts must use font **no smaller** than 12 point.
- All abstracts **MUST** include the following information on a **separate cover page** for the abstract:
 - All author's names
 - Full addresses of all authors
 - Full telephone numbers of all authors
 - Full fax numbers of all authors
 - Full e-mail addresses of all authors
 - Title presentation
 - Source of funding, if any, for study
 - Information on participating membership organization: ESVCE, ...
 - Information on preferred format:
 - Presented paper, only – anxiety
 - Presented paper, only – free communication
 - Poster, only
 - Either presented paper (therapeutical approaches or free communication) or poster
- 3 hard copies must be mailed, or sent as an e-mail attached word or pdf document no later than **1st of February 2003**.
- No abstracts in other formats will be accepted.
- No anonymous abstracts will be accepted.

- Participants will be notified by 1 March 2003 of the selections.
- Manuscripts will then be due no later than **15 April 2003**. Details will be included with notification.

Applicants whose abstracts are selected for talks or posters will receive complimentary registration to the 2003 ESVCE Meeting. Other registrants will be able to attend this meeting for a fee that covers the cost of attendance, coffee and tea breaks and lunch.

Fees for the Congress are as follows - Cost:

Members (ESVCE, VOEK)	euros 100.00	
Non-Members	euros 125.00	
Full time students	euros 30.00	on production of evidence from their institution

Send abstracts to:

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Call for papers AVSAB

2003 Denver, Colorado

DEADLINE: 1 December 2002

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM
AMERICAN VETERINARY SOCIETY OF ANIMAL BEHAVIOR
(AVSAB)
JULY 21, 2003 – DENVER, COLORADO USA

AVSAB is pleased to announce the Call for Papers for the 2003 Scientific Sessions to be held in Denver, Colorado on July 21, 2003. We hope that many of you will take the time to submit materials so we can all benefit from the research findings and expertise of others.

Abstracts must be RECEIVED by the Program Chair **NO LATER THAN December 1, 2002**. Submit 4 hard copies and 1 PC-formatted diskette (or send MS Word file via email attachment) with information in the following format:

- Complete title of presentation
- Name(s) of author(s) including degrees and specialty board certifications, with the presenting author listed FIRST
- Affiliation: address of presenting author (street address, department, institution, city, state, zip code, country, office phone number, and email address)
- Presentation format: Paper only, Poster only, or Prefer paper, but will present as poster if not selected for paper presentation
- Type of abstract: Original research, Clinical report, Retrospective study, or Topic review. Please note that preference is typically given to original research proposals rather than review topics
- Abstract: minimum of 150 words, maximum of 500 words, single-spaced, 12 font: Proposals must consist of previously unpublished material

Send abstracts to:

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If selected, only the person listed as primary author on the abstract can make the presentation. Please do not submit abstracts if you will not be in attendance at the meeting. In order to balance the program, the program committee may limit the number of presentations given by a single individual.

Veterinary students interested in paper submission competition (Student Award for Excellence in Behavior Research) should contact Dr. John Ciribassi
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It is the responsibility of those submitting proposals to confirm receipt of material by the December deadline and to submit it in the proper format in order to receive full consideration. We look forward to seeing you all in Denver.

Call for papers CABTSG

2003 Birmingham, UK

DEADLINE: 1 January 2003

CABTSG STUDY DAY

THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM UK

WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL 2003

THEME: **"EXPLORING THE LINK BETWEEN BEHAVIOUR AND ORGANIC DISEASE"**

A one day behaviour meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 April 2003 at the Council House Birmingham. The theme for the day will be "Exploring the link between behaviour and organic disease".

The final session of the meeting will consist of 15 minute (10+5) free communications relating to any aspect of companion animal behaviour practice or research and there will be 6 such presentations in the session

If you wish to submit an abstract for consideration for a paper or poster in any of the short paper sessions please do so according to the following instructions:

- All abstracts must be in English.
- All abstracts must be no longer than 1 standard manuscript page (A-4 or 8.5 x 11 inches).
- All abstracts must use font no smaller than 12 point.
- All abstracts **MUST** include the following information on a separate cover page for the abstract:
 - All author's names
 - Full addresses of all authors
 - Full telephone numbers of all authors
 - Full fax numbers of all authors
 - Full e-mail addresses of all authors
 - Title presentation
 - Source of funding, if any, for study
 - Information on preferred format:
 - Presented paper
 - Poster
 - Either
- 3 hard copies must be faxed, mailed, or sent as an e-mail attached document **no later than 1 January 2003**.
- No abstracts in other formats will be accepted.
- No anonymous abstracts will be accepted.
- Participants will be notified by 1 February 2003 of the selections.
- Manuscripts will then be due no later than 1 March 2003. Details will be included with notification.

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Fees for the Study day are as follows:

Members of CABTSG or ESVCE	£ 75.00
VN (qualified) members of CABTSG or ESVCE	£ 60.00
Non-Members	£ 95.00
Full time students and VN students	£ 25.00 - on production of evidence from their institution

Applicants whose abstracts are selected for talks or posters will receive complimentary registration to the 2003 Study Day. Other registrants will be able to attend this meeting for a fee that covers the cost of attendance, coffee and tea breaks and lunch.

Call for Papers 4th IVBM

2003 Australia

DEADLINE: 1 December 2002

4th INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY BEHAVIOUR MEETING
18-20 AUGUST, 2003
CALOUNDRA, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

IVBM is pleased to announce the Call for Papers for the 2003 Scientific Sessions to be held in Caloundra, Queensland from 18-20 August 2003. We hope that many of you will take the time to submit materials so we can all benefit from the research findings and expertise of others.

Abstracts must be RECEIVED by the Program Chair **NO LATER THAN December 1, 2002**. Submissions may be sent in the following way:

- Three (3) hard copies and 1 PC-formatted diskette mailed to the address below, or
- Faxed to 6 12 7 3219 5191 or
- sent as in e-mail as an attached document in MS Word file

Information must be in the following format:

- Complete title of presentation
- Name(s) of author(s) including degrees and specialty board certifications, with the presenting author listed FIRST
- Affiliation: address of presenting author (street address, department, institution, city, state, zip code, country, office phone number, and email address)
- Presentation format: Paper only, Poster only, or Prefer paper, but will present as poster if not selected for paper presentation
- Type of abstract: Original research, Clinical report, Retrospective study, or Topic review.

Abstract: minimum of 150 words, maximum of 500 words, single-spaced, 12 font: Proposals must consist of previously unpublished material

No abstracts in other formats will be accepted.

- No anonymous abstracts will be accepted.
- Participants will be notified by 1 February 2003 of the selections.
- Manuscripts will then be due no later than 1 March 2003. Details will be included with notification.

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If selected, only the person listed as primary author on the abstract can make the presentation. Please do not submit abstracts if you will not be in attendance at the meeting. In order to balance the program, the program committee may limit the number of presentations given by a single individual.

It is the responsibility of those submitting proposals to confirm receipt of material by the December deadline and to submit it in the proper format in order to receive full consideration. We look forward to seeing you all in sunny Australia.

Applicants whose abstracts are selected for talks or posters will receive complimentary registration to the 2003 IVB meeting.

ESVCE AGM 2002

Tuesday 2 October 2002 Granada

ESVCE President Report (October 2002)

Dr Joël Dehasse, President 1997-2002

This is my last president's report after a mandate of three plus one and a half years I have now been involved in the ESVCE for nearly 10 years.. Although the ESVCE was officially born in April 1994 in Amsterdam, there had already been discussions about establishing the Society between Patrick Pageat and myself in 1992, then with Bart Knol in 1993. The constitution was developed in 1994, but was never notarised. This has still to be done.

In April 2001, the General Assembly decided to keep the same Board for one more year with the aim to develop the College. So, I mainly devoted this last year to the organisation of the Granada meeting (helping Eva Biosca) and to the development of the College of Behavioural Medicine, since this College is actually an invention/creation of the ESVCE. There was nothing new to develop for the ESVCE, since the ESVCE Yahoo group was already established and working, the website was operative, etc.

Membership.

We have 232 full members (quite the same number as the 229 full members of 2001). But, when looking at the numbers, I can see that we are losing many members from important countries and are receiving new members. The situation in Switzerland is unique, since the Swiss Veterinary Society affiliated all the members of the Ethology group without them even knowing about it. I am sure lots of veterinarians are losing interest because they do not gain anything (any- = negative, some- = positiv) from the ESVCE. Many of them are afraid to speak in English and to participate in the ESVCE Yahoo group. The particularity of the actual membership is that Switzerland and Belgium, two small countries, contribute most of the members. This is probably due to a 'president's effect' (I was giving more than 100 hours of

courses in Switzerland). A big effort should be made to increase the membership in the UK, in France, in Germany and in Italy.

Membership:

	2002	2001
Switzerland	75	40
Belgium	33	44
France	26	13
Italy	24	33
Germany	22	38
Spain	17	7
Austria	14	22
UK	13	20

I hope that having a Board consisting of people from 6 countries will help to recruit new members and to achieve a better representation in all countries.

I was a bit of a one-man-band in the ESVCE (managing the Belgian ESVCE account, the Bank Card Internet payments, the memberships, the website, the Yahoo group, etc.). It is not easy to step aside from one's baby. I am happy to transmit my know-how to a new Board. I would like to take the opportunity to show my appreciation to everyone who helped in the setting up and development of the ESVCE and the College.

European College Project (October 2002)

Dr Joël Dehasse, ESVCE President 1997-2002

The ECP (European College Project) began many years ago. The ESVCE received a grant of 9060 euro in February 1998 to get the project started. The OC (organising committee) was called in July 2000 inside the ESVCE. The requirements to be in the OC were drafted following rules from the EBVS (European Board of Veterinary Specialisation). There were only 9 candidates (including two academics). Of the 9 candidates, only 6 met the requirements and unfortunately neither of the academics were amongst them. As the duty of the OC is to develop the College administratively, the OC did not seek further help. The Constitution, By-Laws, Interim Rules, Credentialing Information and Training Instructions were drafted on the basis of the documents published by other Colleges recognised by EBVS, and also from the ACVB (American College of Veterinary Behaviorists).

As the spokesperson for the OC of the proposed ECVBM (European College of Veterinary Behavioural Medicine), I have drafted and updated most of the necessary documents. On two occasions I attended a meeting of the EBVS Board. The first meeting was held in April 2001 and the second in April 2002. At the second meeting I was accompanied by Sarah Heath. At the April 2002 meeting the provisional recognition of the proposed college was delayed for several reasons which included the required education level (number of hours), the number of species, the lack of academics, the question of applied ethology.

In order to facilitate the development of the college the EBVS made two alternative proposals:

- (1) limiting the ECVBM to companion animals, and dropping the words Applied Ethology from the name and content of the college
- (2) developing the full ECVBM&AE with the help of experts working on species other than those routinely kept as companion animals.

There was opposition to the development of the College from academics and particularly from the International Society for Applied Ethology (ISAE). Regrettably none of the ISAE members of ESVCE put themselves forward as candidates when the call for OC members was made in July 2000, nor did they raise the possibility of collaborating with ISAE at that stage. It is now recognised that it was a mistake not to formally approach ISAE and we are grateful that ISAE approached the OC in June 2002 with an offer of help in developing the college. We appreciate the proposal from ISAE to intensify the scientific foundation of the credentials of the future college and we would welcome specific ISAE advice at this stage. We all recognise that there is an overlap between the fields of veterinary behavioural medicine and applied ethology, but they do remain distinct fields none the less.

In order to gain provisional recognition for the College in October 2002 documents needed to be filed with EBVS in the summer and therefore time was of the essence. Unfortunately the proposed discussion between ISAE and the OC was delayed by lack of responses to Emails and in order to avoid missing the October deadline I modified the documents to reduce the field of application to companion animals only and altered the title of the proposed college to

European College of Veterinary Behaviour Medicine. I sent the amended documents to EBVS at the beginning of August and at the time of writing this report we are still waiting for a decision from EBVS.

One matter over which there has been considerable confusion is that of De Facto or foundation diplomats for the proposed college. I would like to inform everyone that there are no plans for OC members to automatically become founding or de facto diplomats. Indeed the EBVS will make all decisions concerning the appointment of de facto diplomats. The OC consists of people who have dedicated themselves to hundreds of hours of voluntary work to develop a College for this field, and their aim has been to create a College which is inclusive and open to veterinary academics and clinicians alike. Unfortunately until now academics have not come forward to help with this onerous task but we are pleased to hear that they are now willing to become involved. We welcome their contribution and look forward to their input.

Joël Dehase, 24 September 2002.

Vice-President Report 2002

Patrick Pageat

Vice-President is always a strange place in a board. As one of the founding members of the ESVCE, I've been Vice-President since the beginning. That way I've seen the evolution of our group. Developing an European association with behaviourists is a crazy project. Languages, way of life, and the sensitivity of each national leader are a lot of good reason to kill such an association. Despite storms, crisis and also despite the help of some other specialised groups ... ESVCE is alive and growing. Thank you to all of us for moving an idea to a reality. For myself I've considered that I had been too much time member of the board and that I had to leave the place for new people. It's a pleasure to see that our association is now being driven by women. A new field has to have new ways of life and it's a sign of positive evolution that a specialised group is still at the top.

I'm sure that this new board is also the result of the Joel's years. Not only because of his well-known seduction but certainly because he was the most European between us, trusting that our future was in Europe and not only at a national level. The development of our College will remain as his contribution to behaviour medicine. We didn't have always the opinion, but it has been great to work together with a president who had been able to make English, German, French and of course Belgian people, working together.

Even if he was not the only one working for it, he was the one who created the conditions to make it possible and I want to thank him at the end of this board.

Our future is the College, the terminology work, the development of the Journal initiated by Sabine and all the ideas which will be developed by this new board. I have had time to observe Sarah, our new president and I'm confident for our future. Being also one of the founding members (sorry Sarah if some of us will think you're not as young as you seem) she has always been really attached to the development of ESVCE and to the development of an European approach of behaviour medicine. Good luck to you Sarah for this new step in the story of our favourite field. I'm sure you'll be helped by our new board members coming from

countries which were not represented in the board. Women and new countries, we can say that ESVCE is by now a mature and strong association.

Secretary's Report

Sarah Heath

In the past twelve months the main activity of the ESVCE has related to the organisation of the Granada meeting and support of the work to establish a European College of Veterinary Clinical Ethology.

Eva Biosca and Joel Dehasse are to be congratulated on all of their hard work in setting up the 8th ESVCE meeting and in making all of the arrangements. Putting on a congress is a major undertaking and we are very grateful to both of them.

The setting up of a European College has not been without its hiccups and at the time of the AGM we still do not have a definite answer about whether the College will go ahead. Once again Joel Dehasse deserves a special mention for all of his hard work for the College and he has given more details in his report for the AGM.

2002 was election year for ESVCE and at the AGM in Granada the old board will retire and the new board will take up the reigns. There are exciting times ahead and the new board are all keen to get started on their job of leading the ESVCE into the next phase.

I am very pleased to have been given the chance to be part of that development and will endeavour to serve ESVCE to the best of my ability in my new role.

Sarah Heath BVSc MRCVS

October 2002

ESVCE Treasurer Report (October 2002)

Dr Gérard Muller, Dr Joël Dehasse

2001

	Belgium	France	
Total	-1417,83	-549,5	
Cotisations	2141,40	39,71	
FECAVA	-116,51	0	
Newsletter	0	0	No Newsletter
Bank Fortis	-18,10	-29,93	
Board Meeting	-3686,03	-1659,2	
Expenses		0	
College	-611,88	0	
		0	Internet facility to use bank card (Visa, ...)
ABSSYS	-90,73		
Vancouver	964,00	1099,92	
Divers	0,00		

Total: -1967,33 euro

2002 (On September 20)

	Belgium	France
Granada	8.615,80	
TOTAL ESVCE	1.385,33	
TOTAL	10.001,13	1791,31
Inscriptions	3.243,17	1776,96
Fortis bank	2,57	14,35
Vancouver Proceedings	206,00	
Fecava	-106,00	
Expenses	-585,80	
Newsletter	-520,43	
Elections	-465,15	

Total: 3176,84 euro

Newsletter Editor Report

Dr. Claude Béata

Editing a newsletter is both an exciting and a very hard thing.

- Exciting because the newsletter has to tie the bond between people and let everybody know what is going to happen, what occurred in the life of the association. The president, the board can use it to explain decisions and the way they are going on to enhance the representation of the association.
- Hard too because of the difficulty of gathering texts and news. I belong to many association since more than 15 years now (Unions, National and International Behaviour Groups). Everybody wishes to publish a newsletter and it is really difficult for everybody. When I asked, on the lists and in my last Newsletter Editor Report in March 2001, for texts, it was not an exception when I received nothing. So Newsletters were restricted in announcing the main events. Joel Dehasse, our President, helped me and kept on in doing the main part of the job. Internet changed many things in speeding up the access to the news. It was quite paradoxical but collecting new stuff to put in a Newsletter became harder when so many things were already on the Net.

But here are new times and many young people are now involved in the board wishing to improve the communication between all the members. Sabine Schroll who has been elected by ESVCE members and who was already the "European Journal of Veterinary Psychiatry" Editor will be in charge of all the publications. I'm sure that she will do a great job. I'll share with her my experience to help her with the difficulties.

C.BEATA
ESVCE Newsletter Editor

What happens in ...?

... **Austria** : Until now the IG-KEV was a loose gathering of veterinarians interested in behaviour medicine. For increase the value of the group, offer postgraduate formation and finally an accepted qualification a better organised association is required. In October 2002 I sended a first letter to the board of the Society of Austrian Veterinarians (OEGT) to ask for foundation of a sub-section "Veterinary Behaviour Medicine". I will keep you informed about the evolution.

The organisation of the ESVCE congress 2003 in Austria has already started – Salzburg is a very beautiful city and in september is still the fully season – so it is recommended to decide not to late to coming to the ESVCE Meeting ! (Sabine Schroll)

... **Belgium:**

The VDWE launched a campaign " How can we give a good start to a puppy"

In March 2000 the VDWE , in co-operation with the Belgian Minister of Public Health, organised a symposium on aggression in dogs and how to prevent this aggression. Multidisciplinary groups were made to work out more practical measures. One of these groups looked more closely on prevention of aggression at the level of breeders and sellers. Soon we realised that we needed material to give to new owners, breeders and vets. Two members of the VDWE, Isabelle and Christine, started to work on that. Intervet and Eukanuba were interested in the project and decided to sponsor and to provide essential support.

All this material was presented on a symposium that was organised on October 19 2002, where 120 Flemish vets were present.

David Appleby gave lectures on socialisation and habituation. He talked about the importance of those two, and how to accomplish it.

Then we launched the campaign, the product of a year of hard work. We made leaflet for vets, breeders and new owners. In these we explain the importance of socialisation and habituation but also the importance of learning to control them selves. We also inform the new owners on hierarchy, body language and education.

We also provide a 'to do list' where the owner can mark who he meets, what noises he hears, what he's doing to learn how the world around him is like. On that list he also can mark which days the dog is house broken and if he has been alone for some time during that day. In the brochure for the new owner we give a lot of information and practical tips how to educate and take care of the new pup.

The vet is a very crucial person in our campaign. We hope we can motivate them to inform the new owner when they come on vaccination appointments. Our aim is that owners consider a veterinarian as a person to talk about the behaviour of their dog. He must be the one who gives them information, who can recognise when something is going wrong. In order to achieve this, we plan to organise more lectures on that subject in a near future.

The breeders are also our target persons. They have a big role to play in the start of the life of the puppy and they also can give the information to new owners. In a later state we would also like to work with dog trainers and puppy schools.

Since David Appleby had to travel from the UK we organised a weekend for our group to work more with him. We had lectures for our group on separation problems.

We reviewed all the causes of separation problems because it isn't all separation anxiety. We also took time to tell about learning principles, about neurochemical rewards, about punishment and reinforcement. David introduced the terminology 'maintenance stimuli'. We had a great time.

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ESVCE Terminology Project

Dear All,

I am happy to announce the launch of the ESVCE terminology project.

The aim of this project is to clarify words and terms in the field of clinical behavioural medicine and to create a **lexicon** of technical terms /words, used by authors belonging to different behavioural approaches.

Information on the project and participation forms can be found on the ESVCE website.

Best wishes,

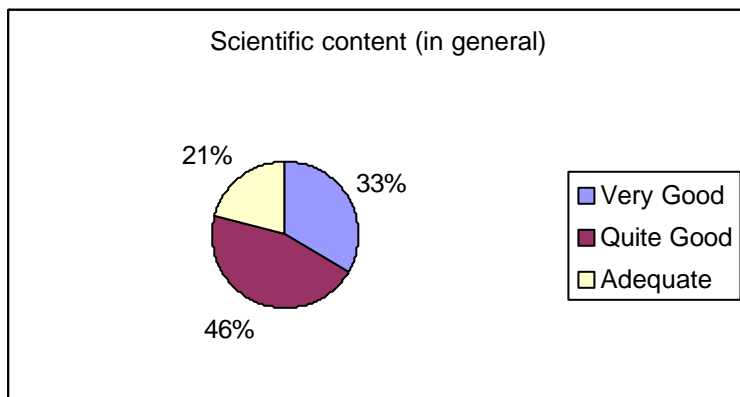
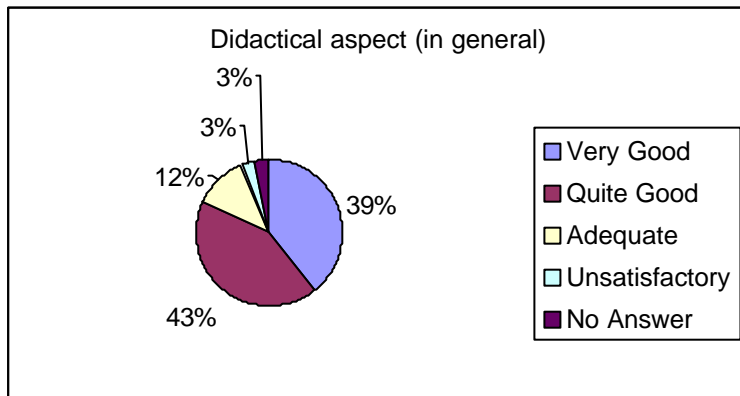
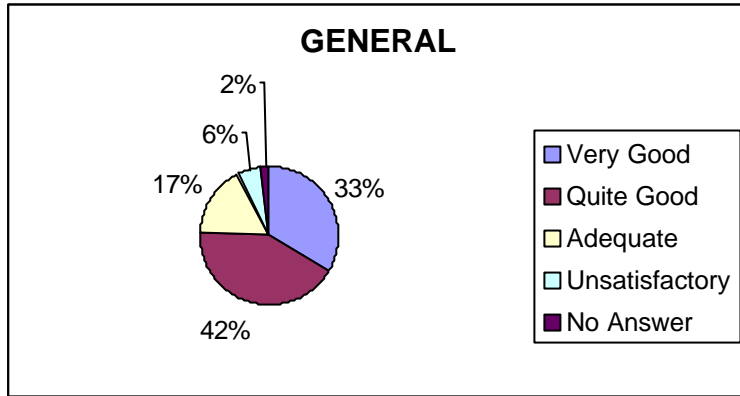
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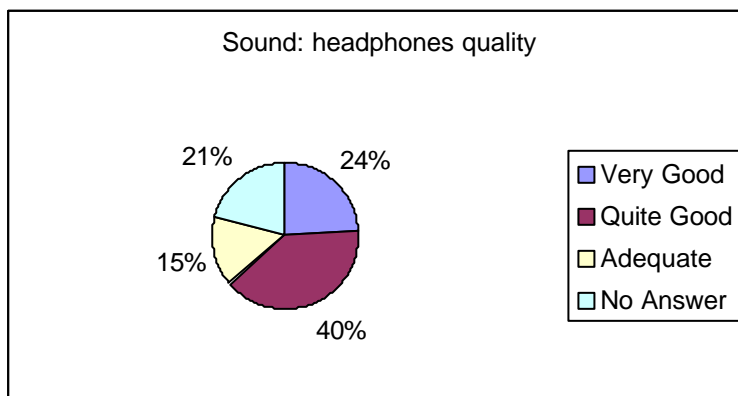
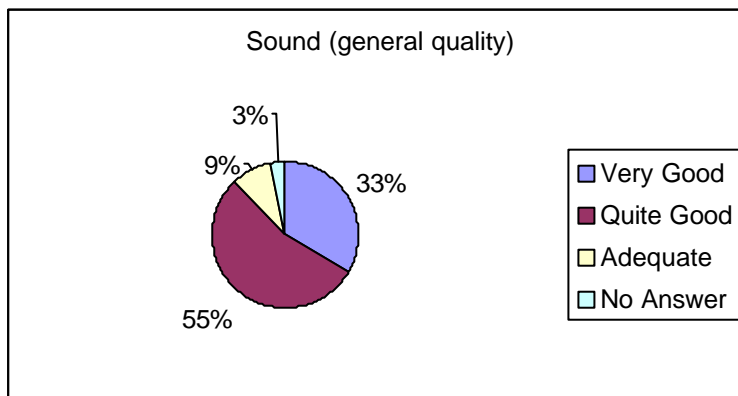
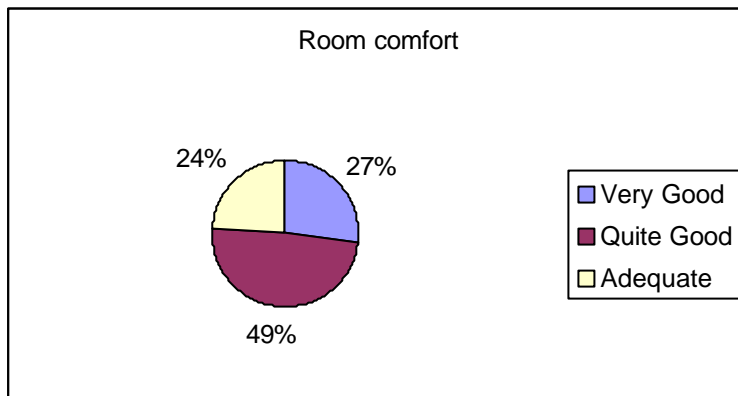
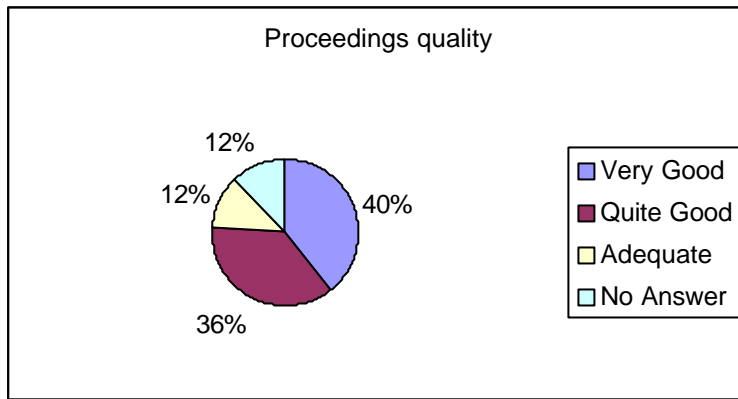
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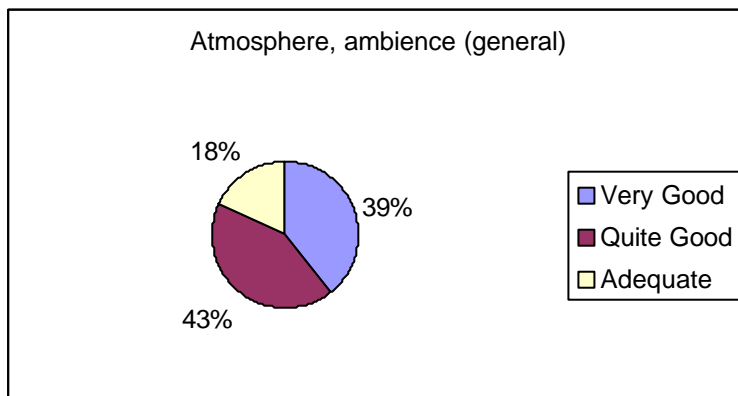
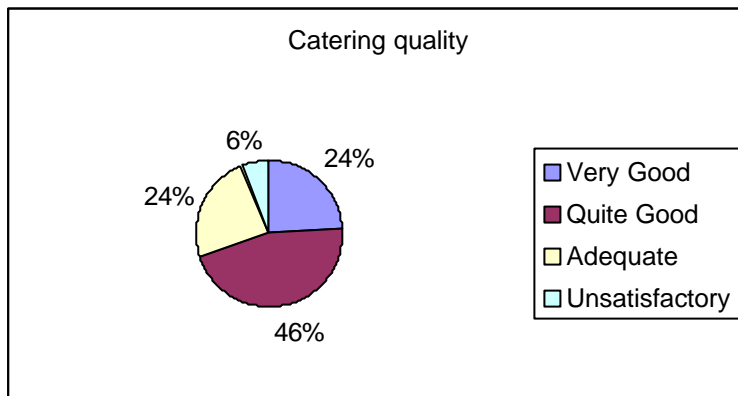
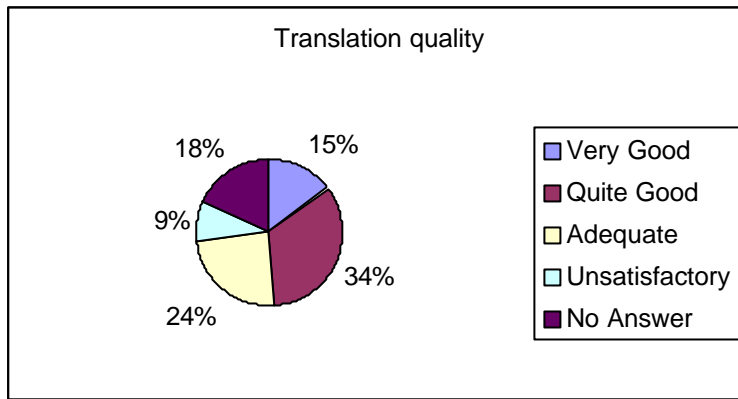
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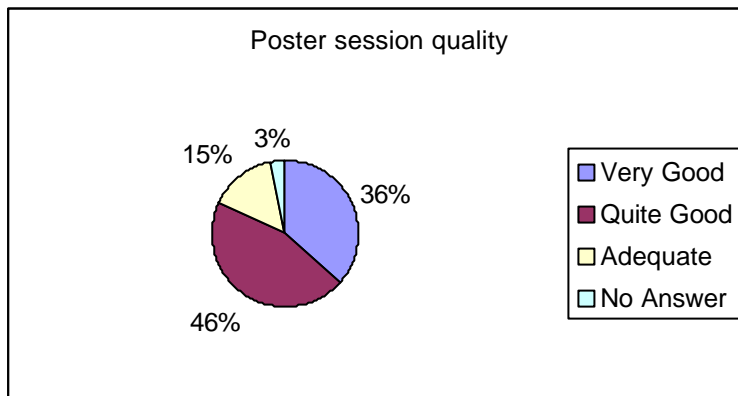
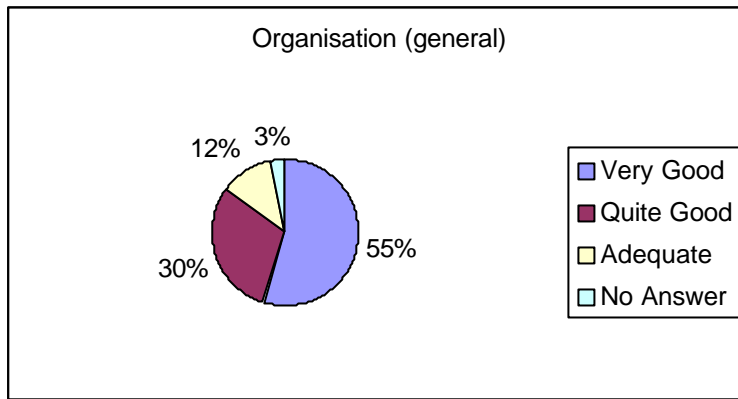
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8 – 11 January	La Toussuire, France	Journées Annuelles Zoopsy www.zoopsy.com
10 January (- 5 July)	Pisa, Italy	" CORSO DI PERFEZIONAMENTO IN SCIENZE COMPORTAMENTALI APPLICATE" Application forms and information: http://www.vet.unipi.it/ mailto:mbacci@vet.unipi.it
22 – 23 March	Brussels, Belgium	Congress GERC http://www.gerc.org/gercmars2003samedi.html http://www.gerc.org/gercmars2003dimanche.html
2 April	Birmingham, UK	CABSTG Study Day
24 – 28 June	Abano Terme, Italy	37th International Congress of ISAE see www.isae2003.org
21 July	Denver, Colorado, USA	AVSAB Congress
18 – 20 August	Caloundra, Queensland, Australia	4th World Congress on Behavioural Medicine
19 September	Salzburg, Austria	ESVCE Congress
29 Sept – 2 Oct	Luxemburg	ESAVS Intensive Course www.esavs.net

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