

Dr. Nalinika Obeyesekere

Professional Experience

- 2002 – to date
Trustee and Veterinary Manager, Blue Paw Trust. A social service organization to contribute to human health & welfare by advancing animal welfare
- 1997 – to date
Pet Veterinary Services (Pvt.) Ltd.
Director / Veterinary Surgeon
- 1996
(June – Dec.)
Veterinarian in charge for the film “Jungle Book”
Producer, R.Patel; Director, Duncan McLarchlan
- 1994 – 1996
Assistant Lecturer
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science
Department of Clinical Studies.
- 1992 – 1994
Individual Private Practice
15 Lauries Road. Colombo 4
Sri Lanka

Education

- 2009 – 2010
International Postgraduate Certificate in Small Animal Medicine
- 2005
IDM Business Studies (Diploma in Business Management)
- 1985 – 1991
University of Peradeniya, Faculty of Vet. Med.
& Animal Sci. (BVSc. 1991)
- 1984 - 1985
National Aquatic Resource Agency: Project on fisheries by catch of Cetaceans; Research Associate; Supervisor Dr. Roger Payne
- 1980 – 1984
University of California, Davis Ca. USA
Major: Wildlife & Fisheries Bio. (B. Sc. 1984)

Continuing Education

- Academic**
- 2001 - 2010 – Continuing Professional Education courses held by visiting vets from Australia, USA and the UK covering -**
- Diagnostic Imaging in Small Animals
 - Changing Horizons in Companion Animal Health Care
 - Molecular Diagnostics in Veterinary Medicine
 - Veterinary Emergency Practice and Critical Care
 - Companion Animal Medicine (6 hrs CPD)
 - Companion Animal Surgery
 - Dermatology
 - Radiology
 - Reproductive and Gastro Intestinal Surgery
 - Veterinary Dentistry
 - Early Age Neutering
 - Introduction to ethics and welfare
 - Humane Dog population management & its implications
 - Quality of life and euthanasia
 - Feline Medicine
 - Clinical Pathology
 - Fundamentals of oncologic surgery
 - Small animal practice in the UK

Basic Ophthalmic examination and diagnostic techniques
 Temperament testing of dogs/pups
 Electrocardiography & Neurology
 Management of renal failure
 Antibacterial drug selections in small animal medicine
 Orthopaedic & soft tissue surgery
 Approaches to clinical cases
 Enteral nutrition
 Wound management and minimally invasive surgeries
 Applied Anatomy
 Urolithiasis
 Canine and Feline Babesiosis
 Spirocercosis
 Tracheo-bronchial diseases
 Medical treatment of Otitis External
 Ventral Bulla Osteotomy

Management

Project Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation
 Human Resource Management
 Performance Appraisal Skills
 Negotiation Skills (6 hrs CPD)
 Performance Motivation & Communication
 Professionalism

Regional

VPAT regional conferences 2007 - 2009

Publications

- 2007 Efficacy of Berenil in the treatment of Canine Babesia Gibsoni
D M Siriwardene, Nalinika Obeyesekere
Sri Lanka Veterinary Journal 2007
- 2006 Ethical and legal aspects in animal experiments in Sri Lanka
Mayuri Thammitiyagodage, Sharmini Jayasekera and Nalinika Obeyesekere
Linz 2006
- 2005 The Prevalence and significance of Canine Ehrlichiosis in Sri Lanka
R Bennet, R Quinn, S Telford, N Obeyesekere, J Collure, D M Siriwardene
Sri Lanka Veterinary Journal 2005 Volume 52
- 2004 Needs, Difficulties and Possible Approaches to providing Quality Clinical
Veterinary Education with the Aim of improving Standards of Companion
Animal Medicine in Sri Lanka
N Obeyesekere
Journal of Veterinary Medical Education 2004 Volume 31
- 2003 Experience with an Alternative Intravenous Anaesthetic – Propofol in Dogs
D W D Subasinghe, N Obeyesekere, M Ijaz, D D N de Silva
Sri Lanka Veterinary Journal 2003 Volume 50
- 2000 Surgical Repair of Perineal Hernia as a Method of Reducing
Rectal Distension or Sacculation
N Obeyesekere
Sri Lanka Veterinary Journal 2000 Volume 47
- 1999 Diagnosis of Canine Prostate Diseases
N Obeyesekere
Sri Lanka Veterinary Journal 1999 Volume 46
- 1996 Diagnosis, Management and Prognosis of Acute Renal Failure in Dogs, based
on cases seen at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital in 1995

Additional Professional activities

- 2009 – to date Co-ordinator, Working Group to set up a College of Veterinary Surgeons
- 2009 – to date Education Officer, SCAP
- 2003 – 2008 President, Society of Companion Animal Practitioners in Sri Lanka
- 2001 – 2002 Director of Continued Learning, Society of Companion Animal Practitioners (SCAP)
- 2000 – 2001 Ex- Officio member, Sri Lanka Veterinary Association
- 1999 – 2000 Secretary, Sri Lanka Veterinary Association

- 1999 – 2002 Committee member, SL Veterinary Association
- 1999 – 2001 Member, Editorial Board, SL Veterinary Journal
- 1999—2001 Member Standing Committee on Continuing Professional Development (A collaborative program between the SLVA & Faculty of Vet. Med.)
- 1999 – 2000 Coordinator for the SLVA small animal practitioners group.
- 2000 – 2001 Committee member, Rabies Task Force.
SLVA representative to the Organization of Professional Associations Of Sri Lanka.

Professional membership

Life Member of the *Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (2008)*
Life Member of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association
 Member of the *Organisation of Professional Association*
 Life Member *Wildlife & Nature Protection Association* of Sri Lanka
 Trustee; *Blue Paw Trust*
 Life member (and one time committee member) *Animal Welfare and Protection Association*.
 Committee member(2003) *Kandy Association for Community Protection through Animal Welfare (KACPAW)*
 Member *Kennel Association* of Sri Lanka
 Member *Ceylon Kennel Club*

Awards

2008 onwards - Ashoka Social Entrepreneur Award – Fellow of the Ashoka Trust
 (Ashoka is the global association of the world’s leading social entrepreneurs – men and women with system changing solutions for the world’s most urgent social problems)
2007 – Perumal Pillai Award – Most outstanding contribution (jointly with D M Siriwardene) - Sri Lanka Veterinary Association
2005 – Hector C Perera Award – Best clinical presentation (jointly with D M Siriwardene) Sri Lanka Veterinary Association
2000 – Hector C Perera Award – Most outstanding clinical communication Sri Lanka Veterinary Association

Languages Interests and activities

English/Sinhala/Spanish – in order of fluency
 Water sports, Hiking, Riding, Travel, Dog training / Breeding / Showing

References

Dr. N. De Silva. Department of Clinical Studies
 University of Peradeniya Sri Lanka

Dr. H. Abeygunawardane. Vice Chancellor; University of Peradeniya ,Sri Lanka

Dr. Oswin Perera
 Professor of Farm Animal Production & Health
 Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science
 University of Peradeniya Sri Lanka

Dr. Elly Hiby, Companion Animals Director,
 World Society For the Protection of Animals (WSPA). United Kingdom