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Community helps celebrate 100 years of veterinary excellence

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This past weekend was full of excitement and festivities for the University of Sydney's, Faculty of Veterinary Science as it celebrated 100 years of excellence in veterinary teaching, care and research.

To mark this significant milestone, the Faculty of Veterinary Science hosted a series of celebratory events welcoming the community, alumni, former and present staff, students and friends of the Faculty to enjoy.

A highlight for the community was the 'Fabulous Family Fun Day' on Saturday 1st May. Animal lovers, families and their pets came by the dozens and took full advantage of the free pet health checks performed by veterinary staff, veterinary hospital tours, dog washing, face painting, pet stalls and delicious treats.

Sydney University Teaching Hospital Superintendent, Dr Graham Swinney said, "Sydney residents came from all over Sydney to enjoy a day out with their pets. It's great to see so many people socialising with their animals and taking advantage of the free pet health checks."

Saturday evening's celebration included a black-tie centenary reunion dinner, 'A Night to Remember' in the historic MacLaurin Hall, followed by a casual Sunday barbeque for all alumni, former and present staff, students and friends of the Faculty.

Established in 1910, the Faculty of Veterinary Science is the oldest continuously operating veterinary school in the Southern Hemisphere and has become internationally recognised as a leading provider of veterinary education, animal science and research focused on the health and welfare of animals and benefit to the community.

Sydney University Veterinary Teaching Hospital is a 24-hour veterinary service for both emergency and standard consultations. It is located at 65 Parramatta Rd, Camperdown. The car park entrance is 500 metres down Parramatta Road from the main Ross St intersection.

SAVES, the new Sydney Afterhours Veterinary Emergency Service operates between 7pm and 8am Monday to Friday and 24-hours on weekends and Public Holidays.

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