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## New Orthopaedic service launched!

The Rowe Veterinary Referrals team has expanded! We are delighted to welcome orthopaedic surgeon Joe Fox who will be working alongside Elisa Best our soft tissue surgeon and the rest of the departments at Rowe Referrals.

Joe graduated from the Royal Vet College in 2002 and gained experience in a wide variety of roles to develop his surgical skills, including a spell as a locum here at Rowe Vet Group.

Joe spent almost 10 years working as a surgeon in a busy hospital in Bristol where he was awarded the RCVS Certificate in Small Animal Surgery and achieved Advanced Practitioner status. He joined St David's Referrals, Exeter in 2017 to take over as Senior Orthopaedic Referral Surgeon where he focused on canine joint problems/conditions, building in-depth experience of cruciate ligament problems as well as hip and elbow dysplasia.

Trauma cases and fracture surgery are another area of interest to Joe. Whatever the circumstances, Joe's skill and experience, together with cutting edge technology, well-established procedures and levels of care, will combine to help pets come through their surgery and get on the road to recovery as best they can.

## What we do

- Ophthalmology
- Orthopaedics
- Soft Tissue & Spinal Surgery
- Dentistry
- Laparoscopy
- CT Scanning
- MRI
- Ultrasound
- Internal Medicine
- Radioactive Iodine
- Neuro Diagnostics
- Acupuncture



### Want to refer a case? Ask a question about managing your own case?

Joe would love to hear from you – please email [referrals@rowevetgroup.com](mailto:referrals@rowevetgroup.com) or complete our online referral form at <https://www.rowereferrals.co.uk/for-vets/refer-a-case>

## CPD Events – online and on demand

As we are unable to hold our usual in-house events or invite you over to spend time with us, we have moved our CPD online and are hosting regular events. If you would like to register for our next online session or be notified of future events please email us at [referrals@rowevetgroup.com](mailto:referrals@rowevetgroup.com) or follow us on Facebook.

All previous CPD events can be viewed via the following link:

<https://rowevets.support/webinars>

Online CPD  
Events now  
available.

## Meet the team spotlight on...

### Phil Fox-Manning

MA VetMB BSAVA PGCertSAM MRCVS, RCVS  
Advanced Practitioner in Small Animal Medicine



Phil graduated from the University of Cambridge in 2012 and has worked in the South West ever since, including a rotating internship at the University of Bristol. Before joining Rowe Referrals, Phil worked in a busy small animal hospital in Gloucester where he gained his certificate in Small Animal Medicine. He is an RCVS Advanced Practitioner in Small Animal Medicine, and enjoys all aspects of medicine. Phil is particularly interested in medical neurology, haematological diseases, and emergency & critical care work. He is a recent addition to the team at Rowe Referrals and will be working alongside Kate Murphy to offer an exceptional level of care within the Internal Medicine department at Rowe Referrals. Outside of work Phil enjoys walking, running and swimming.

## Blankets for Baby Rhinos

Blankets for baby rhinos (registered charity 1179773) was established in September 2018 by Rowe Referrals soft tissue surgeon Elisa Best. BFBR started out as a Facebook group set up to help orphaned rhinos in South Africa. Initially the aim was to supply a few knitted and crochet blankets to some of the orphanages but the enthusiasm of the general public took everyone by surprise and the group quickly grew to over 4000 members worldwide. It soon became apparent that BFBR needed to set it up as an official charity so it could offer more in the way of financial help to its beneficiaries.

Elisa and the team currently support several rhino orphanages as well as antipoaching units in South Africa and Zimbabwe. Many of the charity's members are crafters and have still stuck to their roots in regards to supplying blankets and other knitted goods to rangers and orphanages alike. But the charity also raises funds and purchases feed and much needed equipment. One of the things that sets BFBR apart from other charities is that they are 100% volunteer run so they have no salaries to pay and limited overheads. Funds are raised through donations and sales from the online shop.

Although BFBR is a small charity they have raised over £26k in just over 2 years.



Elisa and the team are also proud to say that they have won several awards:

- 2019: IFAW Vet of the Year
- 2019 Points of Light Award
- 2020 SANparks Honorary rangers Leopard Award
- 2020 Daily Mirror Animal Hero special recognition Award

For more information please visit the website:

[www.blanketsforbabyrhinos.org](http://www.blanketsforbabyrhinos.org)