

Information for Veterinary Students wishing to see Equine Practice.

As with many practices we receive a large number of requests from veterinary undergraduates wishing to come and see practice.

We try and accommodate as many of you as possible but will only take one student at a time in order to give you the best chance to make the most of your time with us. We endeavour to teach you and involve you in the practice as much as is practicable. The stage of your training and your own knowledge level will obviously influence how much you do.

As with most things in life, you get out what you put in. The equine vets and administrative staff spend time organising your days and teaching you. In return we do expect students to be enthusiastic and helpful. There are opportunities to see and learn a lot, both at the clinic and on rounds. The more you help the vets, the more time they are likely to give you. Students accepting the offer of a placement are expected to be interested in equine practice, competent at handling horses and willing to get stuck in and help with tasks as directed by staff. Assisting with clearing up treatment rooms, mucking out boxes and restocking vets cars is very much appreciated and likely to release some vet time to help you!

Equine veterinary practice is not all clinic centred and the hours are variable. You will see more if you have your own transport and are prepared to travel to meet up with vets on their rounds. Most vets do not start off from the clinic for their first call but are willing, by prior arrangement, to pick you up from a convenient location. The administrative staff are happy to help you plan the next day with the vets, you just need to get organised and ask in time!

The more professional your appearance, the more seriously staff and horse owners will take you. We have a demand for places so please only come if you have a genuine interest in equine practice and want to work hard! We enjoy having students and try and learn from you as well as teach you. If you would like to apply, please e mail me (linda@georgevetgroup.demon.co.uk) with your name, university, year of course and suitable dates. We will reply and let you know whether we can help as promptly as possible.