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ADVICE FOR STUDENTS 'SEEING PRACTICE'

Westover Veterinary Centre welcomes any student or visitor with an interest in animal health and welfare. Priority is usually given to veterinary students particularly those in their clinical years. Normally only two students may visit at any one time. Veterinary students should plan to stay for no more than two consecutive weeks. Those who wish to return can apply to see practice for a further two weeks at a later date. Non veterinary students can see practice for two days. Those that require further 'work experience' must apply at a later date.

Orientation

On the Friday before work experience is due to start the student should telephone the surgery to find out where they are due to meet the Vet they are assigned to on the Monday morning.

When students arrive at the practice during the day they need to introduce themselves to the work experience co-ordinator, Liz Coller or Alison Horne, who will then:

- Show the students the layout of the clinic
- Introduce the students to staff
- Explain the system of day-to-day operation of the practice

Driving

For those who hold a full driving licence, please bring both paper and card copy of your licence on the first day, as you may be required to drive the Vets van.

Health and safety

You will be made aware of workplace safety, identifiable hazards, emergency procedures and the reporting of accidents and mishaps. You will also be shown the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) file and be asked to sign a form to say they understand all procedures.

Professionalism

Every attempt is made at the Westover Veterinary Centre to treat students as professional colleagues. The expectation in return is that students will assume the image of a practising veterinarian.

This image includes;

- Punctuality – students should be at the practice for 8:30am unless instructed otherwise
- Smart, practical standard of dress (no jeans on sleeveless tops), hair tied back if long and sturdy shoes/boots.

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- Have protective clothing suitable for large animal practice ie. Wellingtons, overalls, waterproofs
- Availability – students should participate as fully as possible during working hours and vet students out of hours (nights and weekends)
- Sensitivity – be careful of questions and verbal exchanges, which involve clients and their animals. Take your cue from the Vet concerned but generally the crux of clinical discussion is saved until after we have left the client. Few clients enjoy a complex clinical dissection of their animal's problems.
- Students are expected to make full use of their time here. Any non-clinical time should be utilised reading relevant texts/journals which can be found in the vet's office, also making hot beverages for staff is much appreciated!

Confidentiality

Students will be exposed to the complete case load and management of the practice. There will be situations which should not be revealed between Vets, between clients, between practices or detailed once back at University. Students must obviously draw on this experience but never identify the particulars of the animal, client or practice.

We look forward to meeting you in the future.

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