



Donnington Grove

EQUINE VETS

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

- Our Externship Program enables students to gain a more in-depth hospital-based experience.
- Externs will be expected to be on call throughout their externship to help with out-of-hours emergencies and surgeries during the night and at weekends.
- There are three externship positions available at Donnington Grove Veterinary Group at any one time, and applicants should be in the clinical years of their veterinary degree or recently qualified. Please provide a CV and two letters of reference when applying.
- An externship is for 4 weeks.
- Externs are on call from the Monday of their arrival until the Saturday morning of their departure. Start time is 8:00am on the first Monday.
- Externs will be familiarised with the clinic prior to undertaking checks and treatments.
- A digital certificate will be provided on the completion of the externship.
- We are happy to provide references upon completion of the program.

EXTERN DUTIES

- The extern will be expected to assist nurses with morning checks and treatments. This data should be entered on the computer systems.
- During the normal day the extern is encouraged to become involved in all aspects of the hospital work. This will include exposure to surgery, medicine, diagnostic imaging, anaesthesia, and lameness investigation. Externs are encouraged to split themselves around the hospital rather than observing the same procedure in a large group. If there are too many people in a treatment room, we may need to ask externs to assist elsewhere at that time.
- From evening rounds, normally about 7pm, the extern is responsible for assisting the nurses with all evening checks, until midnight as well as at 4am if required.
- Duty nurses are responsible for the making up, labelling, and booking of all drugs so externs are expected to liaise with the duty nurse BEFORE administering anything.
- The extern is expected to be "on call" if there are any emergency admissions or surgeries, but between midnight and 7am the treatments and checks are the responsibility of the duty nurse unless the clinic is very busy, in which case the extern may be called to help with 4am treatments.

WEEKENDS

- The extern is expected to assist nurses with morning checks and treatments, to be completed by morning rounds.
- Externs are on duty for one day every weekend with the other day off. In the event that there are 3 externs, 2 will be on duty on Saturday and one on Sunday.
- The extern is expected to be available for emergency admissions and surgery on the day they are on duty. Provided they can be contacted (e.g. mobile phone) externs are free to explore the local area, as long as they are within 30 minutes of the clinic and things are quiet.
- Externs should be available to help the duty nurse with treatments throughout the day and until midnight as well as at 4am, if required.
- Please remember: All medical information is confidential – you are welcome to take photographs during your visit, but it is unacceptable to upload these to Facebook or similar websites under any circumstances.

ACCOMMODATION

- Externs are provided with free on-site accommodation for the duration of their program. This accommodation will consist of a double or single room. If you prefer to use off-site accommodation, local alternatives can be sought at your own expense, and we will still expect complete participation in the out of hours rota as detailed above.
- It is the responsibility of the student to provide bedding (i.e. sheets, duvet cover, pillowcases) and towels.
- No pets or overnight visitors are allowed.

MEALS & FOOD

- Meals and food are not provided but cooking facilities are available and there is a supermarket half a mile away.

Questions? Contact Helen Page-Smith by email: helenpage-smith@donningtongrove.com