**FARM FIRST VETS - VET STUDENT GUIDELINES**

Dear

I am pleased to inform you that you have been accepted to see practice at Farm First Vets, on the following dates agreed via email,

**Aims &Goals**

We would like you to think about some aims &amp; goals for the time you spend

with us. If you have an idea of what you want to learn we will try and make time to ensure

you achieve this. Think about your areas of weakness either practical skills or understanding

of theory and how we can help you improve. Please e-mail these details to

lauren.richards@farmfirstvets.co.uk and we can then discuss these with you at the start of your

training period.

**Organising your days**

Please ring or email Lauren Richards at the surgery the week before your

placement to discuss your first morning. Generally we require you to attend the surgery at 8.30-8.45am on the first morning to give you an induction to the practice and ensure that you have all the appropriate documents signed (health and safety, risk assessment and client confidentiality). You will also be shown around the practice and introduced to staff.

**Client Confidentiality** It is extremely important that the confidentiality of our clients business is respected. When you leave the practice each day, by all means talk about what you have seen, but please do not mention farm names or farmers. When you are on farms with us, if you do mention what you have seen elsewhere, just don’t identify the farm by name.

**On call**

Often emergencies (calvings, lambings, prolapses) occur out of hours. We do not

require students to do on call with us at night or at the weekends but if you wish to be

involved, please provide your mobile number to reception and let the vets on call know that

you would like to know if they are called out.

**Health & Safety**

You must read the Health and Safety file, sign it and fill in an emergency

contact details form. This is important as we are dealing with large and sometimes

unpredictable animals and safety is paramount. Your safety is our priority therefore if you have any medical conditions that you feel we should be made aware of then please inform us prior to your placement.

**Farm Investigations**

 We will aim to give you a specific task such as mobility scoring or

mastitis sampling when you are here. Don’t worry though we’ll give you full details of

everything beforehand and ensure you fully understand what’s expected. This will allow you to develop practical and communication skills necessary for life as a vet.

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**Essentials**

 Clean Wellington Boots

 Waterproof over trousers

 Two pairs waterproof parlour tops

 Boot Brush + Bucket (disinfectant will be provided)

 A hat &amp; waterproof jacket

 Stethoscope and thermometer

 Lunch

 Dress – smart casual (ideally dark or plain coloured trousers, NO blue denim jeans,

hoodies or clothing with large slogans)

**Biosecurity**

We aim to maintain the highest standards of biosecurity possible, and it is essential that students arrive with clean protective clothing, and that it is thoroughly cleaned and

disinfected at the end of each visit. Please ask for help, to use the washing machine or to borrow some clothing if your kit has got very contaminated and needs further attention.

**Accommodation**

We are not able to supply accommodation, but can help by supplying you with useful names

and addresses if you need somewhere to stay.

**Vehicles/Transport**

Do to the rural location of the practice we require that you bring your own transport/vehicle to

get you to and from the practice from your accommodation. Generally through your

placement you will attend visits with the vets in practice vehicles but there may be the

opportunity to drive to meet vets on farm. This is not mandatory. The practice takes no

liability for any damage to your vehicle therefore please ensure that you have appropriate insurance prior to your placement.

If you do not have your own vehicle please inform us when you book your placement. IF possible we will try to accommodate you but we will need to see if transport arrangement can be put in place for you. This is not always possible.

**Use of Mobile Phones**

We are happy for you to bring your mobile phone along to your placement. Use of your

phone should be limited to your free time or when not out on visits. Except in emergencies

use of mobile phones during visits or whilst clients are present is not appropriate.