

Extramural Studies (EMS) for Veterinary Students

1. We will offer 1-2 week placements for Veterinary students in the 4th and 5th year of their Veterinary Medicine and Surgery degree.
 - 1.1. Consideration will be given to students who have successfully completed the 3rd year of the course but have yet to start the 4th year.
 - 1.2. Students from other degree courses will not be eligible.
2. Places will be offered at certain times of the year and a maximum of 2 students will be allowed to undertake EMS at any one time.
3. Blocks of 1-2 weeks will be available within an EMS diary and these will be filled on a first come first served basis.
4. Generally, students will only be allowed to complete one period of EMS to give other students a chance to experience the work we do at NWVS. However, consideration to repeat visits will be given on a case by case basis.
5. What we anticipate students will gain
 - 5.1. As NWVS is a busy referral hospital offering diploma standard services in orthopaedic and spinal surgery, soft tissue surgery, internal medicine, neurology, oncology, cardiology, anaesthesia and diagnostic imaging, the student will be exposed to high level clinical work in Small Animals.
 - 5.2. The student will be expected to rotate through these services to gain the broadest experience possible and gain the most from the time with us.
 - 5.3. The student will be encouraged to develop skills basic veterinary skills e.g. IV catheter placement, tracheal intubation
 - 5.4. The student will be able to observe specialist surgical and medical investigation procedures
 - 5.5. The student may be allowed to assist with some surgical and medical investigation procedures
6. What we expect from students
 - 6.1. Willingness to help
 - 6.2. A willingness to learn
 - 6.3. Enthusiasm
 - 6.4. A professional and courteous manner when interacting with staff members including lay and kennel staff, nurses and vets alike.
 - 6.5. A professional and courteous manner when interacting with clients
7. What students should not expect

- 7.1. Students will not be allowed conduct consultations as in a University setting. However, observation of consultations will be permitted at the clinician's discretion.
 - 7.2. There will be certain procedures, both medical and surgical, which the student may not be able observe. This may relate to Health and Safety issues or the complexity of the case and the level of concentration required.
 - 7.3. Students will not be able to develop basic veterinary skills on every case and the Lead Clinician will decide on whether it is appropriate for a student to be actively involved with a particular case.
8. The student will be answerable to the Team Leader in Internal Services. In the absence of the Team Leader in Internal Services, the student will be answerable to the Chair of the Clinical Governance Committee (CGC).
- 8.1. Any queries from members of staff regarding a student can be directed to these members of staff.
 - 8.2. Whilst actively working, the student will take direction from the appropriate Charge Nurse, or a person delegated by the Charge Nurse.
9. Supervision of the students, whilst performing tasks will be provided by the Lead Clinician. Whether a student should be allowed to perform a certain task will be the decision of the Lead Clinician.