



INFORMATION FOR VETERINARY STUDENTS

Farm Animal Extramural Studies

At MBM Veterinary Group we want you to get the best experience possible from your placement. There are a number of requests that we make to allow you to achieve this, so please read this letter carefully.

CV

When you apply for an EMS placement please note we require a CV from all students. This should outline any previous farm experience you may have, both clinical and non-clinical. We cannot confirm your placement until we have received this. Please send your CV with your request for a placement to admin@mbmvetgroup.co.uk

Length of Placement

All placement lengths will be considered but we prefer students to undertake two-week blocks and we encourage you to come back as you progress through vet school. This allows us to get to know your strengths and weaknesses, so we can help you understand and develop your skills. It also permits a level of trust to build, so we can allow you greater practical involvement than would be feasible on a first or short visit.

Protective Clothing

To participate in your farm animal placement it is **essential** you have appropriate protective clothing. This facilitates disinfection between farm visits and is vital for biosecurity, as well as for your own personal protection. Students without correct protective clothing will not be able to join us on farm calls.

You **must** have:

- Wellington boots (rubber)
- Waterproof trousers
- Parlour top or waterproof coat

Please note that “water repellent” jackets or hiking trousers are unsuitable and will be damaged by the disinfectants that we use. Additional warm clothing may be required in cold weather as appropriate.

Packed lunch

Often we can be on the road all day, and may have to eat lunch between calls, so we recommend you bring a suitable packed lunch and drink or flask.

Student Report

To complete each two week placement we require you to undertake a short written report on a relevant area of farm animal practice. The topics will vary depending on the time of year but examples include:

- Assessing lameness on a farm by undertaking mobility scores
- Assessing calf housing and problems it may cause
- Outlining the steps involved in investigating a BVD outbreak

Your report should be between 1000-1500 words. Guidance will be given on what is expected and which resources to use. Reports of poor standard will need to be re-submitted before EMS forms can be completed.

Out of Hours

Whilst some of the most interesting cases and emergencies are seen out of hours, there are often practical difficulties in taking students on these calls: understandably, our first priority is always getting to the emergency quickly. However if you are staying locally and wish to attend these visits please let us know prior to starting your placement, and we will try to accommodate your request if possible.

Parking

Due to limited space we regret that students are not permitted to use the practice car park, which is reserved for clients and horseboxes. On-street parking is available on Balmoral Road adjoining Hill Street or, alternatively, all day parking is available a short walk away at The Foregate Multi-storey, or Portland Street Car Park.

Arriving for your placement

Please arrive at the practice promptly by 9am on the first day of your placement and speak to a receptionist, who will give you further direction. Some early morning visits are made straight from home so on subsequent days, if you have a car, we may arrange to meet you directly on-farm.

If you have any further queries please contact farm vet Michael Fallon at michaelfallon07@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at the practice.

With kind regards,

MBM Farm Vet Team