



# Options For Seeing Practice

## The Practice

Rosssdales LLP is an exclusively equine practice of 45 veterinary surgeons and over 100 support staff in all. We believe seeing practice is an important part of undergraduate education, and anybody is welcome to see practice with us as long as they are enthusiastic, hard working and keen to get involved.

## There are five options for seeing practice with us

- **Hospital Extern** (a one month position where you work in the hospital with accommodation provided. You will report to the theatre nursing team under the senior intern and Richard Payne, partner responsible for the hospital).

This position is available to one student per month who has entered the clinical years of training. The student will live and work in the hospital for the full month, and be closely involved in the work up and treatment of cases referred to the hospital.

Selection of students is by application form (available on request) and with the support of one referee who should be a veterinary surgeon. The student will have a defined role as part of the hospital team and will hopefully benefit enormously from their training. You will frequently have the opportunity to scrub in on surgery.

- **Hospital Student (intensive care)** (normally a two week position where you will work in the hospital with accommodation provided. You will report to the intensive care nursing team under the senior intern, and Celia Marr/Emily Haggett. On occasion this position may be extended to a maximum of four weeks, subject to availability, as advised by Anne Winters.)

One place is available throughout the year. The student will be based in the hospital and work with the hospital clinicians and nursing staff. Your primary role will be intensive care of inpatients, including neonatal foal care during the stud season. You will also see routine referred cases (most commonly orthopaedic investigation and ENT), and also emergency work such as colics and trauma injuries. You may occasionally have the opportunity to scrub in on surgery.

- **Diagnostic Centre Extern and Student** – (two positions are available where you work in the diagnostic centre. Accommodation is provided. These positions are normally for a period of two weeks, but on occasions may be extended subject to availability, as advised by Anne Winters)

The students will be based in the diagnostic centre, and will work with the diagnostic centre vets. During your externship you will be assigned to one of the senior diagnostic centre clinicians. You are likely to see lameness investigations, nerve blocks, radiography, ultrasonography, gamma scintigraphy, and MRI/CT scans. You may also have the opportunity to see racehorse practice, out and about in the training yards of Newmarket. You will be given accommodation in the diagnostic centre, and you will be on call at night and at the weekend during your stay. This will give you a large amount of experience in treatment management of hospitalised cases, and also will give you the opportunity to deal with out-of-hours emergency cases.



- **Ambulatory/Racehorse Practice** - A two week position is available to students who wish to see not only general ambulatory equine work, but also specialist racehorse practice. This allows the candidate a unique opportunity to see the specialist veterinary care and management of racehorses in training. This is normally a two week position, but may be extended to four weeks by special request.

Students should report each day to Kirsty Batteate (kirsty.batteate@rossdales.com) at ambulatory practice (Beaufort Cottage Stables, Newmarket). Students will be allocated to an ambulatory surgeon.

Accommodation is not provided, but a list of local accommodation can be e-mailed to you by Anne Winters (anne.winters@rossdales.com).

We also have a branch practice in Hertfordshire (near Baldock). If you wish to see first opinion practice here, please contact Anne Winters (anne.winters@rossdales.com).

- **Stud Farm Practice** - Two places are available each week during March and April, and you will be assigned to a specific stud vet for the entire time. You will have the opportunity to see all aspects of stud work. These positions are normally available for a fixed period of two weeks. Accommodation is not provided.

Due to the seasonal nature of stud work, only a limited number of places are available throughout the rest of the year. These places can be organised by request, if available.

## NOTE:

1. We encourage students to see practice for an optimum period of 2 weeks. This provides sufficient time for you to get to know us and to make the most of your time, but not so long as to preclude others from seeing practice with us. If you want to stay longer you can request to do so when you book your place.
2. As we receive many requests to see practice, you are advised to book in at the earliest possible opportunity. These are very popular positions and are often booked for up to two years in advance.
3. You will be sent written or e-mailed confirmation of your dates for seeing practice soon after booking in.

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