



## **FARM FIRST VETS –WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENT GUIDELINES**

**Organising your days** Please ring and speak to Jess Phillis the week before your placement to discuss your first morning. Generally, your hours will be 9am - 5pm

**Covid-19 Policy** Please take a lateral flow test prior to your first day of placement. Please inform the surgery if you have any symptoms of Covid-19 (cold/flu like symptoms, fever, or loss of sense of smell/taste)

**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.

### **Tasks within the Practice**

These are a few things that you could help out with if we're quiet:

**Operating Kits** – Ask in the office how these should be washed and prepared. This allows you to become familiar with the equipment necessary to perform common LA surgical procedures.

**Vet's Cars** – When you return to the practice ask the vet if you can restock their car and what they will require. This will allow you to understand what materials are necessary to perform our jobs.

**Hot Drinks** – Feel free to use the kitchen to make yourself a coffee or tea. But if you are, the rule goes that you must ask everyone else in the practice whether they would like one as well.

### **Essentials**

Wellingtons

Waterproof trousers

A hat & waterproof jacket

Lunch (take with you on vet visits)

Dress – smart casual ( Please wear dark coloured trousers no blue denim, and plain coloured tops, no hoodies or tops within 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.

### **Client Confidentiality**

It is very 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.