



Stapeley Grange Wildlife Veterinary Internships 2019-20

Stapeley Grange Wildlife Centre and Cattery is one of the busiest Wildlife Hospitals and Rehabilitation Centres in the UK, admitting up to 7,000 wild, exotic and domestic animals each year. The hospital, which has the largest resident clinical wildlife veterinary team in the UK, is also a clinical rotation site for University of Liverpool School of Veterinary Science. The veterinary team, including a RCVS Advanced Practitioner, Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (ZooMed) holder and Honorary Lecturer at Liverpool University, have training opportunities for qualified veterinary surgeons with an interest in wildlife and exotics medicine and wildlife rehabilitation.

Clinical Veterinary Internships

We are offering 2 x twelve-month clinical internships at our Wildlife Centre and Cattery in 2019/20. We are looking for qualified veterinary surgeons, ideally with a minimum of 1-year experience in clinical practice. Candidates must be eligible for RCVS membership, and should have a keen interest in wildlife and exotic medicine.

The role is unpaid but extensive training will be provided in wild animal examination and triage, diagnostics, stabilisation, anaesthesia, surgery, medicine, parasitology, radiography, euthanasia and post mortem examination. Depending on caseload and ability, some domestic surgical and medical training and opportunities may also be provided. Depending on clinical ability, there is likely to be opportunity for interns to provide regular paid locum cover for both domestic and wildlife to help financially support the internship.

The role involves full time work in the wildlife hospital and on site cattery, and requires working shifts, including evenings and weekends. There will be exposure and training with a huge range, and large caseload of British wildlife species as well as some work with exotics, such as rabbits, ferrets and reptiles, and domestic animal work with our on site cattery. After an initial training period, there will be some degree of sole charge although there is support available from experienced vets. The interns are involved with teaching the final year vet students who come to Stapeley for their clinical exotics and wildlife rotation, so an interest and willingness to be involved in teaching is important.

We are looking for a hard working, excellent team player, with confidence and enthusiasm and a commitment to wildlife medicine, who is keen to learn, and support our veterinary team throughout the year.

The internships typically run from September and January, although dates can be flexible for the right candidate. Accommodation may be provided on site, but this is limited and on a first come first served basis.

We are currently recruiting for September 2019 – September 2020 and January 2020 – January 2021 although dates may be negotiable.

For further details or to apply for either internship please send a CV, completed application form and a cover letter to Dr. Bev Panto, Veterinary Officer at bev.panto@rspca.org.uk or phone on 01270 628755

We welcome ERASMUS, Leonardo Da Vinci and other overseas applicants.

The application process will include an interview which will be conducted at the wildlife centre in Nantwich. For international applicants, a preliminary interview may be conducted via Skype.

It is likely that similar internships will be available every year, although this cannot be guaranteed, and all positions are subject to change.



VETERINARY INTERNSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete all sections of the form and attach any additional information in support of your application as necessary.

Please attach a brief CV detailing career/experience to date.

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| <p>Name:</p> <p>Nationality:</p> <p>Veterinary Qualification and date of qualification:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Email Address:</p> <p>Skype details/telephone number:</p> <p>Current Job Title if applicable:</p> | <p>Internship applying for: Clinical/Technical (delete as appropriate)</p> <p>Accommodation required? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Eligible to apply for RCVS Membership? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>MRCVS number if already registered:</p> <p>How will you fund the internship?</p> <p>Do you have your own transport available?</p> <p>Dates available:</p> |
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1. Please state your reasons for applying for this position?

2. Please detail all relevant qualifications to date.

3. What previous experience do you have that you feel is relevant to this position?

4. Why do you consider yourself the best candidate for this position?

5. What experience do you have of working sole charge?

6. What experience do you have, if any, with teaching or supervising students?

7. The internship involves long hours and at times, a heavy caseload. How do you cope with working under pressure?

8. If you have any particular areas of interest (species/discipline etc), please detail this here.

9. Surgical Competence:

(NB. This is just a guide for us, it is not necessary for you to be competent at surgery)

i) How many unassisted/assisted (please specify) cat spays have you carried out?

ii) How long on average does it take you to carry out a flank (please state if midline) spay on a cat?

iii) How many unassisted/assisted (please specify) cat castrates have you carried out?

iv) How long on average does it take you to castrate a cat?

v) Do you have any experience neutering exotic species such as ferrets and rabbits?

vi) Do you have any experience of orthopaedic surgery?

vi) Please list other routine or common surgeries and procedures that you are confident carrying out:

9. What are your career aspirations for the future, and how do you anticipate undertaking an internship at Stapeley Grange will contribute to this?

Please elaborate if necessary or include any additional information in support of your application:

Signed

Date