

Careers: Equine Veterinary Surgeon



An equine vet, is a vet who has trained at university, to be a vet in all species and then chooses to specialise in horses and donkeys. Most equine vets work specifically on horses, although some will work in mixed practices treating a wider range of species.

It is a phenomenally rewarding career, with a great level of variety but, can be emotionally straining and usually requires working days and evenings/nights (out of hours).

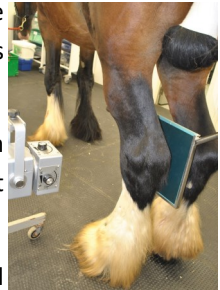
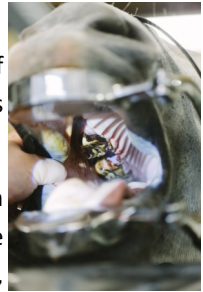
Most equine vets are first opinion vets, who deal with diagnostics and treatment in first opinion cases, routine preventative health care such as dentals and vaccinations, emergency and out of hours visits and, may also undertake attendance at equine sporting events, riding school inspections and pre purchase vetting's.

Further qualifications can then be undertaken to enable them to perform specialist, or referral level diagnostics, treatment and surgery.

At Summerleaze Vets we support university, college and school students by offering work experience. We are often booked up quite far in advance, so please contact us with good notice if this is something you would be interested in.

To become a vet, the most common route through is to get the required work experience, GCSEs and A levels (usually AAA or AAB) and attending a minimum of five years of a veterinary medicine degree. Alternatively veterinary medicine can be studied at university as a second degree, taking a minimum of four years. If you are interested in becoming a vet or want to know more, please look at the British Veterinary Association website:

<https://www.bva.co.uk/your-career/becoming-a-vet/>



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