



Internship Scheme

The 18 month internship is based at our equine referral hospital at Breadstone in Gloucestershire. This is a great place to live and work, being close to the Cotswolds and Wales and on the doorstep of Bristol and Cheltenham.

You will be based at B&W Equine Hospital with accommodation provided on site when you are on call and locally when you are not.

The hospital sees referral cases from a large area with a wide variety of horses, from naughty kids ponies to hunters to racehorses. Our interns go on to pursue a variety of careers after the programme, including ambulatory practice and residency positions both within the UK and overseas.

Structure of the internship

There are five interns which rotate through the following services on a weekly basis. During the first three months of the programme the emphasis will be on anaesthesia training which will be supported by specialist anaesthetists from the University of Bristol, senior interns and experienced anaesthetists. Although the interns are on separate rotations they work as part of a team alongside a large team of qualified veterinary nurses and patient care assistants.

Anaesthesia

Interns are not expected to have any prior anaesthesia experience and full training will be provided. We work with the University of Bristol anaesthesia team who will be part of the training programme, along with senior vets with significant anaesthesia experience as well as senior interns.

Over the first three months of the internship the emphasis is on learning anaesthesia, and during this time you will always have back up (including out of hours). Once you have been 'signed off' you will then perform all anaesthetics (during routine hours) in your anaesthesia week.

Medicine

The emphasis during the medicine rotation is on providing excellent in-patient care of medicine cases as well as working up out-patients and emergencies with the medicine specialists. The medicine case load is varied and includes

neonatal foals, post-operative colics, eye cases and everything in between.

Surgery

The surgery rotation involves care of in-patient surgical cases (typically post-operative cases but including lameness cases) as well as being involved in the work up of orthopaedic cases.

We have a large dental caseload which are referred in to see our dental specialist and the surgery intern will be involved in these learning how to perform routine dental procedures as well as the approach to more advanced cases. You will be able to scrub in on select cases during your surgery week.

Diagnostic imaging

Radiography is one of the key skills and the emphasis on this rotation is learning how to take good quality radiographs and interpret them. You will work with our experienced team of dedicated imagers as well as with a diagnostic imaging specialist. Interns on this rotation are also responsible for acquiring nuclear scintigraphy images – bone scans occur on a maximum of three days a week in the afternoons.

You will also be involved in helping acquire CT images including standing and GA scans. Although the hospital has a high MRI caseload, interns are not expected to perform MRI scans although are encouraged to learn about the process and interpretation of images.

Nights

During the night rotation, interns stay on site in provided accommodation and have responsibility for admitting emergencies and providing in patient care. We also have a dedicated team of night nurses who stay on site to assist with these duties.

Each night there is both a senior medicine clinician and a surgeon on call who will admit all emergencies with the intern and be available to provide advice for in patient issues. Interns on the night rotation have no responsibilities during the day. We have found that the introduction of the night rotation allows interns to be more rested, learn more and provide better patient care.

What happens during the internship?

The five interns start at staggered intervals during the year which allows for training of the new intern by the more senior interns. Both new and recent graduates are welcome to apply and although 6 months or more of experience is ideal, it is not a prerequisite.

Interns will be trained to perform the duties of the job by their senior interns, senior vets and the nursing team. Individual case responsibility/decision making is not expected but as the programme progresses, interns will be given more case responsibility. Our aim is to train our interns to be competent in all the skills required of an ambulatory vet and to prepare them for whatever post-internship job they are aiming for.

Internships are hard work but our programme allows for a good balance between seeing lots of cases and allowing time for rest. We continue to adapt the programme and the recent instigation of the night rotation has helped with allowing the interns to rest if they have had a busy night on call. We also have a dedicated night nurse team who are on site (and awake!) to help with any overnight care.

Interns are enrolled on the CVS New Graduate Programme which allows for 10 days of funded CPD per year (the core of which are the BEVA Fundamentals courses), attendance

at BEVA Congress (one day) as well as a New Graduate mentor. Within the practice we have weekly seminars provided predominately by the senior vet team which allow for structured learning on a range of topics. We encourage interns to undertake a small research project or write up a case report for publication, and will support you through this process.

Our vet team also provides veterinary cover for Badminton and Blenheim Horse Trials, Cheltenham racecourse and several other equine sporting events – interns get to enjoy a day at one of these competitions, accompanying the on duty vet.

The application process

To enquire about the position, please email Imogen Johns at imogen.johns@bwequinevets.co.uk.

Enquire

To apply, please visit <https://www.careerswithcvts.co.uk/jobs/roles/equine-vets/> or click the link below

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