



## Work Experience Placements for Prospective Veterinary & Veterinary Nursing Students

At Filey Vets, we welcome students who are considering a future career in veterinary medicine or veterinary nursing. These placements are designed to provide a realistic insight into the day-to-day running of a veterinary practice, helping students make informed decisions about their future career.

### What to Expect

Work experience placements focus mainly on observation and support. Students will observe consultations and procedures and assist with appropriate non-clinical tasks such as animal care, cleaning, tidying, and restocking. This gives an honest understanding of both the rewarding and practical aspects of veterinary work.

### Professional Behaviour and Client Confidentiality

Students may see or hear sensitive information about clients and their pets. Client confidentiality must be respected at all times. This includes not discussing cases outside the practice and not sharing any information on social media.

### Support and Reasonable Adjustments

We aim to provide a supportive and welcoming environment and will make reasonable adjustments where possible if we are aware of any needs in advance. Students are encouraged to communicate openly so we can help them get the most from their placement.

### Preparing for Applications

Veterinary medicine and veterinary nursing interviews often ask about work experience placements. Interviewers are interested not only in what you observed, but what you learned and how you reflected on the experience. Making notes during or after your placement can be very helpful when preparing applications and interviews.

### Practical Information

Placement hours are typically Monday–Friday 9:00am–5:00pm, with Saturday mornings 9:00am–12:30pm optional. Please wear smart, practical clothing with comfortable closed-toe shoes, tie long hair back, and avoid jewellery. Please bring your own lunch. Lauren or Nik (Practice Manager) are always available if you have questions or concerns during your placement.



## **Student EMS Placements (Clinical Years)**

At Filey Vets, we welcome veterinary students undertaking Extra-Mural Studies (EMS) during their clinical years. These placements are designed to build on your existing knowledge and experience while providing insight into working in a busy, independent small animal practice.

We believe the most successful EMS placements are those where we understand what you hope to gain from your time with us. By discussing your previous experience and learning objectives in advance, we can tailor opportunities to your stage of training and support your professional development.

### **What to Expect**

EMS placements focus on active learning through observation, discussion, and supervised involvement appropriate to your level of experience. As a practice with a varied caseload, opportunities may include shadowing and assisting with consultations, observing or being supervised in surgery and dental procedures, and discussing clinical reasoning and case management with the team.

### **Professional Behaviour and Client Confidentiality**

EMS students are expected to demonstrate professional behaviour at all times. Maintaining client confidentiality is essential and includes not discussing cases outside the practice and not sharing any information or images on social media. Any breach of confidentiality or unprofessional behaviour may result in the placement being discontinued.

### **Support and Reasonable Adjustments**

We aim to provide a supportive learning environment and will make reasonable adjustments where possible if we are aware of any needs in advance. Open communication is encouraged so we can support you effectively during your placement.

### **Practical Information**

Placement hours are typically Monday–Friday 9:00am–5:00pm, with Saturday mornings 9:00am–12:30pm optional. Please wear professional, practical clothing suitable for a clinical environment, including comfortable closed-toe shoes. Long hair should be tied back and jewellery avoided for hygiene and safety reasons. Please bring your own lunch.

We do not currently have on-site accommodation available, but we are happy to help you find suitable local accommodation if needed. Lauren or Nik (Practice Manager) are always available to offer support or discuss any concerns during your time with us.