

ROYAL (DICK) SCHOOL OF VETERINARY STUDIES

The University of Edinburgh

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Dear Colleague,

### Animal Husbandry Extra-Mural Study (AHEMS)

On behalf of the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies EMS Team, thank you for allowing our student to undertake EMS with you. EMS is a required part of the veterinary curriculum stipulated by our governing body, the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS). AHEMS provides real world experience of animal husbandry and is highly valued by veterinary schools and by students.

Students can assist with various aspects of animal husbandry activities, e.g. exercising animals, preparing feed, cleaning and preparing accommodation. Please only delegate tasks that you feel the student is capable of completing and ensure they have adequate training and supervision. Students are required to set their own learning objectives for each EMS placement and share these with you in advance. Please discuss these with the student at the start of the placement to ensure they are suitable.

There are a few considerations which are important to ensure EMS is safe and successful for all concerned. These may seem obvious, but please check you are happy with the following and contact us as soon as possible if you have any questions or concerns. Please also show this document to any members of your staff who the student will be working with.

**Please Note**: The contents of this document relate to UK based placements. We appreciate that placement premises outside the UK may be subject to different legislation, but please ensure you can still meet the requirements below. If in doubt please contact us.

### Health & Safety (H&S)

* + Your premises needs to have appropriate **Employers’ Liability insurance** (ideally also Public Liability insurance) or equivalent, to ensure cover for the student during their time on placement.
  + Please ensure the student receives an **induction** on day one, covering fire/emergency procedures, safe use of equipment and hazardous substances and safety around animals whilst on your premises.
  + The work environment must comply with current **H&S legislation**, with risk assessments where required.
  + **Student absence**: If the student has any work-related sickness, accidents or fails to attend unexpectedly, please report this to us as soon as possible using this email address: [ems2admin@ed.ac.uk](mailto:ems2admin@ed.ac.uk) or telephone 0131 651 7547. This is in addition to any statutory reporting requirements.
  + **Students must not** drive vehicles without certified training (including quad bikes/tractors), handle pesticides or firearms, operate machinery with unguarded parts, work in slurry tanks or at height.

### Working hours

A week of EMS should represent a normal working week for the placement. We do not expect a student to work more than six consecutive days without a day of rest. Please agree working hours with the student in advance of the placement, and bear in mind that not all students are able to be flexible with working hours and may not have their own transport.

### Dignity and Respect

The University has a commitment to equality, diversity and inclusivity for all its staff and students. Thank you for providing our student with a safe and supportive environment in which to learn.

More information, including the University policy on dignity and respect, can be found here: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/equality-diversity/respect>

### Certificates of Attendance & Feedback for Student

**Please complete and return the attached Certificate of Attendance and Feedback Form within seven days of the placement finishing to enable this placement to be formally recorded.**

You can give the completed form to the student to return, or email it directly to [ems2admin@ed.ac.uk](mailto:ems2admin@ed.ac.uk)

Once again, we would like to thank you for your support in offering a student placement: we appreciate the effort involved in this and in return we hope our student will help in many ways.

We would be happy to discuss any questions or feedback you may have regarding our student.

Please also visit our [EMS providers’ SharePoint site](https://uoe.sharepoint.com/sites/SupportandInformationForEMSProviders/?market=en-US) where you will find further useful information and guidance. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

The EMS Team

ems2admin@ed.ac.uk

**EMS Certificate of Attendance and Feedback Form**

**SECTION A – to be completed in full by student in advance of placement**

**PLACEMENT DETAILS**

**Student Full Name:** ………..................................................

**Matriculation Number:** ………............................................

**Year of Course:** …..............................................................

**Placement Name:** …..........................................................

**Number of weeks EMS:** ….................................................

**Type of placement:** AHEMS / CEMS (\*delete as appropriate)

**Species worked with:**

* + Dog/cat
  + Horse
  + Cow
  + Sheep
  + Other (specify)

**Learning Outcomes for EMS** – select your learning outcomes for EMS this year and indicate what you have/have not achieved on this placement

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Learning Outcome | Achieved fully | Achieved partially | Not achieved |
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**SECTION B – to be completed by placement provider after student has attended.**

**CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE** to be completed by placement provider(Please complete all sections)

**I certify that the student named above attended (address of placement):**

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**From (dates)**  ……………...…….…......…………. **to** ………............................................

**Did the student work the normal full time hours of the placement?** YES / NO

If NO, please give a reason and the actual hours worked:

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**Signature of placement provider:**…………………………………………...……………………………………………………………..

**Print name**:………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Please supply us with a contact telephone number and email address in case we need to contact you regarding this placement.

**Telephone:** ………………………… …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

**Email address:** …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

**FEEDBACK FORM**

Please tick boxes on the grid overleaf to indicate the overall level of competence displayed by the student by the end of the placement.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **More than Satisfactory** | **Satisfactory** | **Less than Satisfactory** |
| Timekeeping |  |  |  |
| Attitude and enthusiasm |  |  |  |
| Willingness to learn |  |  |  |
| Practical skills  (including animal handling) |  |  |  |
| Communication skills |  |  |  |
| Knowledge |  |  |  |

**Any further comments or suggestions:**

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Would you be happy for your name and address to be included in a database and made available to other veterinary students from Edinburgh who are looking for placements? **YES / NO**

If **YES**, can accommodation be provided? **YES / NO**

**Please return completed forms to the EMS Office in one of the following ways:**

* **Email** the completed form to [ems2admin@ed.ac.uk](mailto:ems2admin@ed.ac.uk)
* **Post** the completed form to:

EMS Administrator (VTO)

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies

Easter Bush Campus

Roslin

EH25 9RG Tel: 0131 651 7300

* **Send** the completed form back with the student for them to return to us.

**We cannot mark a student’s placement as complete until we receive the completed form**, so please ensure this is submitted to us by one of the methods indicated above as soon as possible after the student finishes their placement with you. Thank you very much for your help supporting our students.

Please do not hesitate to contact us by one of the methods above if you have any questions or concerns.