



West Ridge Veterinary Practice

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Farm Animal Veterinary Surgeon

West Ridge Veterinary Practice have a vacancy for an enthusiastic, progressive and personable farm animal veterinary surgeon to join our small but dedicated team of farm vets in a rural practice in Mid Devon

The job

The role of a senior farm animal veterinary surgeon will comprise:

- Traditional high quality clinical veterinary practice with a wide variety of conditions in dairy, beef and sheep farms in this densely stocked area of Mid Devon
- Installing and implementing preventive medicine programmes with our enthusiastic livestock farmers who are engaged in a philosophy of predict-and-prevent rather than test-and-treat
- Managing our health management programmes for infectious diseases, including surveillance, vaccination, biosecurity and biocontainment systems on dairy, beef and sheep farms
- Maintaining our reputation of delivering health and productivity benefits to a wide spectrum of production systems, including large intensive dairies, extensive grazing systems and traditional family farms
- Becoming involved in nutrition, animal management and husbandry advice, research and consultancy for the benefit of the practice and our clients and other who we can help.
- Managing, maintaining and interpreting data sets and information systems including Interherd, Myhealthyherd.com, Total Vet, and other health management systems

The person

The successful candidate will be:

- An enthusiastic worker who enjoys progressive farm animal veterinary practice as well as traditional clinical work
- A thinker, who understands the principles of preventive healthcare, and can sell the financial, health and welfare benefits to farmers
- A person who appreciates the business needs of farmers and veterinary practice, who can deliver efficiencies to productive livestock farmers and enable the practice to share in the benefits
- A committed individual who has an optimistic view of the future of farm animal veterinary care and who can expand our practice offering with drive and enthusiasm
- Self-motivated, energetic and able to organise their own diary with co-operation and consideration with the other vets and support team

The benefits

The appointed senior veterinary surgeon will:

- Work as a team member within a team of four other senior farm vets, two junior vets and a full time TB tester, along with a dedicated support team, under the ultimate direction of the sole owner and director of this independent mixed practice.
- Enjoy a four day working week, with at least four weeks holiday and a reasonable out of hours' rota.
- Undertake regular focussed CPD with enrolment in certificate or diploma after three years' service
- Start on a salary of £50,000 per year with incremental rises with experience, qualifications and performance towards a total package of £75,000 pa.

If you want a career in expanding and progressive farm animal practice where you can make a real difference to the health, welfare and productivity of cattle and sheep, be part of a like-minded team of committed veterinary surgeons working with a wide variety of livestock farmers in a beautiful area of Devon, please send a CV and an indication of how you could fulfil the role that we have available.

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