

## **VETERINARY NURSING STUDENTS “SEEING PRACTICE” POLICY**

Matamata Veterinary Services welcomes any student or visitor with an interest in animal health and welfare.

Priority is given to nursing students already in study. Normally only one student may visit at any one time.

Those who wish, may apply to return to Matamata Veterinary Services to see practice at a later date.

### **Orientation**

On arrival, students should introduce themselves to the Office Manager who will:

- Show the student the layout of the clinic
- Introduce the student to the staff as time permits
- Introduce the student to the Nursing staff who will supervise the visit

Nursing Staff will

- Explain the system of day to day operation of the clinic
- Explain the parameters which the student may operate under
- Discuss the individuals requirements for learning

### **Occupational Safety and Health (OSH)**

Matamata Veterinary Services complies with OSH requirements. You will be made aware of workplace safety, identifiable hazards, emergency procedures and the reporting of any accidents or mishaps (however minor).

### **Professionalism**

Every attempt is made at Matamata Veterinary Services to treat students as professional colleagues. The expectation in return is that students will present themselves in a professional manner.

This includes:

- Punctuality - students should be at the clinic at 8.00am
- A reasonable standard of dress i.e. smart casual (no jeans etc)
- Sensitivity - be careful of questions and verbal exchanges, which involves clients and their animals. Take your cue from the vet concerned but generally a complete clinical discussion is saved until after the client has left. Few clients enjoy a complete clinical dissection of their animal's problems.
- Students are expected to make full use of their time here. Any non-clinical time should be utilized reading relevant texts/journals, talking to our vets and nurses and generally getting information from wherever possible.

### **Clinical Practice**

Students are encouraged to experience all aspects of the Small Animal Practice. This includes observing consults, surgeries, helping with hospitalizations and general nursing duties.

### **Confidentiality**

Students will be exposed to the complete caseload and management of the practice. There will be situations which should not be revealed between vets, between clients, between practices or detailed once back at learning institution. Students must obviously draw on this experience but never identify the particulars of the animal, client or practice.

## **VETERINARY NURSING STUDENTS “SEEING PRACTICE” APPLICATION FORM**

Welcome to Matamata Veterinary Services. We expect your visit to our practice to be rewarding and beneficial to your study program. We believe that having students observe practice should be a positive learning experience for both the student and the practice.

Our veterinarians and nurses will make considerable effort to educate students and this commitment should be suitably acknowledged and respected. We also have a professional obligation to our clients and students must be committed and enthusiastic.

At MVS we will endeavour to expose you to as much clinical work as practical during your visit.

The Small Animal Team will provide an insight to routine small animal practice, which involves cat and dog medicine, diagnostics and surgery. There may also be an opportunity to spend time with the Canine Reproduction team if a special interest exists.

Please complete the attached form and email to [bronwyn@matavet.co.nz](mailto:bronwyn@matavet.co.nz)

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**Cellphone:** .....

**Alternative Contact:** .....  
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**Tertiary Institution:** .....

**Course of Study:** .....

**Dates applying to see MVS: From ..... to .....**

**Areas of Interest:** .....  
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**Application Accepted and Dates Confirmed:**

**Date:**

**Signed:**