

Placement Student - Willowsway Stud, Kendal, Cumbria

Job Summary

Willowsway Stud & Rehabilitation offers a range of different service, from stud services, show production, rehabilitation, and livery packages.

Whilst on placement with us you will be required to maintain all aspects of daily horse care, mucking out stables, turning horses out and bringing in, grooming, and feeding etc. Riding for the right candidates, to include schooling/ hacking, long reining, working with young horses, stallions, and our competition horses.

Students will have the opportunity to work alongside our stud manager, assisting with all aspects of foaling and delivery, night checks, after care of mares/foals. Assistance with collections, packing and shipments. Handling mares for veterinary visits, teasing and covering. Watching the process of AI as well as learning all about the mare's reproductive cycle, breeding selection and equine related diseases.

The role requires a sound understanding of health, behaviour, and welfare of equines, as well as an understanding of paying regard to health and safety.

Students will have the opportunity to assist with our equine rehabilitation programs and learn about the use of our equine water treadmill, TheraPlate, PEME Rug and other rehabilitation equipment. Students will shadow our physiotherapist and learn all aspects of equine rehabilitation.

Placement students who complete their placements at Willowsway Stud and Rehabilitation will do so on either a part or full time based on their own and their university's requirements. Willowsway Stud and Rehabilitation will strive to satisfy all university placement's criteria, appreciating the diversity in requirements and placement durations.

Core responsibilities and duties

During the placement duration, placement students will partake in weekly duties that satisfy university requirements and Willowsway Stud and Rehabilitation job requirements. These responsibilities include:

1. Observing and contributing to dynamic, static, palpative and ridden assessments of in and out-patients during their physiotherapeutic sessions.
2. Observing physiotherapeutic treatment on patients. Placement student may partake in manual therapies guided by the onsite physiotherapist but will strictly observe all electrotherapy treatment for insurance purposes.
3. Assisting in inpatients rehabilitative static ground exercises that have been selected and demonstrated by the onsite physiotherapist.
4. Observing and assisting in inpatients rehabilitative school based dynamic exercises including long reining, pessoa work and rehabilitative pole work selected and demonstrated by the onsite physiotherapist

5. Observing and assisting with the customised underwater treadmill programs of selected horses, guided by the onsite physiotherapist, yard managers and managing director.
6. Observing and assisting in all breeding related activities as guided by the managing director and yard managers. Training will be provided before activities are actively involved. These may include semen collection, assisting in live coverings, semen analysis and preparation, foal watching and birthing. Regarding veterinary scans of mares throughout the fertility and breeding process, students will strictly observe or help with handling of mares and foals.
7. Assisting in all rehabilitative administration including note taking during assessments on work up sheets, customised treatment plan creation, hydrotherapy reports, veterinary report writing, email/message communication with clients and oral conversations during consults about treatments and clinical evidence behind them. This also includes assisting in breeding related administration and communication. All of which will be guided and supervised by the inhouse physiotherapist and managing director.
8. All yard duties will also form a significant part of role responsibilities, which will take part when students are not involved in rehabilitative or breeding related activities. These duties will be guided and managed by the managing director and yard managers.
9. Maintaining confidentiality in all aspects of work, to ensure protecting the rights of rehabilitative and breeding related clients and patients. This includes sharing content and information on all social media and correspondence platforms, without gaining verbal or written permission from the managing director, onsite physiotherapist and/or yard managers.

Key Performance Indicators

A minimum of 2 meetings will be held during the agreed upon placement duration, to assess and discuss Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) within the placement role at WillowsWay Stud and Rehabilitation. These indicators will be discussed in the first scheduled meeting but may include the students desired outcomes, areas of growth and development as well as the diligence in following the correct procedures of operation.

The above has been agreed upon by the yard owner, operations and yard manager, rehabilitation manager and said therapist. Please sign and date for each signature.

Please note this is not a paid position. However, during busy periods, we may have the option for paid work to assist with foaling and stud work, competitions and staying away at shows, as well as weekend yard work.

Please apply with CV and covering letter to Jo Waterhouse, Operations Manager at info@willowswaystud.co.uk