

# Making the Most Out of Your Veterinary Placement

Aorangi Vets is a true mixed practice clinic, so be prepared for a day full of variety. You might observe a cat spay, attend to a cow, vaccinate deer, and stitch up a pig-dog all in one day!

## Things to bring

- Clothes suitable for the clinic (black pants and a polo shirt or scrub top)
- Clothes for farm work – we have plenty of overalls to borrow, so just bring boots and wet-weather gear
- A notebook and pen, handy for taking notes of things you see and learn
- Lunch and a water bottle. We usually get back to the clinic for lunch, but not always, so it's a good idea to take them with you on farm visits

## How we operate

- Smallies – we will try to get you involved with observing procedures and consults in the small animal clinic, and helping out where possible. Feel free to tag along with a vet, or shadow our fabulous nurses who can guide you through anaesthesia, animal care, and surgery prep
- Larges – our fantastic Large Animal coordinator will be monitoring the schedule and trying to get you out on farm. Be ready to grab your gear and head out on farm – there's always something happening!

## What you can do to help yourself

- Think about the time of year you're coming so you know what large animal work will be happening in our area and read up on those (e.g. dehorning, teat-sealing, calving, ram palpations)
- Have reasonable expectations! You probably won't be performing surgeries solo or assisting with calvings unassisted! We will do our best to get you involved and learning, but are also training our new grad vets as well

## What you can do to help us

- Let us know if you have any particular interests or things you want to see. We will do our best to accommodate these
- Keep an eye on the calendar. Feel free to check out what's happening in the day by looking at our Vision calendar. You can always ask if there's something you're particularly keen to see
- Be proactive! If you're twiddling your thumbs, ask what you can do to help – or look around! There's always kennels to clean, instruments to wash, textbooks to read, and people to learn from
- Make the most of your time in the clinic – there's always something happening

**Relax – we're a very laid-back and fun bunch who love to talk, teach, and learn!**

# Our People are Your People.

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- Mixed practice – farm and companion animals
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