



westpoint veterinary group



Student Information Pack

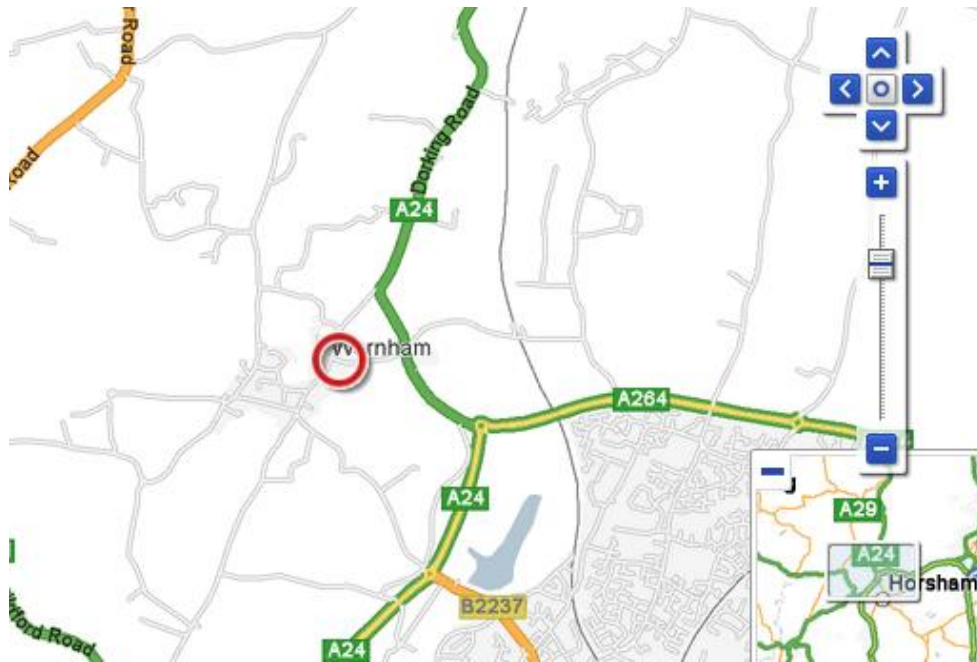
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WELCOME TO WESTPOINT VETERINARY GROUP LTD

Westpoint Veterinary Group Ltd is a farm animal practice situated on the Surrey/Sussex border. The practice premises are located at Dawes Farm – better known as Ruckmans Ltd, off the A29 (Bognor Road), approximately 3 miles from Ockley.



Westpoint Veterinary Group Ltd (Warnham)
Dawes Farm, Bognor Rd, Warnham, West Sussex, RH12 3SH

From Dorking

Follow the A24 towards Horsham, turn right immediately before the Wise Old owl pub (on your right) follow this road (Marches Road) to the T junction at the end and turn right onto the A29 Bognor Road, just after this on your left will be a small turning on your left sign posted Ruckmans Farm, follow this road, past the units on the left, bare right keep going – over the cattle grid the Westpoint office is opposite the cow shed.

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We provide:-

24-7 cover to all our clients & are available at any time should the need arise.

Practice working hours are between 7.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, with cover provided by the duty vet at weekends.

Our branch's are as follows:-

Warnham

Dawes Farm
Bognor Road
Warnham
RH12 3SH

Tel:01306 628086

Midhurst

Bridgelands Farm
Ingram's Green
Iping
Midhurst
West Sussex
GU29 0LJ

Tel: 01730 815221

Trethorne

Unit 4 Trethorne Business Park
Kennards House
Launceston Cornwall
PL15 8QE

Tel: 01566 86985

Ashford

Barrow Hill House
Maidstone Road
Ashford
Kent
TN24 8TY

Tel: 01306 628208

Winchester

Bridgets Farm
Bridgets Lane
Martyr Worthy
Winchester
SO21 1AR

Tel: 01962 779593

Okehampton

Flat 2 The Veterinary Clinic
School Way
Okehampton
Devon
EX20 1EU

Tel: 01837 55737

Northpoint

1 Leaden Hall Chase
Stortford Road
Leaden Roding
Dunmow
Essex
CM6 1RB

Tel: 01306 628489

Sevenoaks

Park Farm Stables
Park Farm
Brasted
Nr Sevenoaks
Kent
TN16 1LL

Tel: 01959 564383

Winnard's Perch

Unit 1 Trevornick Business Park
Winnard's Perch
St Columb
Cornwall
TR9 6DT

Tel: 01637 889231

Ashbourne

Unit E Ednaston Business Centre
Hollington Road
Ashbourne
Derbyshire
DE6 3AE

Tel: 01335 361420

Cumbria

Unit C
Skirsgill Business Park
Cumbria
CA11 0FA

Tel: 01768 866166

MORNINGS:

Pre-booked routine work is carried out in the morning. We have 28 full time Veterinary Surgeons who have their own farms to look after. We like to build good relationships with our clients by designating them their own Vet who will continue to do all their routines and get to know the history and problems that may be occurring on the farm. This prevents clients having to repeat themselves to a different Vet that is unaware of the farm's history.

Students will be expected to start from 8am to ensure that they get out on the best visits of the day. Please check that arrangements have been made with the Vet the day before.

Any animal requiring veterinary attention will be seen in the morning by the Vet in that area. All emergencies cases are seen as soon as possible.

AFTERNOONS:

Most afternoons will be covered by calf castrations, de-horning, lameness examinations and surgery. We also carry out Bull Fertility Routines for clients wanting to have their bull MOT'd. This procedure provides a written report on the health and fertility of the bull on that day and could avoid a serious problem were a bull to be visually normal but sub/infertile.

Westpoint has two bull crushes, which will assist the vet in carrying out procedures such as bull fertility health checks and foot trimming.

We play an active part in castrations and de-horning procedures for young cattle. This enables our clients to have peace of mind that the procedures are carried out safely and by a professional.

What does Westpoint offer you?

We always try to provide students seeing practice with a broad experience of a specialist livestock practice. Our aim is to sit down with you and discuss what you want to get out of your time here and help you to improve in areas where you feel you need to work on. For example if you want to work on your pregnancy diagnosis skills then we can plan your week to see as many cow's as possible.

We want to include you in clinical discussions that go on in the practice, either informally or during our monthly 'clinical club' discussion evenings.

In addition to working on your clinical skills we also want to show you how a vet practice operates 'behind the scenes', including demonstrating how important the team of lay-staff are at running a practice.

WHAT CAN YOU OFFER WESTPOINT?

We will try our hardest to provide you with the best EMS that we can, but there is also a requirement for you to 'get stuck in'. We like to see students helping around the practice when things are quiet.

The students who get the most out of seeing practice at Westpoint are those that put a lot in. When out on calls feel free to ask questions, especially to the farmers. Most are more than happy to chat about their farming systems and how they do things. They are a great source of information.

In essence we like vet students who muck in and are prepared to get their hands dirty.

PS Don't forget to bring your wellies!