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## **CODES OF CONDUCT FOR VETERINARY STUDENTS SEEING PRACTICE**

### **Welcome to Paragon Veterinary Group**

The following guidelines have been drawn up to help you understand the practice expectations of code, dress and behaviour during the time you spend with us; we are sure you will find your time with us enjoyable and informative.

You may feel that the guidelines are a little formidable, but they are drawn up not only to ensure your safety and wellbeing, but that of our clients, animals and staff.

Whilst you are on the premises you will be in the public eye and therefore judged to be part of the Paragon Team. We, therefore, expect you to adopt a sensible, mature attitude. For most of your time you will be observing the vets and veterinary nurses at work, and working alongside them; you may be asked to assist with other duties too.

You must not handle animals and equipment unless asked to do so and supervised by a member of staff, although the vets will endeavour to allow you to be as involved as possible.

Farmers and owners will usually perceive you to be very knowledgeable, or even qualified - they will often therefore ask you questions about procedures, treatments etc. Try to avoid making categorical statements, especially when the vet is not with you (e.g. has returned to his/her car to collect some drugs), but by all means discuss the case in general terms. Refer any specific queries back to the vet.

### **Clothing**

Dress should be smart and practical. Flat shoes, but no trainers and smart trousers, not jeans or tracksuits. For large animal EMS please bring clean Wellington boots, and clean waterproof clothing that can be easily cleaned and disinfected on farms.

Vet students should bring their own parlour tops, thermometer and stethoscope. Also plenty of enthusiasm.

### **Personal Appearance**

We expect you to be clean, neat and tidy at all times with no excessive make-up, no jewellery other than keeper ear rings and a single band ring, and long hair must be tied back.

### **Health**

Please advise us of any health issues we should know about to ensure your safety.