



The current situation

Veterinary nurse studies at NVH in 2011

- 4 semesters / 80 weeks
- 46 weeks theory at NVH
- 27 weeks in practice clinics
- 7 weeks practice in NVH's clinics in 3rd / 4th semesters

Teaching

- Veterinary nurse students taught by veterinary nurses and veterinarians
- Focus of all teaching is nursing and care
- Teaching is orientated to suit veterinary nurse students
- Practical skills taught by veterinary nurses

Examination of students

- «Traditional» written exams
- Written paper on given topic
- Oral presentations, 1st and 3rd semesters
- 30-page project paper
- Final exam: 4-hour written exam, 8-station OSCE

Practical evaluation

- Veterinary nursing journals
- Practice handbooks
- Skills



Challenges

- NVH – placement clinics
- Veterinary nurse students – NVH



Benefits

- Evidence-based teaching by national- / international-level veterinarians
- Interaction between student groups
- «Reality-check» in placement clinics

The future

- Heightening of status
- Expansion University college candidate degree to a Bachelor's degree
- Specialisation → Master's degree, Ph. D.
- Standardisation of teaching
- Market for veterinary nurses in Norway
- Keeping veterinary nurses in the profession

Thank you!

