

SUMMARY OF CLINICAL OBJECTIVES FOR VETERINARY STUDENTS

This table is intended as a guide only and is not exhaustive and students must be evaluated individually with respect to ability and experience.

The student will also be using a more comprehensive checklist provided by his/her school as a guide to practical experience.

Clinical Year	Professional skills	Professional techniques	Practice management skills
Year One	History taking & record keeping Observational skills – familiarity with normal and abnormal states Restraint & safe handling Clinical examination, including ophthalmoscope, stethoscope, auroscope and rectal examination Condition scoring Nursing care Understanding of documentation (animals and medicines)	Drug administration Sample collection Urinary catheterisation Wound management Bandaging Dental examination / care Routine radiography Footcare Dehorning/ disbudding Basic surgical & theatre techniques	Communication skills General practice management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff organisation • Practitioner/client relationship • Case continuity • Health and safety • Dealing with complaints • Health & Safety issues
Year Two	Recognition of disease/clinical presentations Case investigation planning Diagnostic techniques Therapeutic options Laboratory techniques Radiological interpretation Case management	I/V catheterisation / fluid therapy Reproductive examination Pregnancy diagnosis Dystocia management Anaesthetic techniques Surgical & theatre techniques Routine neutering	Ethical and legal obligations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance (practice and professional) • Second opinions Economics of practice management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees/quotes • Debts • Practice image and PR Realities of practice life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 hour cover • stress management
Year Three	Use of therapeutics including food issues Certification Further radiological/ultrasound interpretation Analysis of herd records Reproductive investigations Purchase examination (including identification)	Further practice / development of all above skills	All aspects of practice management