

## **Immersive Experiences Days 1-5**

### **The World of a Vet**

- Explore the different career paths in veterinary science
- Domestic or wild animal care?
- Working in a practice vs. working out in the field
- Where to take your residencies: private practices or academic institutions?
- Hear from professional vets on the highs and lows of the job
- Gain insights into the skills you'll need to succeed

### **Enter The Small Animal Practice**

- Perform clinical examinations, diagnose patients and tend to their needs
- Learn the basics of first aid and practise CPR on a dummy animal
- Work through a series of case studies and come up with proper diagnosis and treatment for each
- Learn vital communication skills that will help you build rapport with pet owners
- Gain valuable feedback from vet surgeons on your interaction with clients and your treatment plans

### **Animal Surgery**

- Understand the role of surgery in animal hospitals
- Learn the 3 main procedural categories – orthopaedics, soft tissue surgery and neurosurgery
- Practise making a diagnosis and decide the next steps to save an animal's life in a series of case studies
- Under the knife: test your dexterity skills
- Undertake a common vet surgery procedure using everyday household items under the guidance of an experienced surgeon

### **The Farm Vet**

- Discover the vital role vets play in managing farm animals and protecting our public health
- Observe how farm vets care for cattle and other large animals
- Explore the role farm vets have in advising and supporting farmers

-Examine the routine tests performed in a farm: taking blood, providing treatment and performing ultrasound and TB tests

-Learn about the importance of preventative care, nutrition and behaviour to ensure the long term health of farm animals

### **Vet School Applications**

-Subject choices at A-level/IB/university and more

-Securing work experience

-Model UCAS personal statements

-Powerful interview techniques

-Choosing the right course and veterinary school

-Your journey through veterinary school

-The challenges facing veterinary applicants

-Coaching from experienced vets on what you can do to stand out

### **Immersive Experiences Days 6-10**

#### **The Wildlife Vet**

-Examine the duties of a wildlife vet: examinations, vaccinations and treatments

-Understand the role of vets in ensuring the preservation of wildlife health in a mega-city

-Respond to 'what you would do' scenarios on controversial issues of captivity

-Into the wild: visit a top wildlife attraction and learn about the future of animal conservation

#### **Become an Equine Specialist**

-Observe the unique relationship between veterinary staff and horses

-Learn the responsibilities of equine vet and the importance of rehabilitation

-Explore the different treatment methods equine vets use to treat ailing horses

-Examine different work avenues: private breeders, race horse owners and research facilities

-Work alongside equine vets and horses to understand the joys of this prestigious field

#### **Enter the Animal Hospital**

-Visit Blue Cross Animal Hospital and experience first-hand the roles of senior vets, veterinary nurses, and RVC students in the hospital environment

- Tour an animal surgical theatre, dental suite, x-ray room and veterinary lab
- Conduct a mini 'ward round' in a dog and cat kennel
- Respond to 'what you would do' scenarios when dealing with severe rehabilitation cases
- Understand the operational and financial pressures of working in a charity-funded hospital and use this new found knowledge to excel in veterinary school interviews

### **Digital Health and Veterinary Ethics**

- Explore the use of telemedicine in veterinary practices
- Examine how client consultations can be improved using digital health technology
- Navigate controversial topics in veterinary ethics including declawing, euthanasia and selective breeding
- The duty of care: explore what constitutes animal cruelty beyond animal abuse
- Learn the progressive code of ethical conduct that all vet professionals should adhere to

### **Networking Event With Top Vets**

- Take part in a private networking session with specialist vets and veterinary students
- Have your burning questions answered by those in the know
- Receive valuable advice from experts in the field

### **Immersive Experiences Days 11-15**

#### **CAREERMAX**

Over the next five days, we will prepare you to outperform others in the race to become a top vet. You will be given dedicated coaching on how to become a world-class veterinary professional, with training on the most crucial skills that universities and employers are looking for: leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, agility, communication and time management. Expect hands-on, interactive activities led by experts, to help turn you into a confident young professional, right now.

#### **Leadership & Teamwork**

- How you can build a high-performance team
- The most effective styles of leadership you can adopt
- What makes the ultimate team player?
- Inspiring and motivating others
- Leading vs managing

Leadership & Teamwork Challenge: work with your team to try and solve an outbreak of a deadly strain of flu

### **Communication**

- How to communicate effectively in a team environment
- Understanding emotional intelligence and using empathy
- Building strong interpersonal skills
- Influencing others

Communication challenge: use your communication skills to share difficult news with patients in different scenarios

### **Problem-Solving**

- How you should approach problems and solve them decisively
- Analytical skills: identifying and structuring problems
- Creative and lateral thinking
- Effective decision-making
- Implementing solutions, analysing results and making changes

Problem-solving in medicine: work through a series of complex issues to save lives in the aftermath of a natural disaster

### **Agility**

- Developing adaptability and resilience
- Getting over the fear of failure and learning from mistakes
- How to develop a 'growth mindset': using a personal development plan to set effective goals and identifying key areas of improvement to best prepare you for the future

Agility in medicine: immerse yourself in a role-play where you have to bounce back quickly from a very difficult patient situation

### **Time Management Coaching**

- How successful people manage time
- The time management quadrant
- Setting goals, prioritising, simplifying and re-evaluating
- The power of hyper-focusing
- Eliminating distractions

-Practising the '4Ds': doing, deferring, delegating and deleting

-Implementing solutions, analysing results and making changes

Time management challenge: see as many patients as you can in 60 minutes – prioritise those who need the most urgent attention