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I am interested in both mixed animal and charity veterinary world, and I particularly enjoy welfare, conservation and reproduction subject areas. I am enthusiastic, proactive, and reliable. I have a good sense of humour and I enjoy being part of a team, but I also have the self-motivation and diligence to work independently.

**Qualifications:**

**Honours in Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine** (BVetMed Hons) from the Royal Veterinary College. Electives included large animal therapeutics, equine stud medicine, equine soft tissue surgery, further equine surgery, neurology, global veterinary practice.

**A-level:** Biology A, Chemistry A, Maths A. Also A/S-level Music C

**GCSEs:** (11 including Maths, English and Science): 6 A\*’s, 5 A’s

**ABRS** Stage 1 and 2 in horse riding and management

**Veterinary Experience:**

**UK work:**

*Since Aug 2014*Locum veterinary surgeon with a client base of 65% small animals, 25% equine, 5% farm animals, 5% wildlife.

**Charity Veterinary Work:**

*(Feb 2016)* The Gambia Horse and Donkey Trust, Equine volunteer vet (2 weeks)

*Jun 2015*SPANA, Morocco, Equine volunteer vet (2 weeks)

*Feb 2015*World In Need, Uganda, Farm volunteer vet (1 month)

*Dec 2014*SPCA Grahamstown, South Africa, Mixed animal volunteer vet (2.5 months)

*Sep 2014*Folly wildlife Hospital, Kent, Wildlife volunteer vet (2 months)

**Clinical Extra Mural Studies:**

*2012 – 2014*11 weeks small animal EMS, 9 weeks equine EMS, 7 weeks farm EMS and 6 weeks wildlife/zoo EMS

**Job Experience and Skills Acquired:**

**Locum Veterinary Surgeon** (August 2014 until present): Working as a mixed locum veterinary surgeon both in the UK and abroad. Being self-employed ensures I am proficient and proactive. Working as a locum means I always try to slot into a team as smoothly as possible, and hit the ground running with veterinary work. I am quick to adapt and learn the ways of individual practices.

**Author** (September 2014 until present): Working with Caro Handley and Andrew Lownie to publish two books with Harper Collins on my experiences of training to be a vet whilst being followed by cameras and working as a vet abroad. Media coverage has included national newspapers and radio stations.

**Film Cast for ITN productions’ “Young Vets”** (May 2013 until August 2014): Cast as one of ten main characters in a 10 part observational documentary series following vet students throughout their final year of university. Broadcast August 2014 on BBC2. Being filmed has allowed me to learn to stay calm in all situations, think carefully before making decisions, and exercise self-confidence. It has ensured that I keep thoroughly up to date with veterinary knowledge, and promote a good impression.

**Student Ambassador at Royal Veterinary College** (Sept 2011 until July 2014): Representative of my university at careers fairs and responsible for visitors onsite the university campus. Tasks included tours of the campus, sitting in on student interviews, representing the university at colleges/schools, and looking after students on “shadow a vet student” days.

**Horse Trainer and Farm Worker at Equstar** *(*Sept 2008 to June 2009 FT, June 2009 to June 2011 PT): Horse training and livery yard with livestock: sheep and cattle. Tasks included yard duties, training the horses in ridden exercises and groundwork, breaking in youngsters, handling horses on the ground, and handling cattle and sheep for routine procedures. The job involved being reliable, punctual, sensible and committed. Most of the time I worked sole charge.

**Horse Trainer at Beachcombers Horse Trails in South Africa (**June 2009, July 2010, April 2011): Tasks included breaking in young horses and training “problem” horses, handling stallions, yard work and leading out horse trails of up to 10 riders of varying ability. This was a lot of responsibility and required a good understanding of horse psychology, a high level of riding, and good communication skills especially to novice clients.

**Sales Assistant at Cook Trading** (Sept 2006 to Sept 2009): Tasks included handling money, stock ordering, dealing with complaints, organising and taking responsibility for staff, handling paperwork, handling finances and calculating wages. I worked in a team under pressure, as the shop was regularly busy. I have a high standard of customer service skills and have dealt with difficult customers with tact, calmness and politeness. I also covered managerial positions, which involved adopting the role of acting manager requiring organisation and reliability when required.

**Hobbies and Interests:**

**Horse riding:** I own two Irish sports horses and compete in dressage, show jumping and cross-country. I enjoy the precision of dressage and adrenaline of the other two. I enjoy natural horsemanship also. Owning horses involves commitment; I exercise them and look after them personally. I captained my university’s riding team for 2 years, requiring organisation, commitment and enthusiasm. I managed the accounts, ordered kit/rosettes, catered and hosted competitions, coordinated team members and liaised with BUCS (British University and College Sports).

**Music:** I play the violin to a grade 8 standard, piano to a grade 7 standard, cello and flute to a grade 5 standard. I also enjoy singing. I played in the orchestra as lead violinist and sang in the choir throughout school. I play the piano and violin in my local church band.

**Charity Work:** I have collaborated with a charity called World in Need to provide a veterinary goat health check scheme in Uganda, following on from their “Sponsor a Goat” campaign. I have also spent time in South Africa with the Veterinary Wildlife Services in Kruger National Park; working towards installing identification chips in rhino horns, and obtaining DNA, to help towards dealing with poaching incidents, and with the SPCA, providing veterinary care to township animals. More recently I worked in Morocco with SPANA, caring for working equids, and in January 2016 I will spend 2 weeks with The Gambia Horse and Donkey Trust, also providing veterinary care for working equids. Working in impoverished areas as a vet fulfils my passion to help people through helping their animals.

**Travelling:** I have travelled much of Europe and Africa, and I have spent a great deal of time in South Africa in particular. I have travelled a lot of the country and taken keen interest in learning about South African wildlife, conservation, breeding and tracking, as well attending the National TB Conference 2013 in Kruger. I volunteered in the country before university, which involved building a new classroom at a school, and working on a game reserve with a conservation team. This involved manual work such as alien plant control and removal, cutting trees, game counts and telemetry tracking, plus lectures on conservation and ecology.

**Awards and Achievements**

**RCVS Professional Development Phase** complete and signed off

**TV Presenter Training Course** completion with Presenter Studio

**Full clean driver’s licence** plus **B&E trailer licence**

**Finalist** in the 2012 Norbrook Business Enterprise Awards

**Community Engagement Award** from the Royal Veterinary College

**Millennium Volunteers** award winner

**Ambassador for Tunbridge Wells in Kent** to assist the Mayor and public speaking

**Distinction in Research** for “Difference in Hoof Conformation Parameters in Shod and Barefoot Horses”

**Captain** of the Royal Veterinary College’s Equestrian Team

**Certificate** in Business Language Competance

**Certificate** in Independent Language Learning

**ABRSM** Grade 7 Violin: Merit and **ABRSM** Grade 5 Music theory: Distinction

**Head events planner** for the Royal Veterinary College’s graduation ball 2014

**References available on request**